Rockville, Maryland February 6, 1992

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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, February 6, 1992, at 7:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Catherine Hobbs, President

in the Chair

Mrs. Frances Brenneman

Dr. Alan Cheung
Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mrs. Carol Fanconi
Ms. Ana Sol Gutierrez
Mr. Shervin Pishevar

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Paul L. Vance, Superintendent

Mrs. Katheryn W. Gemberling, Deputy

Dr. H. Philip Rohr, Deputy

Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

#indicates student vote does not count. Four votes are needed for adoption.

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Hobbs announced that the Board would hold the following meetings next week:

Monday, Feb. 10, 7 to 10 p.m. - Briefing on Restructuring MCPS

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m. - All-day Business Meeting
Budget Action in evening

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 8:30 p.m. - Budget Action

Thursday, Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m. - Final Budget Action

Re: REVIEW OF FY 1993 OPERATING BUDGET

1. Mrs. Fanconi moved and Mr. Pishevar seconded a motion that MCPS would charge new employees 50 percent of the cost of fingerprinting (\$30,750).

Dr. Cheung assumed the chair.

2. Mrs. Hobbs moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded a motion to increase the walking distance by one quarter of a mile for a savings of 6.0 positions in the amount of \$238,115.

Mrs. Hobbs assumed the chair.

3. Mrs. Fanconi moved and Mr. Ewing seconded a motion to restore

funds for summer school transportation in the amount of \$315,000.

Dr. Cheung assumed the chair.

4. Mrs. Hobbs moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded a motion to convert 14 Office Assistant I positions, Transportation from 12-month to 10-month positions for FY 1993 (\$86,864). Staff is to provide an impact statement and check into whether MCPS would be responsible for unemployment compensation. The statement should include information on the impact of only doing this for half of these positions.

Mrs. Hobbs assumed the chair.

- 5. Mr. Ewing moved and Mrs. Fanconi seconded a motion to reduce fuel and gasoline by \$100,796.
- 6. Mrs. Fanconi moved and Mr. Ewing seconded a motion to transfer funds from the Enterprise Fund to the "general fund" in the amount of \$314,741 for evening high school so that students would not be charged.
- 7. Mr. Ewing requested additional information on the student projections for the auditory program which caused changes in staffing. Mrs. DiFonzo requested information on student/teacher ratios in this program including requirements for instructional assistants.
- 8. Mrs. Fanconi requested information on child find (after the budget).
- Dr. Cheung assumed the chair.
- 9. Mrs. Hobbs moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded a motion to revise student/teacher ratios in Special Education Levels 1 and 2 in the auditory program from 15 to 1 to up to 20 to 1 which was a reduction in the amount of \$132,662 (3.8 positions), and in vision to increase the ratio from 28.1 to 1 up to 39.1 to 1 which was a reduction in the amount of \$69,822 (2.0 positions). Mr. Ewing requested an impact statement and information on state and federal requirements in this area.
- 10. Mrs. Hobbs moved and Mrs. Brenneman seconded a motion to eliminate the fourth grade swimming program in II-58 in the amount of \$19,211.

Mrs. Hobbs assumed the chair.

11. Dr. Cheung moved and Mr. Pishevar seconded a motion to restore three positions for the gifted and talented, elementary education (\$107,871).

- 12. Mr. Ewing moved and Dr. Cheung seconded a motion to restore the cluster magnet position for Somerset Elementary School (\$34,911).
- 13. Mrs. Brenneman moved and Mrs. Hobbs seconded a motion to remove all QIE funding from schools that did not qualify under the QIE policy.
- 14. Mr. Ewing moved and Mrs. Fanconi seconded a motion to restore half of the reductions for Interrelated Arts (\$143,828) and to request an option showing what could be done to continue the emphasis on interrelated arts particularly in the middle school.
- 15. Mr. Pishevar moved and Mrs. DiFonzo seconded a motion to restore the outdoor education to a three-day, two-night program with a fee of \$43 in the amount of \$383,415. Mr. Ewing requested information on the net costs after the fees were subtracted from the total cost.
- Dr. Cheung assumed the chair.
- 16. Mrs. Hobbs moved and Mrs. DiFonzo seconded a motion to increase the student/teacher ratio in elementary art from 544 to 1 to 570 to 1 in the amount of \$179,785 (5 positions).
- 17. Mrs. Hobbs moved and Mrs. Brenneman seconded a motion to increase the student/teacher ratio in elementary music from 544 to 1 to 570 to 1 in the amount of \$179,785 (5 positions).
- 18. Mrs. Hobbs moved and Mrs. Brenneman seconded a motion to increase the student/teacher ratio in elementary physical education from 575 to 1 to 600 to 1 in the amount of \$158,211 (4.4 positions). Mrs. DiFonzo requested an impact statement about safety and supervision.

Mrs. Hobbs assumed the chair.

