

sessions on January 12, 1999, to adjudicate and review appeals, which is a quasi-judicial and function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the *State Government Article*).

Resolved, That this meeting continue in closed session until the completion of business.

Re: **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Education met in closed session from 8:30 to 10:25 a.m.

Re: **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. Felton announced that due to illness Mr. Abrams was present and monitoring the meeting from Room 120. When and if Mr. Abrams wished to vote in the negative or enter into the debate, he would come to the table.

Mr. Felton welcomed Mr. Kermit Burnett to his first business meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-99 Re: **AGENDA**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for January 12, 1999.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-99 Re: **AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Ms. Signer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson -- educator, author, and founder/director of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History -- initiated Negro History Week in order to increase awareness about Negro historical facts and concepts in American communities and schools; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, Negro History Week was extended to one month and proclaimed a national celebration by the Congress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The contributions of African Americans have been an invaluable dimension for the success and richness of Montgomery County Public Schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, African American History Month has served as a model for other ethnic

heritage months; and

WHEREAS, Increased knowledge of and respect for all ethnic groups continue to be crucial to the well being of the students and staff in Montgomery County Public Schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That on behalf of the Superintendent, staff, students, and parents of Montgomery County Public Schools, the members of the Board of Education hereby declare the month of February 1999 to be observed as African American History Month.

Re: **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Dr. Vance took special pleasure in the development of innovative and exciting partnerships between Montgomery County Public Schools and the community. There were two such recent partnerships that deserve special note.

On Wednesday, January 13, a demonstration of "Health Curriculum Online," a computer-based curriculum initiated by the National Institutes of Health, would take place at Wheaton High School. Dr. Vivian Pinn, director of the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health, would lead the demonstration, along with science teachers from the high school who played a major role in developing the curriculum. Wheaton High School was one of only three high schools nationwide that had piloted the curriculum. This wonderful new educational opportunity would allow students to explore their family and community health risks to determine their own health profile and appropriate lifestyle decisions. Dr. Vance congratulated Wheaton High School staff and students for the central role they had played in developing what would be a nationally-available learning opportunity.

"Sharing Our Community" was the theme of a new full-color calendar featuring the artwork of students at Gaithersburg High School -- and the calendar itself was an example of community sharing and cooperation.

Fernando Lulli, a Gaithersburg businessman, initiated the project, and the art teachers and students at Gaithersburg High School had produced a beautiful design with a cover featuring photographs of Gaithersburg High School and the train station. Mr. Lulli deserved thanks for printing and distributing the calendar. Congratulations to all the students and teachers who made this project such a success.

Ms. Signer noted that just before the winter break, she had visited James H. Blake and Paint Branch high schools to observe the consortium schools. It is truly an academic renaissance with cutting-edge instruction. The students, staff, and administrators are enthusiastic and represent what is best in MCPS. She thanked the staff for making the consortium a success.

Awardee

W.T. Cox Subscriptions, Inc.*	\$ 230,500
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88-97 Electrical Supplies and Equipment - Extension

Awardees

Commerce Electric Supply, Inc.	\$ 157,400
Ideal Electrical Supply Corporation *	6,546
Kent Industries *	3,000
Maurice Electric Supply Company, Inc.	24,176
Noland Company	6,984
C.N. Robinson Lighting Supply Company	133,669
United Electric Supply Company	<u>338,333</u>

Total	\$ 670,108
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213-97 Novell Software License Agreement - Extension

Awardee

Novell, Inc.	\$ 60,000
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229-97 Books, Paperback/Prebound Paperback - Extension

Awardee

Perfection Learning Corporation	\$ 350,000
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1067.1 Resume Scanning and Application Tracking System for the
Department of Personnel Services

Awardee

Resumix, Inc.	\$ 398,396
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1078.1 Professional Services for the Office of Global Access
Technology

Awardees

Cotelligent - Lawson Services Group

	The Hunter Group S3G Spectrum, Inc. Grant Thornton	
	Total	\$ 100,000
4005.2	Woodwind and Brass Instrument Repairs - Extension	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	L & L Music Wind Shop	\$ 35,000
4006.1	Roofing Supplies - Extension	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Roof Center, Inc.	\$ 190,199
4007.1	Asbestos Abatement Supplies and Equipment - Extension	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	AramSCO	\$ 61,096
	Grainger, Inc.	1,065
	IpcO Safety	5,021
	Lyons Safety, Inc.	24,637
	National Capital Industries, Inc.	665
	Vallen Safety Supply Company	<u>10,370</u>
	Total	\$ 102,854
4012.1	Maintenance Lumber - Extension	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Grainger, Inc.	\$ 138
	Leland Fisher, Inc.	164,550
	Mizell Lumber/Hardware Company *	59,396
	Roberts Company of DC	<u>6,000</u>
	Total	\$ 230,084

4038.2 Multi-Camera Security System

Awardees

Accutech Systems, Inc.	\$ 43,397
Cintron Safe and Lock Company *	89,002
CTL Communications Televideo *	66,924
Kipp Visual/Security System	<u>6,480</u>
Total	\$ 205,803

4059.1 Emergency Asbestos Abatement of Ceiling Tile at Gaithersburg High School

Awardee

LVI Environmental Services, Inc.	\$ 52,417
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4060.1 Emergency High Efficiency Dehumidifiers/Ventilators at Kensington Parkwood Elementary School

Awardee

Therma-Stor Products, Inc.	\$ 38,120
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7000.4 Processed Cheese

Awardee

Carroll County Foods, Inc.	\$ 138,320
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7005.2 Custom Science Kits

Awardees

Carolina Biological Supply Company	\$ 52,875
Delta Education, Inc.	22,230
NASCO	53,365
SCI-MA Education	1,680
SEMPCO *	<u>256,207</u>
Total	\$ 386,357

7055.1	Lease/Purchase of School Buses Under the Master Lease/Purchase Agreement	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	American Bus Sales and Service, Inc.	\$ 5,030,671
	District International Trucks, Inc.	<u>2,417,990</u>
	Total	\$ 7,448,661
7059.1	School Bus Roof Escape Hatches	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Kessler Body and Equipment Company	\$ 41,370
9000.1	Industrial and Technology Education Equipment for Montgomery Blair High School	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Amtek Company	\$ 40,556
	Brodhead Garrett Company	7,612
	Creative Learning System, Inc.	3,997
	Fisher Scientific Company	1,123
	Midwest Tech Product & Service *	10,907
	Norman Machine Tool, Inc.	7,291
	Paxton/Patterson	4,708
	Satco, Inc.	16,916
	Tools on Sale	1,917
	Woodworkers World	11,883
	Total	\$ 106,910
	MORE THAN \$25,000	\$10,810,599

* Denotes MFD vendor

RESOLUTION NO. 5-99

Re: **LEASE/PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF TAPE DRIVE EQUIPMENT**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. King seconded by Ms. Signer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously: #

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County received Bid No. 1068.1, Lease/Purchase and Financing of Tape Drive Equipment, to be used by network and computer servers; and

WHEREAS, Tape drives are required because of the need for increased capability required by the new Year 2000 compliant Student Information System and Human Resources Information System; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has determined in accordance with Section 5-112 of Maryland's Public School Law that IBM Corporation is the lowest responsible bidder conforming to specifications to supply tape drives; and

WHEREAS, The IBM Corporation has offered to provide the necessary equipment through a five-year lease/purchase arrangement with the first payment due February 1999; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education may finance this procurement through the master lease that will be presented to the Board of Education at its February meeting should the financing rate be more advantageous; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has determined that it is in the public interest to obtain tape drive equipment through a lease/purchase arrangement with the IBM Corporation subject to cancellation in the event of nonappropriation; and

WHEREAS, The IBM Corporation has agreed to provide the tape drive equipment in accordance with the lease/purchase terms and nonappropriation conditions set forth in the bid specifications; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County award Bid No. 1068.1, Tape Drive Equipment to the IBM Corporation, totaling \$562,646 at 4.9 percent interest rate for a five-year lease/purchase in accordance with the terms and conditions of the specifications.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-99

Re: **AWARD OF CONTRACTS - SILVER SPRING
INTERNATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL #11**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The following sealed bids received on October 22 and 29, 1998, represent the seventh in a series of subcontracts that were bid as part of a construction management process for the Silver Spring International Middle School/Montgomery Blair Elementary School #11 project:

