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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, January 27, 1999, at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL	Present:	Mr. Reginald M. Felton, President in the Chair
		Mr. Stephen Abrams
		Mr. Kermit V. Burnett
		Mrs. Beatrice B. Gordon
		Mrs. Nancy J. King
		Ms. Mona M. Signer
		Dr. Paul L. Vance, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Geonard F. Butler, Jr., Student Board Member Mrs. Patricia O'Neill

Re: WORKSESSION ON THE FY 2000 OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Felton announced that Mr. Butler was preparing for final exams and would not be present at this meeting.

The Board members made the following requests during the worksession:

- 1. Ms. Signer asked for the costs for (a) 1 FTE and (b) ½ FTE ethics officer position with the salary equivalent of a staff assistant.
- 2. Ms. Signer requested the scheduled draw down of the Retirees Trust Fund.
- 3. Mr. Felton inquired about the collaboration between the school system and county government services to ensure the effective use of tax dollars. How does that impact the additional need for pupil personnel services? Do county services offer enough through collaboration that it offsets the lack of PPWs? What would be the cost of meeting MCPS standards regarding discipline and college counseling?
- 4. Mrs. King asked for information on the costs for replicating the Sharp Street Program in other high schools. Mr. Burnett asked if it was possible to have a placeholder of an appropriate amount for the five clusters until the details were established. Ms. Signer requested information on how much seed money had been given to other similar programs to date.
- 5. Ms. Signer requested information on the savings realized from the school system

not providing the educational component at the Noyes Center and asked if the savings were reflected in the budget.

- 6. Regarding the placeholder of \$250,000 in the budget for alternatives placements, Ms. Signer asked for the size of the "waiting list" and the number of students not served in alternative settings. How many slots would \$250,000 provide?
- 7. Mr. Abrams asked for the costs to provide the emergency power necessary to keep computers operational in accordance with a disaster plan.
- 8. Mr. Abrams requested the cost for redundant computer data storage. What do we have? What are the estimates to have redundancy for primary systems?
- 9. Mr. Burnett wanted to know the cost of providing one technology trainer, particularly at the high school level, for continuing training support beyond the first two years after becoming a Global Access school.
- 10. Regarding the teacher evaluation system, Mr. Abrams asked for the cost of some implementation in FY 00 to accelerate the timeline.
- 11. Ms. Signer requested the cost of reducing the walking distance for high school students to 1.75 miles. Would reducing the walking distance be feasible with the bus fleet available in the 1999-00 school year? Mr. Felton requested the figures to reduce the walking distance to 1.50 miles for high school students.
- 12. Ms. Signer wanted to know the number of days Mark Twain School had activity bus service and the cost per day to provide activity bus service for about 30 children.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY