APPROVED 49-1993 Rockville, Maryland November 9, 1993

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, November 9, 1993, at 10:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Dr. Alan Cheung, President in the Chair Mr. Stephen Abrams* Ms. Carrie Baker Mrs. Frances Brenneman Mr. Blair G. Ewing Mrs. Carol Fanconi Mrs. Beatrice Gordon Ms. Ana Sol Gutierrez

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Paul L. Vance, Superintendent Mrs. Katheryn W. Gemberling, Deputy Dr. H. Philip Rohr, Deputy

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Cheung announced that the Board had been meeting in closed session on personnel matters, legal issues, and a school site. Mr. Abrams would join the meeting later in the morning.

RESOLUTION NO. 773-93 Re: BOARD AGENDA - NOVEMBER 9, 1993

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for November 9, 1993, with a recess at 2:30 p.m. for the Board to attend the memorial service for Mrs. Margaret Fess; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education return at 4:15 p.m. to take up facilities alternatives followed by the long-range facilities policy, if time permitted.

RESOLUTION NO. 774-93 Re: COMMENDATION OF LAKEFOREST MALL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Brenneman seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, One of the goals of the Montgomery County Board of Education is to strengthen partnerships with business; and WHEREAS, Since its formation 15 years ago, Lakeforest Mall has been consistent in its support of the public schools through the Adopt-a-school program, Youth Works, the Store Program, and, most recently, the purchase of computers for young people to access library catalog information; and

WHEREAS, This organization has provided space to showcase the accomplishments and talents of MCPS students; and

WHEREAS, In close cooperation with the City of Gaithersburg, Lakeforest Mall supports public education through its programs and by its example; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That, on behalf of the schools, students, and staff in the greater Gaithersburg area, the members of the Board of Education convey their best wishes to Lakeforest Mall on its "15 Years of Being Good Neighbors"; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, The members of the Board thank Lakeforest Mall and the City of Gaithersburg for all they have done for the students of the Montgomery County Public Schools; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That a copy of this resolution be provided to the management of Lakeforest Mall.

Re: REORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION/NEW ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Fanconi moved and Mr. Ewing seconded the following:

WHEREAS, In January 1992, a Commission on the Restructuring of the Office for Special and Alternative Education was established; and

WHEREAS, On November 10, 1992, the Board of Education received the report and recommendations from the Commission on the Restructuring of the Office for Special and Alternative Education and adopted a resolution that the superintendent respond to the recommendations of the commission, including a proposal for the restructuring of OSAE; and

WHEREAS, On January 25, 1993, the Board of Education received the superintendent's response to the recommendations of the report by the Commission on Restructuring the Office for Special and Alternative Education, including recommendations for the restructuring of OSAE; and

WHEREAS, On April 14, 1993, Mr. Ewing presented an alternative proposal for the reorganization of OSAE that suggested creating an additional office, headed by an associate superintendent; and

WHEREAS, On April 14, 1993, the Board of Education unanimously agreed to postpone action on the superintendent's proposed reorganization of OSAE and Mr. Ewing's proposal until after the April 22 hearing on the policy on the education of students with disabilities in order to give the public an opportunity to comment; and

WHEREAS, On May 11, 1993, the Board of Education took action to eliminate the position of director of adult education and summer school, to reconstitute the EYE adult education specialist to provide financial management of the enterprise fund, and established the position of Equity Assurance Officer to address the over representation of African American students in special education; and

WHEREAS, On May 11, 1993, the Board of Education requested that the superintendent review additional restructuring proposals and take into account the Board's previous discussions on the proposed restructuring, the suggestion that there be an additional associate superintendent, and the new policy on the education of students with disabilities, and to come back to the Board at the earliest possible time with recommendations for restructuring OSAE; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education approve the restructuring of the Office of Special and Alternative Education for FY 95 and as part of the budget process, the superintendent will provide a detailed budget that reflects the restructuring; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That for FY 96, the Board of Education approve the superintendent's recommendations for creating the Office for Student and Community Support.