- 19. Mrs. Brenneman moved and Mrs. Fanconi seconded a motion to delete funding for field trips for gifted and talented in elementary, mid level, and high school (\$5,500).
- 20. Mr. Pishevar moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded a motion to cancel the ordering of encyclopedias for elementary schools in FY 1993 in the amount of \$94,087.
- 21. Mr. Ewing moved and Mr. Pishevar seconded a motion to restore half of the reduction in extracurricular activity stipends in elementary schools in the amount of \$101,046.
- Dr. Cheung assumed the chair.

22. Mrs. Hobbs moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded a motion to reduce media center clerical part-time funds by 50 percent in the amount of \$87,078.

Mrs. Hobbs assumed the chair.

- 23. Mr. Ewing moved and Dr. Cheung seconded a motion to restore \$49,500 for gifted and talented on page I-12.
- 24. Mrs. Fanconi moved and Mr. Ewing seconded a motion to charge parents \$100 a month for tuition for the extended day magnets.
- Dr. Cheung assumed the chair.
- 25. Mrs. Hobbs moved and Mrs. Fanconi seconded a motion to reduce textbook funds by 50 percent (other than funds for new schools) for a one-time only savings of \$1,916,573. Mr. Ewing requested information on the average age of textbooks.
- 26. Mrs. Hobbs moved and Mr. Pishevar seconded a motion to reduce textbook allocations for new schools by 10 percent in the amount of \$24,662.

Mrs. Hobbs assumed the chair.

- 27. Mr. Ewing moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded a motion to increase instructional materials by \$500,000.
- Dr. Cheung assumed the chair.
- 28. Mrs. Hobbs moved and Mrs. Brenneman seconded a motion to change the media specialist and assistant formula at the mid level from 832 to 950 for assistants and from 1,025 to 1,100 for specialists for a reduction of \$83,496 (four positions).

Mrs. Hobbs assumed the chair.

- 29. Mr. Pishevar moved and Mr. Ewing seconded a motion to restore \$16,689 for the mid level gifted and talented programs.
- 30. Mr. Pishevar moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded a motion to eliminate \$19,808 for encyclopedias at the mid level.
- 31. Mr. Ewing moved and Mrs. Fanconi seconded a motion to restore activity buses at all three levels in the amount of \$258,957.
- 32. Mr. Ewing moved and Dr. Cheung seconded a motion to restore half of the funds reduced for mid-level extracurricular activities in the amount of \$167,111.
- 33. Mr. Pishevar moved and Mrs. DiFonzo seconded a motion to

restore the reading teacher positions in the high school in the amount of \$467,441.

- 34. Dr. Cheung moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded a motion to restore the WOC teachers in the high school in the amount of \$683,183.
- 35. Mrs. Fanconi moved and Mr. Ewing seconded a motion to do the programmatic change suggested by the superintendent regarding WOC teachers but keeping the teacher allocation the same so that the 38 teachers would roll into the regular teacher allocation.
- Dr. Cheung assumed the chair.
- 36. Mrs. Hobbs moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded a motion to change the media specialist and assistant formula in the senior high schools from 1,300 students to 1,400 for specialists and to limit the number of media assistants to no more than 2.0 positions per school for a reduction of \$312,617 (9 positions).

Mrs. Hobbs assumed the chair.

- 37. Mr. Ewing moved and Dr. Cheung seconded a motion to restore \$66,183 for gifted and talented programs in the senior high school.
- Dr. Cheung assumed the chair.
- 38. Mrs. Hobbs moved and Mrs. Brenneman seconded a motion to charge students \$25 a semester for parking (\$200,000) with the funds to be collected by the individual schools and used to support the interscholastic sports program. Mrs. Brenneman asked for assurances that this would not be inequitable for some schools.

Mrs. Hobbs assumed the chair.

- 39. Mr. Ewing moved and Mr. Pishevar seconded a motion to restore half of the extracurricular funds for senior high schools in the amount of \$250,000.
- 40. Mr. Pishevar moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded a motion to eliminate the senior high school funding for encyclopedias in the amount of \$17,332.
- 41. Mr. Pishevar moved and Mr. Ewing seconded a motion on interscholastic sports so that varsity would not be touched, the JV season would be shortened, and ninth grade basketball would be eliminated for FY 1993. Mr. Ewing asked for an impact statement on schools. Mrs. Fanconi requested information on how these cuts would be distributed.

- 42. Mr. Ewing moved and Dr. Cheung seconded a motion to add a staff member to Administrative Analysis and Audits (\$56,350).
- 43. Mrs. Fanconi moved and Mr. Ewing seconded a motion to add an internal auditor to Administrative Analysis and Audits (\$56,350).
- 44. Mr. Ewing moved and Mrs. Fanconi seconded a motion to add the following reductions proposed by the superintendent: \$721,216 for enrollment, \$74,237 for utility costs, and \$32,000 for refinancing elementary copiers.
- 45. Mrs. Fanconi moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded a motion to reduce inflation costs from 7 percent to 3.1 percent in the amount of \$619,797. Mr. Ewing asked for an impact statement. Mrs. Fanconi requested a statement in terms of how the impact was felt this past year. Mrs. Fanconi asked that the Board be provided with worksheets on inflation.
- 46. Mrs. Fanconi moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded a motion to delete \$1 million from furniture and equipment.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY	

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