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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, November 8, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Nancy Navarro, President
 in the Chair
 Mr. Steve Abrams
 Mr. Christopher Barclay
 Ms. Shirley Brandman
 Ms. Sharon Cox
 Dr. Judy Docca
 Mr. Ben Moskowitz
 Mrs. Patricia O'Neill
 Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

The Board of Education met with the Executive Board of SEIU Local 500 and discussed uniting the voices of 17,000 child-care providers, Head Start employees, Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) support staff professionals, special needs providers, and university faculty for a lifetime of learning.

SEIU Local 500 presented the viewpoints and visions of other bargaining units.

- ◆ Child-care providers highlighted the care of young children and their contribution to early childhood education
- ◆ Special education providers spoke about the community collaboration with the school system since there are residential, school, and vocational components
- ◆ Higher education professionals underscored the idea of meeting the needs of children at all levels

The conversation centered on child-care providers, and their impact on children's learning and preparedness for school. There was a hope that, through licensing and training, the community-based organizations could be aligned with the school system. Furthermore, there is a need to work with other agencies in an intergovernmental outreach such as Health and Human Services. There is a possibility that the school system could offer technical assistance for a more comprehensive approach to child care.

The superintendent thought that MCPS could provide information on what students need to know when entering kindergarten as well as age-appropriate activities. MCPS could put

together specific tapes to educate children on a specific skill set.

As a wrap up to the meeting, it was suggested that a work group be formed to study services in Montgomery County and a way to integrate services to children.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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