Mrs. Fanconi made the following statement for the record:

"I think that we have not said for a while what a tremendous loss the area offices were in terms of the parallel positions, not only in speech and language, but in all of the subject areas, the teacher specialists that we had there, and what a devastating effect that has had in terms of our ability to serve schools. We are now in a second phase of looking at that. Unfortunately when we eliminated the area offices, they were there one day and they were gone the next. It was right at the end of the budget We were not able to do the kind of planning that I see season. going into this reorganization of OSAE. I just want to say how pleased I am to see that what the superintendent is asking for is the direction from the Board, a framework for OSAE, that he would then flesh out between now and the budget season in terms of all of the pieces that would need to go into making sure that we have as effective an organization as we can with the cut in resources. We have had a cut in resources, and I think we have to look at

the fact that we have fewer resources, we have more kids, we have more needs, and we have schools that are really asking for support. And we need to use those resources most effectively."

*Mr. Abrams joined the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 775-93 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON THE REORGANIZATION OF OSAE

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Ms. Baker, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Gordon, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Brenneman and Mrs. Fanconi voting in the negative:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the proposed resolution on the reorganization of OSAE be amended by the addition of the following clause:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education support the inclusion in the FY 95 budget of resources that would provide for a net increase in speech and language services.

Mr. Abrams requested that the question be divided.

RESOLUTION NO. 776-93 Re: REORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Ms. Baker, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, Mrs. Gordon, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Brenneman voting in the negative:

WHEREAS, In January 1992, a Commission on the Restructuring of the Office for Special and Alternative Education was established; and

WHEREAS, On November 10, 1992, the Board of Education received the report and recommendations from the Commission on the Restructuring of the Office for Special and Alternative Education and adopted a resolution that the superintendent respond to the recommendations of the commission, including a proposal for the restructuring of OSAE; and

WHEREAS, On January 25, 1993, the Board of Education received the superintendent's response to the recommendations of the report by the Commission on Restructuring the Office for Special and Alternative Education, including recommendations for the restructuring of OSAE; and

WHEREAS, On April 14, 1993, Mr. Ewing presented an alternative proposal for the reorganization of OSAE that suggested creating an additional office, headed by an associate superintendent; and

WHEREAS, On April 14, 1993, the Board of Education unanimously agreed to postpone action on the superintendent's proposed reorganization of OSAE and Mr. Ewing's proposal until after the April 22 hearing on the policy on the education of students with disabilities in order to give the public an opportunity to comment; and

WHEREAS, On May 11, 1993, the Board of Education took action to eliminate the position of director of adult education and summer school, to reconstitute the EYE adult education specialist to provide financial management of the enterprise fund, and established the position of Equity Assurance Officer to address the over representation of African American students in special education; and

WHEREAS, On May 11, 1993, the Board of Education requested that the superintendent review additional restructuring proposals and take into account the Board's previous discussions on the proposed restructuring, the suggestion that there be an additional associate superintendent, and the new policy on the education of students with disabilities, and to come back to the Board at the earliest possible time with recommendations for restructuring OSAE; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education approve the restructuring of the Office of Special and Alternative Education for FY 95 and as part of the budget process, the superintendent will provide a detailed budget that reflects the restructuring; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education support the inclusion in the FY 95 budget of resources that would provide for a net increase in speech and language services.

> Re: A MOTION ON AN ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT POSITION (FAILED)

The following motion by Mrs. Fanconi failed of adoption with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Ms. Baker, Mrs. Fanconi, and Mrs. Gordon voting in the negative:

<u>Resolved</u>, That for FY 96, the Board of Education approve the superintendent's recommendations for creating the Office for Student and Community Support.

RESOLUTION NO. 777-93 Re: OFFICE FOR STUDENT AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

On motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education take up the discussion of the creation of an office for student and community support at this time next year.

Re: TESTIMONY REGARDING THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SCHOOL FUNDING

Board members reviewed and made suggestions about testimony to be given to the Governor's Commission on School Funding which had been prepared by Mrs. Lois Stoner, legislative aide. In the testimony, concern was expressed about the affordability of the Commission's recommendations, not tying equalization of aid to the cost of living, capping state retirement payments, the loss in transportation aid, a reduction in aid for special education students, targeting poverty education grants to schools with high concentration of low income students to raise their achievement level, and having the state Board's review collective bargaining agreements. The testimony concluded with strong concerns about accountability and having no direct link between funding and accountability.