<u>Low Bid</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Locker Room Renovations</u> Interstate Corporation (Asian, minority owned)	\$973,500
<u>Technology Education Casework</u> Diversified Educational Systems, Inc.	96,354

and

WHEREAS, The current aggregate minority business participation for the subcontracts bid to date is 19.2 percent; and

WHEREAS, Details of the bid activity are available in the Department of Facilities Management; and

WHEREAS, The low bids are within the estimates and sufficient funds are available to award the contracts; now therefore be it

Resolved, That contracts be awarded to the above referenced subcontractors meeting specifications for the Silver Spring International Middle School/Montgomery Blair Elementary School #11 project, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Grimm & Parker, P.C.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-99 Re: **ACCEPTANCE OF NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, Northwest High School was duly inspected on December 1, 1998; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Northwest High School now be formally accepted; and be it further

Resolved, 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. 8-99 Re: **CHANGE ORDER OVER \$25,000**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, During the interior demolition of existing plaster ceilings at Walter Johnson Middle School #2, it was discovered that the structural components in certain areas of the building required additional fireproofing to meet current life safety codes; and

WHEREAS, The cost of this additional work is \$59,926; and

WHEREAS, The project architect has reviewed the cost proposal and determined it is reasonable; and

WHEREAS, Contingency funds in the project budget are available for this change; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the contract for Henley Construction Company for the Walter Johnson Middle School #2 project be increased by \$59,926 for additional structural fireproofing.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-99

Re: **CONTRACT AMENDMENT - MONTGOMERY BLAIR
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELD LIGHTS**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, On September 22, 1998, the Board of Education approved a contract award to install lighting for the competition softball and baseball fields at the new Montgomery Blair High School; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is providing the funding to install the new lighting as part of the interagency agreement between Montgomery County Public Schools and the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission that allows them priority use of the athletic fields when not being used for school programs; and

WHEREAS, This lighting will be available for school use; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent to the contract award, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission requested that the quality of the lighting fixtures be upgraded to reduce glare based on community input; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has allocated funds for the upgraded fixtures; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the contract to S. Rock/Estabrook Corporation for the installation of lights for the Montgomery Blair High School competition softball and baseball fields be increased by \$37,300 for upgraded fixtures.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-99 Re: **EXTENSION OF CONTRACT - INDOOR AIR QUALITY**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, Bids have been obtained for indoor air quality environmental assessments, testing, and remediation recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Building Dynamics, Inc., the low bidder, has successfully performed the testing, assessments, and provided remediation recommendations during the past year for various indoor air quality concerns; and

WHEREAS, Funds for this work were allocated in the FY 1999 operating budget; and

WHEREAS, The agreement provides for an extension of the contract at the same rates; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a contract with Building Dynamics, Inc., be extended one year with expenditures not to exceed \$80,000 for assessing, testing, and remediation work for indoor air quality projects.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-99 Re: **AWARD OF CONTRACT - KENSINGTON PARKWOOD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNIT VENTILATOR
INSTALLATION**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, Sealed bids were received on December 18, 1998, for the installation of unit ventilators for Kensington Parkwood Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, The following contractors bid the alternate equipment items for the installation work to begin on March 26, 1999, and be completed by April 14, 1999:

<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Belair Engineering and Service Company, Inc.	\$ 182,990
High Purity Systems, Inc.	183,888
Shapiro and Duncan, Inc.	188,000
Adrian L. Merton, Inc.	273,711

and

WHEREAS, The low bidder, Belair Engineering and Service Company, Inc., has completed similar work successfully; and

WHEREAS, The low bid is within staff estimates of \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, Staff has verified that the contractor has made a good faith effort to obtain minority participation; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a contract for \$182,990 be awarded to Belair Engineering and Service Company, Inc., for installation of unit ventilators for Kensington Parkwood Elementary School, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by WEDGCO Engineering.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-99 Re: **AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE
PROJECTS AT SENECA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

