

delegates stated that Baltimore City should not expect Montgomery County votes in the future to support any of their programs.

Mrs. Stoner explained that the bill repealed provisions of the law requiring the state to pay social security for education, libraries, and community colleges, and this went into effect on July 1, 1993. For the current year a reduction would be made equivalent to the amount for social security, and Montgomery County would have to submit a proposed payment schedule by January 15, 1993. In addition, they were faced with the Neall amendment which authorized counties to reduce appropriations or take any other action to reduce funds for the current year, and this had been interpreted by the attorney general as line item control.

Mrs. Hobbs expressed the Board's appreciation for the hard work of the Montgomery County Delegation.

Mr. Ewing inquired about the provision regarding elimination of positions. Mrs. Stoner replied that there was not total agreement on this, but it seemed to mean that the county could not reduce classroom instruction or materials, but the Board of Education could. Mr. Ewing asked if they had an indication from the county executive on how he planned to treat this reduction, and Dr. Vance replied that they had not. He assumed there would be meetings with the county executive and County Council. Ms. Gutierrez asked if the legislature addressed increasing revenue, and Mrs. Stoner replied that they had not.

Mrs. Fanconi joined with Mrs. Hobbs in expressing her thanks to the Delegation. When she had testified, she felt that many of the delegates from other counties did not understand that the bill was a cut to public education. She had tried to get across the idea that a cut of this magnitude would have a devastating effect on education, transportation, and the classroom. Mrs. Brenneman added her personal thanks for the spirit of cooperation among the Delegation, the Board, citizens, and the County Council.

Mr. Ewing hoped that on Monday evening the Board could have a resolution expressing the Board's appreciation and thanks to the Delegation for its work.

Mr. Bowers explained that for the current fiscal year the action of the General Assembly will not require that all or any part of the reduction comes from MCPS. The wording required the County Council to come up with a plan for reimbursing the funds to the state; however, in July 1, 1993, MCPS would assume the full responsibility for the costs of social security for all employees eligible for the retirement or pension systems. Therefore, MCPS would have to pay \$24.9 million, and he had estimated that this amount might increase by another million to cover step increases

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and enrollment growth. He noted that when they had discussed next year's budget he had indicated that it would take \$23 million above the FY 1993 budget to maintain services which did not include salary increases. The county's guideline was \$16 million above this year's budget which meant that there already existed a gap before they had to consider the \$25 million or so in social security. He indicated that they had not heard any specifics on how the county executive or County Council planned to address this most recent loss.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING CIP AND FACILITIES
PROCESS

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Dorothea Thoms, Rockshire Homeowners Association
2. Ej Schaeffer Landsman, Hunting Woods HOA
3. Don Crawford, Fallsmead Homes Corporation
4. Jeff Szkely, Lakewood Estates Civic Association
5. Rita O'Donnell, Quince Orchard Estates
6. Liz Lawrence, Willow Ridge Civic Association
7. Bernard Zycherman, DuFief Mill Homeowners Association
8. Joseph Lupia, Stonebridge Homeowners Association
9. Mike Burke, Fallswood Civic Association
10. Michael Firestone, DuFief Mill Estates Homeowners Assoc.
11. Bridget McLeman, Paint Branch Cluster
12. Susan de Messieres, Poolesville Cluster
13. Tom Hill, Quince Orchard Cluster
14. Sharon Matsui, Claude Matsui, and Susan Borden, Rockville Cluster
15. Carolyn Leclair, Seneca Valley Cluster
16. Cillie Gerstenzang, Sherwood Cluster
17. Cindy Waetjen, Springbrook Cluster
18. Nancy King, Watkins Mill Cluster
19. John Taylor, Wheaton Cluster
20. Linda Lang, Walt Whitman Cluster
21. Walter Lange, Sue Kassell, and Eric Stone, Wootton Cluster

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

PLV:mlw