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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, January 26, 1995, at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL             Present: Mrs. Beatrice B. Gordon, President  
  in the Chair  
  Mr. Stephen Abrams  
  Dr. Alan Cheung  
  Mr. Blair G. Ewing  
  Mr. Reginald Felton  
  Ms. Ana Sol Gutierrez  
  Mrs. Nancy King

Absent: Ms. Wendy Converse

Others Present: Dr. Paul L. Vance, Superintendent  
  Mrs. Katheryn W. Gemberling, Deputy  
  Mr. Larry A. Bowers, Acting Deputy  
  Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re:WORKSESSION ON FY 1996 OPERATING  
BUDGET

Board members raised the following questions:

1. Mr. Ewing suggested that they include a section in the front of the Special Education pages to summarize their expectations of growth in programs, to describe what they were trying to accomplish, and to show what the enrollment had been.
2. Mr. Ewing asked about how many people applied and did not get into adult basic education classes.
3. Mr. Ewing suggested that on page II-40 they include a description of the medical assistance program to be clear about what this money paid for. Dr. Fountain said he would also look into charge backs for the summer program.
4. Staff indicated that they would be coming back to the Board with budget information on the O'Toole report and the Ruesch decision.
5. Mr. Ewing asked that the narrative for special education explain their projections and why these changes were occurring. For example, they expected more students in speech and language, but a reduction in Longview and Stephen Knolls.
6. Mr. Ewing asked that they revise the narrative on II-58 regarding changes in the infants and toddlers program to be clear about what the changes were and why.

7. Mr. Ewing requested data on RICA regarding strategies and outcomes for FY 1994.

8. Mr. Ewing asked that the Board be provided with one sheet listing all of this year's and next year's legal costs (no matter where these costs were in the budget).

9. Ms. Gutierrez asked Mr. Porter to give the Board some idea about options for enhancing the work of the Information Office.

10. Mr. Ewing requested trends in the workload for the Employee Assistance Unit.

11. Ms. Gutierrez suggested that on the business side of the budget and Personnel they show any savings that were a result of the Corporate Partnership recommendations. She further suggested that staff also comment on where they might anticipate savings, show where productivity of staff had gone up, and indicate where they had improved automation or expected to improve automation.

12. In regard to Personnel, Ms. Gutierrez asked staff to look at the actual figures on selection and recruitment costs. Mr. Abrams requested FY 1995 expenditures on teacher recruitment travel.

13. Dr. Cheung requested the dollar amount for computer maintenance for Global Access.

14. Mr. Ewing requested a list of Corporate Partnership recommendations in the area of technology planning and data operations. He wanted to see the superintendent's response and an indication of which of the recommendations was reflected in this budget and where.

15. Mr. Ewing asked about the potential impact on facilities management staffing if MCPS was going to continue acting as the prime contractor in the construction of schools.

16. Ms. Gutierrez requested a breakdown of office rental spaces, where they were and how much MCPS paid for these spaces.

17. Mr. Ewing requested information on building service workers, maintenance personnel, and funding for supplies and materials. They had increased their square footage of facilities, but had they kept pace with numbers of workers.

18. Mr. Ewing asked to see balance sheets and financial statements for the enterprise funds.

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Re: ADJOURNMENT

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

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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