WHEREAS, The following sealed bids were received on November 24, 1998, in accordance with MCPS procurement practices, for boilers, chillers, and cooling tower replacements at Seneca Valley High School, with work to begin on January 13, 1999, and be completed by October 15,1999:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
High Purity Systems, Inc.	\$542,434.00
M & M Welding and Fabricators, Inc.	548,000.00
American Combustion Industries, Inc.	555,333.00
John J. Kirlin, Inc.	557,500.00
American Mechanical Services of Md., Inc.	558,650.00
Hurley Company, Inc.	563,972.00
Calvert Mechanical, Inc.	569,387.00
ACMI	577,569.00
Beardsley Heating & A/C	671,427.00
Tyler Mechanical Contracting, Inc.	680,000.00

and

WHEREAS, Details of the bid activity are available in the Department of Facilities Management; and

WHEREAS, The low bid is below staff estimates, and the low bidder met specifications; and

WHEREAS, High Purity Systems, Inc., has submitted evidence of 14 percent Minority Business Enterprise participation which is African American female; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a contract for \$542,434 be awarded to High Purity Systems, Inc., for boilers, chillers, and cooling tower replacements at Seneca Valley High School.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-99 Re: **MONTHLY REPORT**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Ms. Signer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the Personnel Monthly Report dated January 12, 1999.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-99 Re: **DEATH OF MR. GERMAN A. MARTINEZ, BUILDING SERVICE WORKER, BETHESDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Ms. Signer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The death on December 26, 1998, of Mr. German A. Martinez, Sr., building service worker at Bethesda Elementary School, has deeply saddened the staff, students, and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez was a loyal and dedicated employee of Montgomery County Public Schools for more than four years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez always demonstrated an eagerness to help and was respected by staff, students, and parents; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Education express their sorrow at the death of Mr. German A. Martinez, Sr., and extend deepest sympathy to his family; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Mr. Martinez' family.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-99 Re: **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Ms. Signer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective February 1, 1999:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Sylvia K. Morrison	Assistant Principal, Redland MS	Principal, Col. Zadok Magruder MS #2

RESOLUTION NO. 16-99 Re: **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. King seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective January 13, 1999:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Monique T. Felder	Assistant Principal, Beall ES	Principal, Watkins Mill ES

RESOLUTION NO. 17-99 Re: **THE SCHOOL CALENDAR**

On motion of Ms. Signer and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education requests that the Superintendent propose a school calendar for 2000-2001 that would include increased days for staff training; and be it further

Resolved, That the school year should not be increased or the instructional days decreased, and days to be considered might include primary and general election days or reduce the number of days for teachers in August prior to the opening of school; and be it further

Resolved, That this proposal will be presented to the Board for discussion prior to the December Board meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-99 Re: **1999-2000 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The establishment of school terms by the County Board of Education is

required by state law; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County parents, community, and staff should be informed of the Board adopted school calendar each year and the subsequent contingency plan identifying days that will be used to make up lost instructional time due to emergency closings; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the proposed school calendar and contingency plan for 1999-2000 be adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-99

Re: **RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF FOOD SCIENCE A AND FOOD SCIENCE B, GRADES 9-12**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Ms. Signer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The public school laws of Maryland specify that the county superintendent shall prepare courses of study and recommend them for adoption by the county Board of Education (*The Annotated Code of Maryland, Education, § 4-205*); and

WHEREAS, The public school laws of Maryland also state that the county Board of Education, on written recommendation of the county superintendent, shall establish courses of study for the schools under its jurisdiction (*Ibid., § 4-110*); and

WHEREAS, Board of Education Resolution No. 400-73 has resolved that newly developed curriculum documents will be presented to the Board of Education for consideration approximately one month prior to the date for which approval will be sought and the superintendent of schools may extend this period to allow further time for citizen reaction to curriculum documents dealing with sensitive topics . . . “; and

WHEREAS, The *Program of Studies* is the document that contains all prescribed curriculum elements, including instructional objectives, of all Montgomery County Public Schools curriculum programs and courses (Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation IFB-RA: *Development and Approval of Curriculum and Supporting Materials*); and

WHEREAS, Excellence in curriculum can be maintained only by continuing attention to the need for curriculum change; and