Re: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mrs. Brenneman stated that on the vote on OSAE she lost where she was supposed to vote on the Resolved. The vote would not change, but she had intended to vote positively on the restructuring for FY 1995 and not for the FY 1996 restructuring.

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Cheung announced that the Board had been meeting in closed session on appeals and to consult with legal counsel.

RESOLUTION NO. 778-93 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 9, 1993

On motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Ms. Baker, Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, and Mrs. Gordon voting in the affirmative; Ms. Gutierrez being temporarily absent:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education amend its agenda for November 9, 1993, to take up items of legislation and appeals following public comments.

Re: PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

- 1. Susan Murphie, College Gardens parent
- 2. Katherine Savage, College Gardens parent
- 3. Sharon Anastasi, College Gardens parent
- 4. Carol Polovoy, Belmont parent

RESOLUTION NO. 779-93 Re: MC 418 - MONTGOMERY COUNTY -DEVELOPMENT IMPACT TAXES

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board support MC 418 - Montgomery County - Development Impact Taxes.

RESOLUTION NO. 780-93 Re: RESPONSE TO THE PERFORMANCE-BASED HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TASK FORCE REPORT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education approve the letter to president of the Maryland State Board of Education regarding the Performance-based High School Graduation Task Force Report.

RESOLUTION NO. 781-93 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. 1993-24

On motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education dismiss BOE Appeal No. 1993-24 (tuition waiver).

RESOLUTION NO. 782-93 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. T-1993-29

On motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education dismiss BOE Appeal No. T-1993-29 (a transfer matter) at the request of the appellant.

RESOLUTION NO. 783-93 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. 1993-4

On motion of Ms. Gutierrez seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Gordon, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams and Mrs.

Brenneman voting in the negative (Mrs. Fanconi recused herself and Ms. Baker did not participate)#:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in BOE Appeal No. 1993-4 (a personnel matter).

Student vote does not count. Four votes needed for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 784-93 Re: PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS MORE THAN \$25,000

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Brenneman seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and contractual services; and

WHEREAS, It is recommended that Bid No. 6-94, Overhead Doors, be rejected and rebid due to lack of competition and unfavorable pricing; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Bid No. 6-94 be rejected; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That having been duly advertised, the following contracts be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as shown for the bids as follows:

101-92	Purchase and/or Lease/Purchase of MS DOS Instructional Administration and Media Center Microcomputers - Three Month Extension <u>Awardee</u>			
	HLA Computers, Inc.	\$	95,000	*
31-93	Woodwind and Brass Instrument Repairs - Extension Awardee			
	L & L Musical Instrument Repair	\$	40,000	
46-93	Heavy Equipment Tractor and Mower Parts Extension Awardees	-		
	G.L. Cornell Company Gaithersburg Ford Tractor Company Gaithersburg Rental Center Gladhill Brothers Kohler Equipment, Inc. Lyons and Lyons Sales Company, Inc. N.J. Richardson and Sons Turf Equipment and Supply, Inc.	\$	$\begin{array}{r} 6,000\\ 110,500\\ 1,000\\ 32,000\\ 1,000\\ 14,500\\ 15,400\\ 5,000\end{array}$	
	TOTAL	\$	185,400	

8-94	General Music Classroom Instruments <u>Awardees</u> Chaselle, Inc. House of Music Ideal Music Company Lyons Music Products Peripole-Bergerault, Inc. Rhythm Band, Inc. The Woodwind & Brasswind	\$	44 1,050 4,067 8,858 23,401 9,633 4,884	*
	TOTAL	\$	51,937	
12-94	Roof Supplies <u>Awardees</u> Bradco Supply Corporation The Roof Center, Inc. Roofers Mart of Virginia, Inc. Seaboard Asphalt Products Company Seamless Gutter Supply Washington Roofing Products Company T/A Ibex Industries, Inc.	\$	68,925 79,139 17,168 956 1,193 <u>30,393</u>	
	TOTAL	\$	207,774	
16-94	Elementary Mathematics Supplies <u>Awardees</u> Delta Education, Inc. Educational Teaching Aids J.L. Hammett Company Nasco Summit Learning, Inc.	\$	1,353 18,087 559 2,175 <u>5,892</u>	
	TOTAL	\$	28,066	
17-94	Computer Supplies <u>Awardees</u> Alling and Cory Budget Stationery Carolina Ribbon Compumart, Inc. DK&R Company Gaithersburg Office Supply, Inc. Hi-Tech Ribbons International Business Supplies Corp. Nashua Media, Inc., DBA Wang Express North American Digital Potomac Enterprise Price-Modern, Inc. US Carbon & Ribbon Company, Inc. TOTAL	\$	10,813 2,964 12,047 20,975 200 9,550 16,330 19,603 75 3,680 10,059 3,300 16,820 126,416	* * * *
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20-94	Frozen Foods Awardees	
	Babb Food Brokers, Inc. Carroll County Foods Feesers, Inc.	\$ 9,555 46,789 308
	Kraft Foodservice, Inc. Sandler Foods - Contract Division Smelkinson Sysco	44,697 16,824 <u>9,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 127,173
21-94	Processed Meats <u>Awardees</u> Carroll County Foods, Inc.	\$ 984
	Kraft Foodservice, Inc. Mazo-Lerch Company, Inc. Shane Meat Company	18,504 592 <u>7,157</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 27,237
22-94	Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Soups and Juices Awardees	
	Blue Ribbon Food Service, Inc. Carroll County Foods, Inc. J.P. Foodservice, Inc.	\$ 38,840 102,500 711
	Kraft Foodservice, Inc. Mazo-Lerch Company, Inc.	25,649 <u>41,900</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 209,600
23-94	Frozen Potatoes <u>Awardee</u>	
	Cavendish Farms	\$ 275,478
25-94	Safety Supplies and Equipment <u>Awardees</u>	
	B & R Welder Repair Service, Inc. Baltimore Washington Insulation Bowie Tool and Equipment Company Chesapeake Optical Company	\$ 182 59,466 216 72
	Edcor Safety Grainger	1,668 757
	Greenwald Industrial Products Lyons Safety, Inc.	76,440 8,302
	Mine Safety Appliances Company National Capital Industries, Inc. Potomac Rubber Company, Inc.	78,953 1,881 463
	TOTAL	\$ 228,400

33-94 Tackboards and Display Rails
<u>Awardee</u>
Greensteel Division IDT, Inc. \$ 35,310

MORE THAN \$25,000

\$ 1,637,791

Mr. Abrams temporarily left the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 785-93 Re: ACCEPTANCE OF BURTONSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

<u>Resolved</u>, That having been duly inspected on November 3, 1993, the modernization of Burtonsville Elementary School now be formally accepted, and that the official date of completion be established as that date upon which formal notice is received from the architect that the building has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and all contract requirements have been met.

RESOLUTION NO. 786-93 Re: GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AT COL. ZADOK MAGRUDER HIGH SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Brenneman seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The Maryland State Highway Administration is planning to widen and improve Muncaster Mill Road (MD 115), along the frontage of Col. Zadok Magruder High School, located at 2939 Muncaster Mill Road in Rockville; and

WHEREAS, Final design and construction of the road improvements require a conveyance of 361 square feet in fee simple; and

WHEREAS, All construction, restoration, and future maintenance will be performed at no cost to the Board of Education, with the Maryland State Highway Administration and contractors assuming liability for all damages or injury; and

WHEREAS, This land conveyance for a right-of-way to improve the existing roadway will benefit the surrounding community and the Col. Zadok Magruder High School, and will not affect any land that could be used for school programming and recreational activities; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That the president and secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to execute and option contract and final deed for the conveyance of the land required to improve Muncaster Mill Road; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That a negotiated fee of \$450.00 be paid by the Maryland State Highway Administration for the right-of-way.

