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Rockville, Maryland
May 13, 2008

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, at 7:30 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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 154-08 Re: **RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSIONS**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Barclay seconded by Ms. Brandman, 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 closed sessions on May 13, 2008, in Room 120 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County discuss the Human Resources Monthly Report and Appointments, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the *State Government Article*; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(3) of the *State Government Article* and Section 4-107(d) of the *Education Article*; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County receive legal advice, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(7) of the *State Government Article*; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County dedicate part of the closed sessions on May 13, 2008, to acquit its administrative functions and to adjudicate and review appeals, which is a quasi-judicial function outside the purview of the *Open Meetings Act* under Section 10-503(a) of the *State Government Article*; and be it further

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

Re: **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

RESOLUTION NO. 155-08 Re: **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for May 13, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 156-08 Re: **SALUTE TO SCHOOL FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES PERSONNEL DAY**

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

WHEREAS, State Superintendent Nancy S. Grasmick has announced May 7, 2008, as the 23rd annual Salute to School Food and Nutrition Services Personnel Day; and

WHEREAS, The school cafeteria and the service provided by its personnel to students, faculty, and other staff are integral parts of the operations of Montgomery County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, The more than 12 million meals that are served annually to Montgomery County school children under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs are testimony to the valuable contribution made by school food and nutrition services personnel each year; and

WHEREAS, School food and nutrition services personnel deserve to be recognized for their dedication and continuing commitment to feeding and educating students, and offering a variety of nutrition services to the community; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education does hereby recognize food and nutrition services personnel in honor of the 23rd annual Salute to School Food and Nutrition Services

Personnel Day in Montgomery County Public Schools.

RESOLUTION NO. 157-08 Re: **RECOGNITION OF NAACP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

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

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to students residing in Montgomery County, all of whom attend Montgomery County public schools, at its annual Freedom Fund Dinner; and

WHEREAS, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People selected "Be a light in someone's life" as the theme of its Freedom Fund Dinner to highlight the many contributions of African American students to our community; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County recognizes and celebrates the contributions of African American students to our county, our state, and our country; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is proud that Montgomery County Public Schools continues to recognize the achievements and contributions of African American students; now therefore be it

Resolved, That, on behalf of the superintendent of schools, staff, students, and parents of Montgomery County Public Schools, the members of the Board of Education congratulate the recipients of this year's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People scholarship awards.

Re: **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

	<u>Person</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1.	Gordon Brenne	Hispanic Latino Achievement Gap
2.	Henry Hailstock	NAACP Scholarship Recipients

Re: **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Mr. Moskowitz commended the Gaithersburg Cluster for the meeting where they had an opportunity to see a student-made video that toured the school. He congratulated Quratul-Ann Malik the newly elected student member of the Board. He extended his regards to the Montgomery County Muslim Council which hosted a dinner where he expressed his

gratitude. He attended an awards breakfast for outstanding food and nutrition employees. He toured RICA and spoke with the students and staff.

Dr. Docca reported that she visited Quince Orchard High School and met with the senior class officers and toured the building.

Mr. Abrams noted that Montgomery County Public Schools has become fertile ground for college sports recruiters.

Ms. Brandman added to the comments of her colleagues. She visited the Global Wizards, an Interages geography project. She attended the ESOL Awards Day, which she said was a wonderful celebration. She and Mr. Moskowitz visited RICA, at the invitation of Senator Forehand, because she wanted a sense of the facility and a better understanding of students' needs. She said the level of commitment and collaboration of the educational and clinical staff was inspiring. They discussed the need for additional state funding. The only regret was that she learned afterwards that some RICA parents has been excluded from the tour, and she apologized for that oversight.

Mrs. O'Neill reported that she attended the Marriott Spirit to Serve Awards, where the following schools received awards: Walter Johnson High School, John Poole Middle School, and Bannockburn Elementary School. On April 30, Mrs. O'Neill had the opportunity to represent the National School Boards Association in the School of the Future student design competition. She was one of 20 judges. Two MCPS schools entered the competition – John Poole and Westland middle schools.

Ms. Cox noted that she visited Wheaton High School and met with the senior class officers prior to the graduation ceremonies. She was very impressed with the relationship of students and staff. One of the problems is that students are receiving scholarships to elite colleges, but parents need them at home. She hoped that the system would do whatever possible to help these students.

Mr. Barclay reported that he visited with the seniors at James Hubert Blake High School, and he attended a play at Blake which was amazing. He noted that the dedication of the students and staff makes a difference in the success of the those in the performing arts productions. Also, he attended the closing ceremonies of the George B. Thomas Learning Academy at Albert Einstein High School. He said one highlight was a student-made video about what happens at the academy. Mr. Barclay could not attend the Gaithersburg Cluster meeting because he was attending an IMPACT Awards event in Silver Spring. IMPACT is doing a great job in getting more people engaged and developing leaders in the community. Mr. Barclay said that later in the meeting he wanted the community to know that he supported the consent item on Northwood High School's construction since this would make the school more comparable with the other Downcounty Consortium schools.

Dr. Weast thanked the Board members for attending school and community meetings and events. This year, students set a record for the number of scholarships earned. Also, there is a need to push on with the commitment to Middle School Reform by increased academic achievement with eligibility.

** Mr. Barclay left the meeting at this point.

**Re: UPDATE ON HSA BRIDGE PLAN
IMPLEMENTATION**

Dr. Weast invited the following people to the table: Mr. Stephen L. Bedford, chief school performance officer, Office of School Performance; Dr. Stacy L. Scott, associate superintendent, Office of Shared Accountability; and Mrs. Chrisandra A. Richardson, director, Academic Support Initiatives, Office of School Performance.

The Board was given an update on the implementation of the Bridge Plan for Academic Validation (Bridge Plan), an alternative route introduced by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) in November 2007 to help identified students meet the High School Assessment (HSA) graduation requirement.

The goal of MCPS is to work proactively to prepare all students to successfully pass the HSAs to meet the graduation requirement. For those students who need this alternate pathway, MCPS will ensure that all required components of the Bridge Plan are established and implemented consistently across schools.

Staff will continue to keep the Board apprised of MCPS' readiness for Bridge Plan implementation, as well as any other HSA updates.

Re: DISCUSSION

Mrs. O'Neill noted that the numbers indicate that 10 percent of the Class of 2009 will not graduate with their class unless they complete the Bridge Plan successfully. Mrs. O'Neill worked on the state's work group, which concluded that there was need for something beyond the paper-and-pencil test. Furthermore, she said it is tremendously unfair to the Class of 2009 to be held to essay-based tests when the Class of 2010 will have a different kind of test (with bubbles). The HSAs are not very well thought out or great tests with the ability to predict college success or work skills. The Board believes in accountability, but the HSAs have problems.

Mr. Abrams asked if there was a requirement to pass HSAs to get a GED. Staff replied in the negative. Mr. Abrams inquired about the incentives for a student to go through the HSA alternative when they short-circuit the HSAs and get a GED. What are the drawbacks to a GED? Staff explained that the child should go through an education that prepares

him/her for the future. The difference between a GED and high school diploma is the caliber of instruction. Also, not all colleges will accept a GED.

Mr. Abrams thought the intelligent wanted to know that an alternative program would take into account when tests are given. Students using the Bridge Plan will use it in their junior or senior year because they have taken the exams and not succeeded. If the Bridge Plan was a viable alternative, the plan should be offered in the ninth grade in order for the student to achieve success in sequence. This plan makes it onerous on the student at the end of his/her school career, and Mr. Abrams said he could not see a student opting for this alternative. Staff thought the system could be structured in order for the student to opt for the alternative in ninth or tenth grade.

Mr. Moskowitz suggested that teachers, students, and parents should serve on the HSA Communication Project Team.

Ms. Cox pointed out that the superintendent is asking the state to slow down the process until everything is worked out. The Board has been on record on several elements on different occasions. There are concerns about the process the state is using to develop "fixes." Furthermore, the state has not done very much in the way of including practitioners when it is developing a process.

The Board suggested additions to the letter should include a slowing of the implementation of HSAs, as well as information about the process and collaborative efforts with local boards. Mrs. O'Neill suggested that Board members and staff could testify before the Maryland State Board of Education regarding HSAs.

Ms. Brandman recognized that there were concerns about the long term, but the system must deal with the short-term problems of graduates from the Class of 2009. The present model is based on failure before the Bridge Plan is implemented with add-on projects. For a student working on multiple projects, Ms. Brandman asked if the project can be done in conjunction with a course the student is currently taking or as a complete add-on. Staff replied that the work can be combined with a class or as independent work. High School Plus is also a vehicle that can be used.

Ms. Brandman pointed out that the system had identified 718 students for the plan, and the impact on schools will not be the same at each school. How will that break down? Staff stated that to be eligible for the Bridge Plan, the student must have failed the HSA twice, been involved in an approved intervention, achieved acceptable attendance, and be on track for graduation. At the present time, there is a wide variety among schools with eligible students.

Ms. Brandman thought there was a need to communicate what is the real effect on schools, teachers, and students. How will this impact schools that are already trying to provide more foundation and support to make students successful. What are the realistic

opportunities for special education and ESOL students? Staff replied that the modified HSAs will be 50 percent larger than the existing HSAs because the state is adding items to validate the test for this year.

Mrs. O'Neill asked if the state has adopted the Universal Student Identification in order to simplify communication from one county to another. Staff agreed to provide more information on the universal ID for students in MCPS.

Ms. Brandman asked staff to provide a breakdown by high school of the number of students eligible for the Bridge Plan, based on the results of the May HSAs.

Re: **LUNCH AND CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Education recessed for lunch and closed session from 12:20 to 1:30 p.m.

** Mrs. Navarro left the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 158-08 Re: **CONTRACTS OF \$25,000 OR MORE**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Cox, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and contractual services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised, the following contracts will be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as shown below:

626-P E-Mail Notification System

	<u>Awardee</u> Katey Charles Communication	\$ 25,000
NP-FL-0405	Pallet Truck	
	<u>Awardee</u> CFE Equipment Corporation	\$ 30,717
1082.3	Professional Services	
	<u>Awardees</u> (See note) David Barr Ciber, Inc.	

	Computers Hope	
	Linda Gallo	
	James Heffley	
	Lighthouse Management Consulting	
	Managing Technology, Inc.	
	Mason Dixon Consulting*	
	Metro Technical Consulting, Inc.	
	NexGen Infosys, Inc.*	
	RDA	
	Solutions IQ	
	Test Pros, Inc.	
	Milton Wilkerson	
	Total	\$700,000
1154.2	Digital Library Project—Extension	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	ProQuest	\$100,000
4061.8	Musical Instruments, Furniture, and Equipment—Extension	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Cornet Music	\$ 360
	Jordan Kitts Music	70,798
	Music & Arts Center	2,762
	Music in Motion	89
	National Educational Music Company	53,261
	Peripole Bergerault, Inc.*	1,559
	Rhythm Band, Inc.	8,401
	Stageright Corporation	1,685
	Washington Music Sales Center, Inc.*	52,923
	Wenger Corporation	<u>60,441</u>
	Total	\$252,279
4099.4	Fire Alarm Parts	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Alarmax Distributors	\$ 35,574
	Setec	<u>43,384</u>
	Total	\$ 78,958
4119.3	Science Lab Tables—Extension	
	<u>Awardee</u>	

	Diversified Educational System	\$ 38,950
4136	Special Education Supplies and Software	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	At Last, Inc.*	140,417
	Don Johnston, Inc.	30,354
	Enablemart Sales Office	48,233
	Envision Technology, Inc.*	75,225
	Learning Services	23,474
	Prentke Romich Company	82,586
	Renaissance Learning, Inc.	144,025
	Riverside Publishing	41,641
	Technology for Education, Inc.	<u>56,158</u>
	Total	\$ 642,113
4165.1	Professional Development Management System—Extension	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	iAssessment	\$ 300,000
7064.9	Custodial Supplies	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Abel Industries, Inc.	\$ 5,347
	Acme Paper & Supply Company, Inc.	93,299
	Calico Industries, Inc.	55,258
	Central Poly Corporation	12,777
	Daycon Products Company, Inc.	144,937
	FPC Distribution	8,231
	S. Freedman & Sons, Inc.	314,056
	Genesis II, Inc.*	31,872
	Holt Paper & Chemical Company	130,527
	Industrial Products Supply*	2,285
	Laniado Wholesale MTC Products, Inc.*	36,884
	Leonard Paper Company	201,200
	Lynn Ladder & Scaffold Company	187,737
	National Supply Company	23,616
	Porters Supply Company, Inc.	62,145
	Pyramid School Products	12,772
	Solutex, Inc.	21,116
	Supreme Industrial Products, Inc.	11,955
	W. Wiederrecht Marketing, Inc.	<u>22,061</u>
	Total	\$1,378,075

7094.3	Water Cooler Rental and Bottled Water Service	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Crystal Springs Water Company	\$148,695
7122.2	Vehicle Glass Repair and Replacement—Extension	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Banner Glass, Inc.	\$ 75,000
9105.6	Corrugated Boxes—Extension	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Cantwell-Cleary Company, Inc.	\$ 30,218
9514.5	Middle School Athletic Shirts	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Marlow Sports, Inc.*	\$ 51,471
9625.1	Re-roofing at Rolling Terrace Elementary School**	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Orndorff & Spaid, Inc.	\$359,985
9654.1	On Call Electrical Services at Various Locations**	
	<u>Awardees</u> (See note)	
	Complete Electrical Systems, Inc.	
	Tex/Am Construction Company, Inc.*	
	Web Electric, LLC	
	Total	\$300,000
9660.12	Walk-in Cooler Freezer Installation at Various Locations**	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Arbutus Refrigeration, Inc.	\$426,631
9662.1	New Kitchen Hood System at Woodlin Elementary School**	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Guardian Fire Protection Service	\$ 49,850

9663.1 Athletic Room Locker at Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School**

Awardee

Steel Products, Inc.*

\$ 86,314

TOTAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS OVER \$25,000

\$5,074,256

* Denotes Minority-, Female-, or Disabled-owned Business

** Planned Life-cycle Asset Replacement Bid (PLAR)

Note: Contract amounts will be based on individual requirements.

RESOLUTION NO. 158-08

Re: **ACCEPTANCE OF ARCOLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REOPENING PROJECT**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Cox, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, On behalf of the Board of Education, Board Member Christopher Barclay inspected the Arcola Elementary School reopening project on Tuesday, May 6, 2008; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education accept the Arcola Elementary School reopening project and that the official date of completion is that date when formal notice is received from the architect that this project has been completed in accordance with the drawings and specifications, and all contract requirements have been met.

RESOLUTION NO. 160-08

Re: **ACCEPTANCE OF BURNING TREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM PROJECT**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Cox, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, On behalf of the Board of Education, Board Member Patricia B. O'Neill inspected the Burning Tree Elementary School gymnasium project on Tuesday, April 15, 2008; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education accept the Burning Tree Elementary School gymnasium project and that the official date of completion is that date when formal notice is received from the architect that this project has been completed in accordance with the drawings and specifications, and all contract requirements have been met.

RESOLUTION NO. 161-08

Re: **ACCEPTANCE OF NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Cox, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, On behalf of the Board of Education, Board Member Christopher Barclay inspected the Northwood High School improvements project on Tuesday, April 29, 2008; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education accept the Northwood High School improvements project and that the official date of completion is that date when formal notice is received from the architect that this project has been completed in accordance with the drawings and specifications, and all contract requirements have been met.

RESOLUTION NO. 162-08

Re: **REAUTHORIZATION OF ENERGY PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Cox, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, There is a very short duration for analyzing and accepting energy supply offers due to market volatility; and

WHEREAS, A continuing limited delegation of authority is needed to execute energy supply purchases under the energy cost management plan, given the very limited timeframe for analyzing and accepting energy supply offers; and

WHEREAS, The energy supply purchases executed as a result of this delegation of authority are allocated to established Montgomery County Public Schools energy supply accounts in compliance with an energy cost management plan; and

WHEREAS, Periodic energy procurement reports are submitted to the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Similar delegations of authority were approved by the Board of Education on February 23, 2004; February 14, 2006; and October 10, 2006; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the authority to commit Montgomery County Public Schools to electricity or natural gas supply purchases be delegated to Mr. Larry A. Bowers, chief operating officer, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, or Mr. Joseph J. Lavorgna, acting director, Department of Facilities Management; and be it further

Resolved, That the delegation of authority is limited to the energy purchases through existing energy supply contracts and is effective on the date of this resolution and expires on December 31, 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 163-08 Re: **CLARKSBURG/DAMASCUS MIDDLE SCHOOL—SITE SELECTION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Cox seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, Middle school enrollment in the Clarksburg Cluster has increased significantly this past year and is projected to grow throughout the six-year period; and

WHEREAS, The Requested FY 2009–2014 Capital Improvements Program includes a facility planning project to determine feasibility, scope, and cost for a new middle school to serve students in the Clarksburg/Damascus clusters; and

WHEREAS, A Site Selection Advisory Committee convened to consider two potential site candidates and recommended that a 22-acre parcel, known as Arora Hills, be selected for a Clarksburg/Damascus Middle School; and

WHEREAS, The site, located at the intersection of Skylark and Ridge roads (MD 27) in Clarksburg, is well located to serve the Clarksburg and Damascus clusters and is available at no cost to the Board of Education; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Arora Hills site, located at the intersection of Skylark and Ridge roads (MD 27) in Clarksburg, be selected for a Clarksburg/Damascus Middle School; and be it further

Resolved, That the County Council and State Interagency Committee for School Construction be made aware of this action.

RESOLUTION NO. 164-08 Re: **AMENDMENT**

On motion of Ms. Cox and seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the resolution to change “the” to “a” to reflect a feasibility study.

RESOLUTION NO. 165-08

Re: **CLARKSBURG CLUSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—SITE SELECTION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Cox seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, Projections indicate that enrollment at the elementary school level will continue to increase dramatically throughout the six-year period, requiring another elementary school in the Clarksburg Cluster area; and

WHEREAS, The Requested FY 2009–2014 Capital Improvements Program includes a facility planning project to determine feasibility, scope, and cost for a new elementary school to serve students in the Clarksburg Cluster; and

WHEREAS, A Site Selection Advisory Committee convened to consider four potential site candidates and recommended that a 13-acre future park/school parcel, known as Clarksburg Village #1, be selected for a Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, The site, located at the intersection of Grand Elm Street and Snowden Farm Parkway, is well located to serve the Clarksburg Cluster area and is available at no cost to the Board of Education; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Clarksburg Village #1 park/school site be selected for a Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School; and be it further

Resolved, That the County Council and State Interagency Committee for School Construction be made aware of this action.

RESOLUTION NO. 166-08

Re: **UTILIZATION OF THE FY 2008 PROVISION FOR FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECTS FUNDS**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Cox, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, The above-noted grant qualifies for a transfer of appropriation from the Provision for Future Supported Projects, pursuant to the provisions of County Council Resolution No. 15-631, approved May 27, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The above-noted project does not require any present or future county funds; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient appropriation is available, within the FY 2008 Provision for Future Supported Projects, to permit the above-noted transfer within state categories; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend \$2,000 within the FY 2008 Provision for Future Supported Projects, as specified below:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Students Against Starting Smoking	\$ 2,000
Total	<u>\$ 2,000</u>

and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 167-08 Re: **FY 2008 THIRD QUARTER CATEGORY AND OBJECT TRANSFERS REQUEST**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Cox, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to effect FY 2008 categorical transfers of \$10,457 in the following categories:

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Initiative (STEM)

<u>Category</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>T</u> <u>O</u>
3 Instructional Salaries	\$ 7,488	
4 Textbooks and Instructional Materials	2,000	
12 Fixed Charges	_____	<u>\$ 9,488</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,488</u>	<u>\$ 9,488</u>

Title I, Part D—Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk Children

<u>Category</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>T</u> <u>O</u>
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6	Special Education		\$ 969
12	Fixed Charges	\$ 969	
	Total	<u>\$ 969</u>	<u>\$ 969</u>

and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 168-08 Re: **APPOINTMENT OF MCPS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM AND OPEB PLAN TRUST INVESTMENT TRUSTEES**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Cox, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, by Resolution No. 344-95, authorized the establishment of a trust to be used to fund the Montgomery County Public Schools Employees' Retirement and Pension System benefits; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, by Resolution No. 133-07, authorized the establishment of a trust to be used to fund the Montgomery County Public Schools Other Post Employment Benefits; and

WHEREAS, The trustees are a committee composed of the chief operating officer; the chief financial officer; the director of management, budget, and planning; the director of benefits strategy and vendor relations; and the controller; and up to, but no more than, four additional members to be appointed by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, The appointed terms of Mr. Lamont E. Tarbox and Dr. Kenneth K. Muir as trustees will end June 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tarbox and Dr. Muir each have expressed a willingness to serve for an additional three-year term; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Mr. Lamont E. Tarbox and Dr. Kenneth K. Muir be re-appointed as trustees for a term ending June 30, 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 169-08 Re: **HUMAN RESOURCES MONTHLY REPORT**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Cox seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the Human Resources Monthly Report dated May 13, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 170-08 Re: **HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Cox seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved, effective, July 1, 2008:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Sean Bulson	Principal, Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	Director of School Performance

RESOLUTION NO. 171-08 Re: **HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Cox seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved effective , May 14, 2008:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Judith Pattik	Acting Director, Special Education Operations	Director, Special Education Operations

RESOLUTION NO. 172-08 Re: **HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Cox seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved, effective, July 1, 2008:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Diane Mohr	Supervisor, Title I Programs	Executive Assistant, School performance

RESOLUTION NO. 173-08

Re: **HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Cox seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved, effective, May 14, 2008:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>As</u>
Genevieve Floyd	Acting Coordinator, Montgomery College/MCPS Partnership	Coordinator, Montgomery College/MCPS Partnership

Re: **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Larry Bowers, chief operating officer, stated that this financial report reflects the actual financial condition of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), as of March 31, 2008, and projections through June 30, 2008, based on program requirements and estimates made by primary and secondary account managers. At this time, projected revenues exceed the amount budgeted for revenues by \$3,800,000, while projected expenses are \$14,100,000 below budget. Staff will continue to closely monitor both revenues and expenditures.

RESOLUTION NO. 174-08

Re: **PRELIMINARY PLANS—CABIN JOHN MIDDLE SCHOOL MODERNIZATION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Cox, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The architect for the proposed addition to Cabin John Middle School, Samaha Associates, P.C., has prepared a schematic design in accordance with the educational specifications; and

WHEREAS, The Cabin John Middle School Facility Advisory Committee has provided input for the proposed schematic design; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the preliminary plans report for the addition of Cabin John Middle School developed by Samaha Associates, P.C.

Re: **UPDATE ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Dr. Weast invited the following people to the table: Ms. Shelley Johnson, director, Division of Career and Technology Education; Mr. Edmund Hodge, chief administrative officer and executive vice president, Adventist HealthCare, and vice-chair, Montgomery County

Business Roundtable for Education Advisory Board; Ms. Jessica Steinmann, student, Advanced Engineering—Project Lead The Way, Wheaton High School; Mr. Michael Wenzlaff, Jr., student, IT Foundation, Network Operations, Rockville High School; Ms. Kimberly Jackson, academy lead teacher, Seneca Valley High School; Mr. Foday Sackor, analyst, Accenture, Inc. and MCPS graduate, Academy of Finance program; Mr. Thomas DeGonia, attorney at law, Venable Law Offices, and president, Montgomery County Collaboration Board for Career and Technology Education.

An estimated 90 percent of the fastest-growing and best-paying occupations require at least some postsecondary education. Today, employers demand the same skill sets from new employees as colleges demand from new students. As a result, the days of nonacademic vocational education in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) have been replaced with the expectation that all students graduate ready for college and career success.

Career and Technology Education (CTE) is undergoing a significant transformation to prepare students for successful futures by—

- increasing student engagement in learning through real-world connections;
- providing opportunities to earn industry/professional credentials to obtain higher entry-level wages; and
- ensuring defined pathways to high-wage, high-demand professions with potential for career advancement.

These elements are integral to Career Pathway Programs (CPPs) that have been developed in MCPS, based on national models. Both Advanced Engineering—Project Lead the Way (PLTW) and the Academy of Finance (AOF) provide engaging and challenging academics through a sequence of relevant courses and capstone experiences that also include Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and college courses; internships; and attainment of industry/professional credentials. Design elements from these successful programs are driving the redesign of the remaining CPPs to best serve students.

Early results indicate an increase in the number of students who complete both University System of Maryland requirements and a CPP, positioning them for multiple opportunities after graduation. It is MCPS' goal that all graduates be prepared for credit-bearing entry-level college courses and workforce training programs associated with high-wage, high-demand career fields.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Abrams asked what the next steps are in career education. Staff replied that interactive media and the arts are also part of the CTE curriculum. Mr. Abrams inquired if there was a plan to integrate vocational skills into an academy. Staff replied that it is based on student interest. For example cabinet making was discontinued because there were only 10 students enrolled. However, there are other skill classes taught, such as masonry. Mr. Abrams stated that he supported the push to develop a skilled labor force in Montgomery

County. This is an area where alternatives can be presented to students to increase life-time skills. Finally, he stated that the system should not denigrate the value of those who want to work with their hands, and he worried that the system was not giving equal opportunity to those students.

Dr. Docca stated that she was pleased with the CTE curriculum because it widens the horizons for all students. The courses require students to read and write well, as well as focus on long-term goals. Furthermore, internships and partnerships are important.

Mr. Moskowitz suggested that the Strategic Plan language – An important milestone of Goal 1: Ensure Success for Every Student of the MCPS strategic plan, *Our Call to Action: Pursuit of Excellence*, states “All students will graduate prepared for postsecondary education or employment.” – should not separate postsecondary education and employment with an “or” but might be an “and.” Also, Mr. Moskowitz requested more information on the state requirement for the technology education credit.

Ms. Cox asked what MCPS’ capacity was if more students were interested in taking CTE courses. Staff explained that they could accommodate a 30 percent increase. Furthermore, they were looking to the future with a more integrated curriculum, beginning in elementary school, and CTE will become part of middle school reform. Ms. Cox suggested that communication is a key to success, since most of the community still has the old model in mind. Families should understand the benefits of these programs.

Mrs. O’Neill pointed out that math requirements are very high for many of the trades, and there needs to be the connection between school and the real world. Any child can dream and should be given the opportunity to succeed.

Ms. Brandman said that the vision is to build a strong foundation from which all students can be successful, including CTE and college.

Re: **MABE PRESENTATION AND DIALOGUE**

The executive director and president of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) presented the highlights and programs available to local boards of education. MABE represents all boards of education and is the primary and preeminent voice for public education in Maryland. It challenges, leads, and assists local boards to create and maintain excellent public schools for all of Maryland’s children. MABE works collaboratively with all stakeholders to ensure that all students achieve all that they can envision as learners, dreamers, and producers.

RESOLUTION NO. 176-08

Re: **CLOSED-SESSION RESOLUTION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Dr. Docca, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

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 closed session on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center to meet from 5:30 to 6:00 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*; review and adjudicate appeals in its quasi-judicial capacity; and 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 177-08

Re: **REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

On April 28, 2008, by 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 a closed session on April 28, 2008, from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, and did the following:

1. Reviewed and unanimously approved the closed session minutes from December 11, 2007.
2. Unanimously approved the Decision and Order for Appeal 2008-6.
3. Reviewed and considered the following appeal in its quasi-judicial capacity outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the *State Government Article*): 2008-8.
4. Discussed the Human Resources Monthly Report and Appointments with a subsequent vote in open session, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the *State Government Article*.

5. Received legal advice, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(7) of the *State Government Article*.
6. Discussed matters of an administrative function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the *State Government Article*).

In attendance at the closed sessions were Steve Abrams, Christopher Barclay, Steve Bedford, Larry Bowers, Shirley Brandman, Patrick Clancy, Sherwin Collette, Sharon Cox, Judy Docca, Brian Edwards, Ursula Hermann, Roland Ikheloa, Suzann King, Frieda Lacey, Erick Lang, Susan Marks, Ben Moskowitz, Nancy Navarro, Pat O'Neill, Glenda Rose, Laura Steinberg, Frank Stetson, Adrian Talley, Jerry Weast, and Carey Wright.

RESOLUTION NO. 178-08 Re: **MINUTES**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the minutes for the meetings of January 8, 9, 16, 23, and 24, 2008.

Re: **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

Re: **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

The following items were available:

1. Legal Fees Report
2. Construction Progress Report

RESOLUTION NO. 179-08 Re: **ADJOURNMENT**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Ms. Cox the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting of May 13, 2008, at 4:10 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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