WHEREAS, The Council on Instruction, charged by the superintendent of schools with considering recommendations for curriculum change, has recommended approval of the learner outcomes for Food Science A and B, Grades 9-12; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the instructional objectives for Food Science A and B, Grades 9-12 for publication in the *Program of Studies* as part of the curriculum to become effective for the 1999-2000 school year.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-99 Re: **RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF
TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION, GRADES 6-8**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The public school laws of Maryland specify that the county superintendent shall prepare courses of study and recommend them for adoption by the county Board (*The Annotated Code of Maryland, Education, § 4-205*); and

WHEREAS, The public school laws of Maryland also state that the county Board, on the written recommendation of the county superintendent, shall establish courses of study for the schools under its jurisdiction (*Ibid., § 4-110*); and

WHEREAS, Board of Education Resolution No. 400-73 has resolved "that newly developed curriculum documents will be presented to the Board of Education for consideration approximately one month prior to the date on which approval will be sought and the superintendent of schools may extend this period to allow further time for citizen reaction to curriculum documents dealing with sensitive topics . . ."; and

WHEREAS, The *Program of Studies* is the document that contains all the prescribed curriculum elements, including instructional objectives, of all Montgomery County Public Schools curriculum programs and courses (Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation IFB-RA: *Development and Approval of Curriculum and Supporting Materials*); and

WHEREAS, Excellence in curriculum can be maintained only by continuing attention to the need for curriculum change; and

WHEREAS, The Council on Instruction, charged by the superintendent with considering recommendations for curriculum change, has recommended approval of the new Technology Education *Program of Studies*, Grades 6-8 and phasing out five industrial arts/technology education courses; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the new courses and phase out the old courses; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve three new technology education courses: Imagineering Technology, Living With Technology, and Earth and Space Technology for publication in the *Program of Studies*; and the phasing out of five industrial arts/technology

education courses in the existing *Program of Studies* as part of the Montgomery County Public Schools curriculum to become effective in the 1999-2000 school year.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-99 Re: **RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF
INTRODUCTION TO C++, ADVANCED C++, AND
COURSE TITLE CHANGE FROM PROGRAMMING FOR
PROBLEM SOLVING I/II TO FOUNDATIONS OF
PROGRAMMING I/II**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The public school laws of Maryland specify that the county superintendent shall prepare courses of study and recommend them for adoption by the county Board of Education (*The Annotated Code of Maryland, Education, §4-205*); and

WHEREAS, The public school laws of Maryland also state that the county Board of Education, on written recommendation of the county superintendent, shall establish courses of study for the schools under its jurisdiction (*Ibid., §4-110*); and

WHEREAS, Board of Education Resolution No. 400-73 has resolved "that newly developed curriculum documents will be presented to the Board of Education for consideration approximately one month prior to the date for which approval will be sought and the superintendent of schools may extend this period to allow further time for citizen reaction to curriculum documents dealing with sensitive topics . . ."; and

WHEREAS, The *Program of Studies* is the document that contains all prescribed curriculum elements, including instructional objectives, of all Montgomery County Public Schools curriculum programs and courses (Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation IFB-RA: *Development and Approval of Curriculum and Supporting Materials*); and

WHEREAS, Excellence in curriculum can be maintained only by continuing attention to the need for curriculum change; and

WHEREAS, The Council on Instruction, charged by the superintendent of schools with considering recommendations for curriculum change, has recommended approval of the instructional objectives for Introduction to C++ and Advanced C++; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the instructional objectives for Introduction to C++, Advanced C++, Grades 9-12 for publication in the *Program of Studies* as part of the curriculum to become effective for the 1999-2000 school year.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-99

Re: **CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by the *Education Article* and *State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to conduct certain meetings or portions of its meetings in closed sessions; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County conduct a portion of its meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 1999, in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the *State Government Article*, consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, as permitted by Section 10-508(a)(7) of the *State Government Article*; and to review and adjudicate appeals in its quasi-judicial capacity and to discuss matters of an executive function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the *State Government Article*); and be it further

Resolved, That such meetings shall continue in closed session until the completion of business.

Re: **REPORT OF CLOSED SESSIONS**

On December 8, 1998, by the unanimous vote of members present, the Board of Education voted to conduct a closed session, as permitted under the *Education Article* § 4-107 and *State Government Article* § 10-501, *et seq.*, of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*.