RESOLUTION NO. 787-93 Re: TRANSFER OF CAPITAL FUNDS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Brenneman seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, Facility modifications to provide accessibility for students who are disabled need to be made at the following schools for the projects listed below:

School: Project: Amount:	Bethesda Elementary School Modify storage area to create diaper changing area \$5,000	
School: Project:	Germantown Elementary School Install wheelchair lift to provide access to gymnasium and stage	
Amount:	\$23,000	
School: Project: Amount:	Kensington-Parkwood Elementary School Modify health room to provide private changing area with space for a Hoyer lift. Replace sections of damaged sidewalk to provide barrier- free access to the main building and to the music program in a relocatable classroom. \$8,000	
School: Project: Amount:	Farquhar Middle School Modify a portion of the building service's toilet/locker room to provide accessible toilet facilities on lower level. \$24,000	
School: Project: Amount:	Montgomery Village Middle School Improve the toilet area, including diaper changing privacy area. Repair damaged sidewalk and provide curb cuts to improve classroom accessibility. \$18,000	

WHEREAS, Sufficient funds for this purpose are available in the Unliquidated Surplus Capital Improvements Program account; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That \$78,000 be transferred from the Unliquidated Surplus Capital Improvements Program account to the ADA Compliance account; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That the county executive be requested to recommend that the County Council approve this transfer of funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 788-93 Re: AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN FY 1994 GRANT PROPOSAL FOR ENGLISH THROUGH THE ARTS PROGRAM

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Gutierrez seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to submit an FY 1994 grant proposal for \$83,253 to the United States Department of Education, Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs, under the Program for Transitional Bilingual Education, for the English through the Arts program; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and the County Council.

Mr. Abrams rejoined the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 789-93 Re: RECOMMENDATION TO SUBMIT AN FY 1994 GRANT PROPOSAL FOR A SPANISH/ENGLISH DUAL LANGUAGE LEARNING PROGRAM

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Gutierrez seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Ms. Baker, Dr. Cheung, Mrs. Fanconi, Mrs. Gordon, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Brenneman and Mr. Ewing voting in the negative:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to submit an FY 1994 grant proposal for approximately \$176,315 to the United States Department of Education, Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs, under the Program of Developmental Bilingual Education, for a Spanish/English Dual Language Learning program; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and the County Council.

Mr. Ewing stated for the record that he believed the Spanish/English Dual Language Learning Program was inconsistent with Board of Education policy.

RESOLUTION NO. 790-93 Re: PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY PLANS -GEORGIAN FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted with Ms. Baker, Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, Mrs. Gordon, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams being temporarily absent:

WHEREAS, The architect for the modernization project at Georgian Forest Elementary School has prepared a schematic design in accordance with the educational specifications; and

WHEREAS, The Georgian Forest Elementary School Facilities Advisory Committee's recommendations are included in the proposed schematic design; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education approve the preliminary plan report for the modernization project at Georgian Forest Elementary School developed by Anderson, O'Brien, Soyejima, Architects.

Re: RECESS

The Board recessed from 2:35 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. Ms. Gutierrez left the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 791-93 Re: PERSONNEL MONTHLY REPORT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Baker, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the following appointments, resignations, and leaves of absence for professional and supporting services personnel be approved: (TO BE APPENDED TO THESE MINUTES).

RESOLUTION NO. 792-93 Re: DEATH OF MRS. BRENDA L. EDWARDS, CAFETERIA WORKER I AT GAITHERSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Baker, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The death on October 22, 1993, of Mrs. Brenda L. Edwards, a cafeteria worker I at Gaithersburg Middle School, has deeply saddened the staff and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edwards had been a loyal employee of Montgomery County Public Schools and a member of the cafeteria staff for more than 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edwards' pride in her work and her ability to work effectively with students and coworkers were recognized by staff and associates; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That the members of the Board of Education express their sorrow at the death of Mrs. Brenda L. Edwards and extend deepest sympathy to her family; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That this resolution be made part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Mrs. Edwards' family.

RESOLUTION NO. 793-93 Re: DEATH OF MRS. MARGARET FESS, ENGLISH TEACHER ON PERSONAL ILLNESS LEAVE FROM WALTER JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Baker, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The untimely death on November 6, 1993, of Mrs. Margaret (Peg) Fess, an English teacher on personal illness leave from Walter Johnson High School, has deeply saddened the staff and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fess began her career with the Montgomery County Public Schools in 1960 at Montgomery Blair High School; and

WHEREAS, Over the years Mrs. Fess enriched the lives of students at Blair, Kennedy, Gaithersburg, and Walter Johnson high schools; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fess earned recognition for her work with forensics, and Walter Johnson High School students excelled in forensics competition under her able and inspired guidance; and

WHEREAS, Students, staff, and friends will miss her melodious voice, her marvelous sense of humor, her love of teaching, and her enthusiasm for speech and language; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fess was respected by staff, students, and parents for her commitment to ensuring the best possible educational experience for her students and for challenging each student to achieve to the best of his or her ability; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That the superintendent of schools and the members of the Board of Education express their profound sorrow at the death of Mrs. Margaret Fess and extend deepest sympathy to her family; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That this resolution be made part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Mrs. Fess's family.

Re: FACILITIES ALTERNATIVES

Dr. Cheung announced that it would take five votes to adopt a facilities alternative, and after a brief presentation from the superintendent and staff on the FY 1995-2000 Capital Improvements Program and the FY 1995 Capital Budget, he would entertain motions.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. ABRAMS ON A FACILITIES ALTERNATIVE FOR THE RICHARD MONTGOMERY CLUSTER (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Abrams for an alternative that the proposed move of the Woodley Gardens community from College Gardens ES to Beall ES be rescinded failed with Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Brenneman, and Dr. Cheung voting in the affirmative; Ms. Baker, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, and Mrs. Gordon voting in the negative.

> Re: A MOTION BY MR. ABRAMS ON A FACILITIES ALTERNATIVE FOR THE SHERWOOD CLUSTER (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Abrams for an alternative that would have Belmont ES articulating entirely to Rosa Parks MS failed with Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Brenneman, and Dr. Cheung voting in the affirmative; Ms. Baker, Mrs. Fanconi, and Mrs. Gordon voting in the negative; Mr. Ewing abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 794-93 Re: BOARD ALTERNATIVE - WOOTTON CLUSTER

On motion of Mrs. Brenneman seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education adopt an alternative that would reassign the Travilah Oaks community from Travilah ES to Lakewood ES.

Mrs. Brenneman left the meeting at this point.

Re: BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

1. Dr. Vance announced that Ms. Jeanne Reardon, Damascus Elementary School, and Ms. Patricia Cartland, Project IMPACT teacher specialist, at Harmony Hills Elementary School had won Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Math Teaching. They were the first MCPS elementary teachers to receive the national award and the only elementary level winners from the six elementary teachers nominated from Maryland. Each teacher would receive a presidential certificate and a grant of \$7,500 from the National Science Foundation to be spent over three years to enhance the science and math programs in their schools. Two other MCPS teachers were semifinalists in the elementary competition: Ms. Julie Gause, North Chevy Chase ES, and Kathryn Show, Chevy Chase ES. He congratulated all these teachers for their efforts.

2. Ms. Baker reported that last Wednesday she had held the second meeting of SMOBSAC, and Mrs. Gordon had joined them. The students discussed sexual harassment, class rank, and violence in the schools. At this meeting, they had 21 students. She invited Board members and staff to attend the next meeting on December 6 at 7:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 795-93 Re: CLOSED SESSION - NOVEMBER 22, 1993

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by the <u>Education Article</u> of the <u>Annotated Code of</u> <u>Maryland</u> and Title 10 of the State Government Article to conduct certain meetings or portions of its meetings in closed session; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County hereby conduct a portion of its meeting on November 22, 1993, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, matters protected from public disclosure by law, and other issues including consultation with counsel to obtain legal advice; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That this meeting be conducted in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, as permitted under Section 4-106, <u>Education Article</u> of the <u>Annotated</u> <u>Code of Maryland</u> and State Government Article 10-501; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That such meeting shall continue in closed session until the completion of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 796-93 Re: MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1993

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the minutes of September 30, 1993, be approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 797-93 Re: MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 1993

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the minutes of October 13, 1993, be approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 798-93 Re: MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 1993

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the minutes of October 18, 1993, be approved.

Re: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION - OCTOBER 25, 1993

On October 12, 1993, by the unanimous vote of members present, the Board of Education voted to conduct a closed session on October 25, 1993, as permitted under Section 4-106, <u>Education Article</u> of the <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> and State Government Article 10-501.

The Montgomery County Board of Education met in closed session on Monday, October 25, 1993, from 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The meeting took place in room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland.

The Board of Education met to discuss the appeals and a personnel matter.

In attendance at the closed session were Stephen Abrams, Melissa Bahr, Carrie Baker, Fran Brenneman, Alan Cheung, Blair Ewing, Carol Fanconi, Bea Gordon, Katheryn Gemberling, Ana Sol Gutierrez, Marie Heck, Brian Porter, Philip Rohr, Paul Vance, and Mary Lou Wood.

RESOLUTION NO. 799-93 Re: MEETING WITH AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Ms. Gutierrez (on October 25, 1993), the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education schedule a meeting with the Montgomery County American Indian community.

RESOLUTION NO. 800-93 Re: SPENDING AFFORDABILITY

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Ms. Gutierrez (on October 25, 1993), the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Council has established a spending affordability guideline for the Fiscal Year 1995 operating budget and has set the spending allocation for the Montgomery County Public Schools at \$784.7 million; and

WHEREAS, This action did not achieve the full amount available to the County under the charter limitation, Question F, which would have increased the tax rate without extraordinary votes by the Council, and would have provided about \$27 million in increased MCPS funding over the last year; and

WHEREAS, The amount approved, \$784.7 million, is approximately \$20 million more than last year, but is only about 2.5 percent high than last year; and

WHEREAS, Preliminary indications make clear that FY 1995 enrollment increases, estimated at 3,400 additional students, and inflation increases for those items purchased will require, in combination, an expenditure of \$32 million beyond the FY 1994 budget; and

WHEREAS, Previous budget reductions have caused a reduction in the adjusted cost per pupil (after inflation) to a lower level than in the past six years, through elimination of many programs that have in the past been available to support student and teachers; and

WHEREAS, There will be no funds available at this level of funding to support salary or cost of living improvements, given that each increase of one percent in salary for all employees would add approximately \$6.3 million; and

WHEREAS, There will be no funds available at this level of funding for improvements in technology, improvements in early childhood education, or for those administrative improvements that require new funds recommended by the Corporate Partnership for Excellence; and

WHEREAS, These improvements in salary for employees, in technology, in early childhood education, and in administrative functions are critical to the maintenance of an excellent school system, as the system faces ever more demanding challenges in providing effective education for a growing number of students who bring to MCPS far greater needs than ever before; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County strongly protest the level of funding that the new spending affordability guideline would provide, on the grounds that it will be inadequate to maintain an excellent school system that meets all students' needs; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education urge all citizens to call on the Council to recognize by its action on both the spending affordability guideline and its actions on the FY 1995 budget that the quality of the school system is a critical factor for the future well being of the County, and that its quality must not be compromised by a failure to sustain the investment at a level that is required for excellence; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That copies of this resolution be provided to the County Council, county executive, the legislative delegation, employee organizations, the MCCPTA Executive Committee, and to each PTA president, and to other parent and civic groups and organizations.

Re: COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Board members deferred action on the proposed resolution on committee composition until Ms. Gutierrez could be present.

Re: ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Board members received the following items of information:

- 1. Items in Process
- 2. Construction Progress Report
- 3. Regulation for Grading and Reporting
- 4. Minority-, Female- or Disabled-Owned Business Procurement Report
- 5. Monthly Financial Report

RESOLUTION NO. 801-93 Re: ADJOURNMENT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Baker, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 6:10 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY