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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, October 21, 2008, at 5:25 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  
Ms. Quratul-Ann Malik  
Mrs. Patricia O'Neill  
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

The Board of Education met with the Executive Board of the Montgomery County Association of Administrative and Supervisory Personnel (MCAASP) and discussed the following agenda items.

### **COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION**

Dr. Newman stated that the administrators have a strong interest in continuing the collaborative partnerships and opportunities. MCAASP members would like to maintain that commitment and were interested in the perspective of Board of Education members. There was a discussion about relationships based on trust that fosters candid conversations. A suggestion was made that there is a need to be intentional about relationships.

The Board was impressed with how well students from different cultures and styles are achieving within schools. There is room for improvement, but the Board should have a relationship with principals to identify issues within the school and community.

MCAASP members shared what it was like to be a young administrator within MCPS. All agreed that many professional and personal pressures are involved in operating a school to ensure achievement for all children.

### **CONTINUING DIALOGUE**

This dialogue opened a segue to the culture of respect and race/diversity. The consensus was that there is trepidation in dealing with racial issues; however, the issue is children's education. The Board knows that it is critical to take the next steps. It is imperative to

create an educational environment that is comfortable for all students.

At the end of the meeting with MCAASP, Dr. Newman suggested that MCAASP get together with the Board to discuss minority suspensions and the impact on education. Board staff will follow up with MCAASP leadership on logistics for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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