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January 29, 2002

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, January 29, 2002, at 8:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present:

Mr. Reginald M. Felton, President
in the Chair
Mr. Stephen Abrams
Mr. Kermit V. Burnett
Ms. Sharon Cox
Mrs. Nancy J. King
Mr. Walter Lange
Mrs. Patricia B. O'Neill
Mr. Dustin Jeter, Student Board Member
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

or () indicates student vote does not count. Four votes needed for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-02 Re: **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for January 29, 2002.

Re: **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDED FY 2003
OPERATING BUDGET**

Mr. Abrams asked for clarification on whether or not there were adequate funds in the budget to implement the last two years of the Middle Years Program as it moves from Julius West Middle School to Richard Montgomery High School. A response indicated that the assumption was based on 60 students participating and any additional students would be \$280 each. What is the current number of students per class in the first two years of the program? Staff replied that the number is higher than 60 students, and staff has built into the plan the differential costs for instructional materials. At the present time, staff is looking at a Maryland State Department of Education grant for those costs. Mr. Abrams asked that MCPS get the funds through a grant or, if need be, through a supplemental request.

Mr. Felton asked about the upcounty magnet and the intent of the Board. Mr. Bowers responded that it was clear to staff that the Board directed planning for an upcounty

program.

Mr. Abrams thought the intent expressed by the Board was that within the context of the current budget, there will be planning efforts so that when the opportunity presents itself the school system can proceed to implementation of a program.

Mrs. King remarked that the community felt that if there was no money in the budget, there is no promise that the program will be implemented.

Mr. Abrams thought the Board should be careful about the promises it makes. The intention of this Board is to move forward on an upcounty magnet, but the Board is not in a position to bind future boards.

In the absence of full funding for this effort, Mr. Burnett asked what amount of money would be needed to assure that the planning will be done. Mrs. King responded that it would cost \$35,000.

Mr. Burnett thought the intent of the Board was to direct the staff to plan for an upcounty magnet. Dr. Weast was concerned because the capital budget falls short in providing technology and the operating budget does not provide for enough assistant principals, maintenance workers, pupil personnel workers, and psychologists. Those are critical elements and, if there is a fiscal opportunity, should be funded.

Ms. Cox thought the superintendent could plan for an upcounty magnet within the current budget, but she understands the concern of the community. At the next Board meeting, a new business item could be introduced to direct the superintendent to plan for the next budget.

Mrs. King asked about the Professional Library and the possibility of a consortium with other institutions. Ms. Muntner replied that the library will provide a variety of services with access to the material with shifting hours of operation. Mrs. King asked if this can be done without adding another person to the staff. Ms. Muntner replied that they can provide abbreviated services.

Mr. Abrams pointed out that the Board will have final approval of the budget after it is ratified by the County Council. At that time, the Board could review the structure with the knowledge of the overall funding. However, he did not want to foreclose the collaboration with other agencies and jurisdictions.

Mrs. King asked what the cost would be to add one person to the Professional Library. Dr. Spatz replied that it would be \$47,465.

Mr. Lange thought the availability of staff to provide research supports the teachers and principals who are working full schedules.

Ms. Cox noted that there was a deficiency in psychologists for the emotional disabilities

program. In the budget request, there is an increase of two psychological positions because there are four programs that are now under-served or not served at all. How much would it cost to add one psychologist to the budget? Dr. Spatz replied that it would cost \$71,312.

Mr. Abrams stated that he would support any addition to the budget if it was budget neutral and the funds were identified from another area within the budget. Mr. Felton cautioned his colleagues about restoring programs since this budget was developed through a collaborative process. Mr. Abrams stated that his assumption was that the dollar figure of the budget is the maximum amount to retain the Board's priorities. There are areas where the superintendent might want to reallocate the funds when the Board approves the final operating budget in June.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-02

Re: **AMENDMENT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT-S
RECOMMENDED FY 2003 OPERATING BUDGET**

On motion of Ms. Cox and seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Burnett, Ms. Cox, Mrs. King, (Mr. Jeter) and Mrs. O'Neill, voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, and Mr. Lange voting in the negative:#

Resolved, That the Board of Education add \$71,312 for one psychologist to the emotional disabilities program and subtract \$71,312 from lapse and turnover.

Re: **AMENDMENT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT-S
RECOMMENDED FY 2003 OPERATING BUDGET**

On motion of Mrs. King and seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution failed with Ms. Cox, Mrs. King, (Mr. Jeter) and Mrs. O'Neill voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Felton, and Mr. Lange voting in the negative:#

Resolved, That the Board of Education add one position to the Professional Library at a cost of \$47,465.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Mrs. O'Neill asked for clarification about the special education speech pathologist. She asked if the projected enrollment reflected reality. Dr. Spatz assured Mrs. O'Neill that the staff was confident about the projection.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-02

Re: **ADOPTION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT-S
RECOMMENDED FY 2003 OPERATING BUDGET**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by

Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:#

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt the amended Recommended FY 2003 Operating Budget of \$1,398,594,671, including grants and enterprise funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-02

Re: **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting of January 29, 2002, at 9:10 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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