The Montgomery County Board of Education met in closed session on December 8, 1998, from 8:15 to 9:40 a.m. and 1:15 to 2:00 p.m. in Room 120, Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, and

1. Discussed and reviewed the Personnel Monthly Report, subsequent to which the vote to approve the report was taken in open session
2. Reviewed the Superintendent's recommendations for the appointments as principal of Walter Johnson High School, principal of Blair Elementary School #11, community/human relations advocate in the Office of Pupil and Community Services, and secondary English curriculum coordinator in the Office of Instruction and Program Development, subsequent to which the vote to approve the report was taken in open session
3. Examined the process and qualifications for the vacant position of Ombudsman/Staff Assistant
4. Solicited Board members' preference for participation at graduation ceremonies

5. Reviewed and/or adjudicated the following appeals: 1998-32, 1998-33, T-1998-130, and T-1998-132
6. Designated members of Board advisory committees and subcommittees, subsequent to which the vote to approve the designation taken in open session
7. Considered staff recommendations on the reduction of legal fees

In attendance at part or all of the above closed sessions were: Elizabeth Arons, Larry Bowers, Geonard Butler, Reggie Felton, David Fischer, Hiawatha Fountain, Bea Gordon, Pat Hahn, Roland Ikheloa, Nancy King, George Margolies, Patricia O'Neill, Brian Porter, Glenda Rose, Ruby Rubens, Steve Seleznow, Mona Signer, Mary Helen Smith, Roger Titus, Paul Vance, and Ron Walsh.

On December 15, 1998, by the unanimous vote of members present, the Board of Education voted to conduct a closed session as permitted under the *Education Article*, Section 4-107 and *State Government Article*, Section 10-501, *et seq.*, of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*.

The Montgomery County Board of Education met from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in Room 120, Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland.

The Board met to discuss matters that related to MCEA collective bargaining negotiations as permitted under Section 4-107(d)(2), *Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland*, and Section 10-508(a)(9) of the *State Government Article*.

In attendance at part or all of the above closed session were: Steve Abrams, Larry Bowers, Reggie Felton, Ed Frantz, Wes Girling, Bea Gordon, Roland Ikheloa, Nancy King, Don Kopp, Patricia O'Neill, Brian Porter, Glenda Rose, Mona Signer, and Paul Vance.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-99

Re: **APPOINTMENT TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING**

On motion of Ms. Signer and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, On September 8, 1994, the Board of Education established a Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning; and

WHEREAS, On September 12, 1995, the Board of Education changed the name to Subcommittee on Long-Range and Strategic Planning; and

WHEREAS, Eligibility for appointment to the Subcommittee on Long-Range and Strategic Planning is limited to members of the Board of Education whose remaining terms of office

with the Board are equal to or greater than the terms for which they are appointed to this subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, The Subcommittee on Long-Range and Strategic Planning consists of three members, appointed by the president of the Board of Education, serving staggered terms of three years each, and the term of office begins on the date of the first all-day Board meeting in December of the year of appointment and ends three years later on November 30; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Nancy King and Mrs. Patricia O'Neill were appointed to serve until November 30, 2000, and November 30, 2001, respectively; and

WHEREAS, A vacancy exists as a result of Mr. Blair Ewing's resignation from the Board of Education as of December 1, 1998; having been appointed to serve on the subcommittee through November 30, 1999; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Mr. Kermit Burnett be appointed to serve until November 30, 1999.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-99 Re: **SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

On motion of Mr. Butler and seconded by Ms. Signer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the September 22, 1998, meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-99 Re: **OCTOBER 26, 1998, BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

On motion of Mrs. King and seconded by Ms. Signer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 26, 1998, meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-99 Re: **DECEMBER 3, 9, 14, AND 15, 1998, BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

On motion of Ms. Signer and seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 3, 9, 14, and 15, 1998, meetings.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-99 Re: **BOARD APPEAL NO. 1998- 32 and 1998-33**

On motion of Mrs. O'Neill and seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopts its Decision and Order in Appeal 1998-32 and 1998-33, challenges to use of books matter, reflective of the following vote: Mr. Butler, Mr. Felton, Mrs. King, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voted in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams and Mrs. Gordon recused; Mr. Burnett was absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-99 Re: **REVISIONS TO CURRICULA – PREVIOUS NEW BUSINESS ITEM**

On motion of Ms. Signer and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution, as amended, was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education schedule time before June 1, 1999, to discuss staff revisions to the elementary science, secondary science, elementary social studies, secondary social studies, and secondary English curricula.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Dr. Smith will provide to the Board copies of the Council on Instruction documents regarding completed revisions to the curriculum.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-99 Re: **WEIGHTED STUDENT FORMULA – PREVIOUS NEW BUSINESS ITEM**

On motion of Ms. Signer and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Burnett, Mr. Butler, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, Mrs. O'Neill, and Ms. Signer voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams voting in the negative:

WHEREAS, The Seattle, Washington, school district uses a weighted student formula for allocating resources to schools that calculates each school's educational load; and

WHEREAS, The MCPS Budget Review Committee has reviewed the Seattle model and others and has recommended changes to the MCPS budget process, including adoption of a weighted student formula; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education's Research and Evaluation Committee study the feasibility of using a weighted student formula to allocate MCPS operating budget resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the Research and Evaluation Committee work with the Superintendent and his staff, with representatives of MCAASP, MCCSSE, MCEA, MCCPTA, and the Budget Review Committee to develop recommendations on the use of a weighted student formula; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education schedule time no later than June 30, 1999, for discussion of and action on the recommendations from the Research and Evaluation Committee.

Re: STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD

Mr. Abrams voted in the negative because he thought there should be a special subcommittee of the Board based on his concerns as chair of the Audit Committee and the budget process.

RESOLUTION NO. 30-99

Re: CONSULTANT APPOINTMENT

On recommendation of Mr. Felton and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Ms. Signer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 882-98, the Board of Education authorized soliciting proposals for executive search firms for consultant services to be utilized in the superintendent selection process; and

WHEREAS, Funds for these services were appropriated as part of the FY 1999 Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has evaluated proposals that have been submitted from the search firms of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd; Korn/Ferry International; and McPherson and Jacobson and has identified Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates as the most qualified firm to provide consultation services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with the firm of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates to provide professional consultant services for the superintendent selection process based upon its revised proposal.

RESOLUTION NO. 31-99

Re: **PROPOSED REGULATIONS -- NEW BUSINESS**

On motion of Ms. Signer and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, At its October meeting the Maryland State Board of Education approved the release of proposed changes to the Code of Maryland Annotated Regulations (COMAR) addressing the provision of educational services for students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The proposed regulations were published in the Maryland Register on January 4, 1999; the public comment period will close on February 5, 1999, and the regulations may be considered for final approval as early as the February meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, The proposed changes are extensive, including the elimination of (1) classifications such as "Intensities of service" and (2) references to pupil/teacher and service provider/pupil ratios; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Superintendent provide to the Board of Education, no later than January 29, 1999, a summary of the proposed COMAR changes related to the education of students with disabilities, along with the implications for program planning, student placement, and the fiscal impact on the MCPS capital and operating budgets.

Re: **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Felton moved and Mr. Abrams seconded the following:

WHEREAS, Montgomery County is well recognized for its commitment to high quality education; and

WHEREAS, Education leaders are committed to expanding the opportunities for academic achievement for all students; and

WHEREAS, Students, teachers, and parents are committed to Success for Every Student; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Superintendent explore the use of on-line courses for secondary students to meet academic graduation requirements, and bring back to the Board of Education a proposal for a pilot program for the Fall 1999; and be it further

Resolved, That the Superintendent develop cost estimates for the pilot program, and identify any County and State actions that may be required prior to implementation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education ensure that adequate funding for such a pilot program is included in the FY-2000 Operating Budget.

Re: **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

The following items of information were available:

1. Items in Process
2. Monthly Financial Report
3. Construction Progress Report

Re: **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

	<u>Person</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1.	Christine Schwalm	Use of Books
2.	Mignon Bush Davis	IB Program
3.	Jackie Vok	Middle School health Education
4.	Wayne Whigham	Superintendent Search
5.	Robert Sher	Superintendent Search

RESOLUTION NO. 32-99

Re: **ADJOURNMENT**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting of January 12, 1999, at 12:47 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

The Board of Education recessed to closed session as voted on earlier.

PLV:gr

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