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Rockville, Maryland
December 22, 1980

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, December 22, 1980, at 8 p.m.

Roll Call Present: Mrs. Carol F. Wallace, President in the
Chair
Mr. Joseph R. Barse
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt*
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Spencer
Miss Traci Williams
Mrs. Eleanor D. Zappone

Absent: Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser

Others Present: Dr. Edward Andrews, Superintendent of
Schools
Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Robert S. Shaffner, Executive
Assistant

Resolution No. 710-80 Re: Approval of the Agenda

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mr. Barse, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for December 22 with the change of the item on the High School Core Curriculum to discussion/action and with a break in lieu of an executive session.*

* Dr. Greenblatt joined the meeting after the adoption of this resolution.

Re: Presentation of National School
Public Relations Association
Plaque

On behalf of NSPRA, the superintendent presented a plaque to Mrs. Sally Keeler for her years of outstanding service on the NSPRA Executive Board.

Resolution No. 711-80 Re: Bid 27-81, Magazine Subscriptions

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Zappone seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Funds will be requested in the superintendent's FY 82

budget for the purchase of magazine subscriptions; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised October 1, 1980, the contract for the furnishing of magazine subscriptions for the period of December 23, 1980, through December 11, 1981, under Invitation to Bid 27-81 be awarded to:

Popular Subscription Services, Terre Haute, Indiana,

low bidder meeting specifications.

Resolution No. 712-80 Re: Bid 43-81, Overhaul of
Centrifugal and Absorption
Chillers

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Zappone seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the overhaul of centrifugal and absorption chillers; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised October 30, 1980, the contracts for the overhaul of centrifugal and absorption chillers for the period of December 23, 1980, through June 22, 1981, under Invitation to Bid 43-81 be awarded to:

Boland Trane Services, Inc., Rockville, Maryland
York Division, Borg-Warner Corporation, Alexandria, Virginia
Johnson Controls, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia
Servidyne, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia,

low bidders meeting specifications.

Resolution No. 713-80 Re: Award of Construction Contract -
Food Services Warehouse Facility
(Area 5)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barse and Mrs. Wallace abstaining (Miss Williams affirmative):

WHEREAS, Sealed bids were received on December 2 to contract a new food services warehouse facility as indicated below:

| Bidder | Base Bid | Alt.1* | Add Alt.2** | Add | Total*** |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------|
| 1. Baron Builders Inc. | \$1,487,533 | | \$1,800 | \$ 400 | |
| | \$1,489,733 | | | | |
| 2. L. F. Jennings, Inc. | 1,525,000 | | 2,500 | | |
| | 1,500 | | | | |
| | 1,529,000 | | | | |
| 3. Northwood Contractors, | 1,526,500 | | 2,300 | | |

| | | | |
|-------|--------------------------|-----------|-------|
| 400 | 1,529,200 | | |
| | Inc. | | |
| 4. | Jesse Dustin & Son, Inc. | 1,538,000 | 2,500 |
| 500 | 1,541,000 | | |
| 5. | S & J Associates | 1,581,854 | 2,300 |
| 700 | 1,584,854 | | |
| 6. | R. J. Henley Construc- | 1,583,976 | 1,800 |
| 400 | 1,586,176 | | |
| | tion Co., Inc. | | |
| 7. | Edmar Constr. Co., Inc. | 1,625,000 | 2,500 |
| 650 | 1,628,150 | | |
| 8. | Jonal Corporation | 1,656,000 | 2,500 |
| 1,500 | 1,660,000 | | |

*Alternate 1 - Electric overhead door operator

**Alternate 2 - Seamless flooring with resilient pad

***Recommended award includes Alternates 1 and 2.

and,

WHEREAS, The low bidder is Baron Builders Inc., which firm has performed satisfactorily on similar projects in the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funds exist in the Food Services Warehouse project to award this contract; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a contract be awarded to Baron Builders, Inc., for \$1,489,733 which constitutes the base bid and add alternates 1 and 2 to accomplish the requirements of the plans and specifications entitled "Food Services Inventory Facility," dated November 4, 1980, prepared by Mills, Clagett and Wening, architect.

Resolution No. 714-80

Re: Dedication of Storm Water Basin
and Right of-Way at Martin Luther
King Junior High School (Area 5)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, At the time of acquisition of the Neelsville High School site, later to be called the Area 5 Junior High School site, it was known that a future dedication of land would be required for the rights-of-way of Neelsville Church Road and Maryland Route 355; and

WHEREAS, Upon determination of the need for a secondary school facility at the Area 5 Junior High School site, now known as Martin Luther King Junior High School, school staff and Department of Transportation officials agreed to a realignment for the Neelsville Church Road right-of-way to provide better access to the school and the neighboring community; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation agreed to provide funding for the actual construction of the new road alignment and appurtenances thereto, with the understanding that the new roadway

would be dedicated to public use and ownership; and

WHEREAS, A dedication plat and property description has been prepared by the engineering firm of John H. McGovern; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the president and secretary be authorized to execute a plat dedicating to public use approximately 223,846 square feet or 5.1388 acres of land representing the rights-of-way for the new Neelsville Church Road and the widening of Maryland Route 355 and all open space thereby separated from the Martin Luther King Junior High School site configuration.

Resolution No. 715-80 Re: Authorization to Transfer State Funds for Various Capital Projects

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The State Interagency Committee has transferred residual state funds from various capital projects thereby necessitating amendments to the FY 1972 through FY 1981 Capital Improvements Programs; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent, subject to approval by the County Council, be authorized to reduce state appropriation authority as indicated below:

| State Fund Reductions | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----|--------------|
| School No. | | FY | Amount |
| 102-10 | Germantown Elementary School | '79 | \$ |
| 1,784.00 | | | |
| 107-01 | Martin Luther King, Jr. | '81 | |
| 72,106.00 | | | |
| | Junior High School | | |
| 422-06 | Wyngate Elementary School | '72 | |
| 3,303.00 | | | |
| 501-06 | Sherwood Elementary School | '76 | |
| 30,823.00 | | | |
| 550-01 | Independence Elementary School | '75 | |
| 4,145.00 | | | |
| 754-06 | Takoma Park Elementary | '78 | |
| 14,913.00 | | | |
| 759-07 | Montgomery Hills Jr. High School | '75 | |
| 43,552.00 | | | |
| 796-06 | Northwood High School | '75 | |
| 103,240.00 | | | |
| | Total | | \$273,866.00 |

and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive be requested to recommend to the County Council approval of these actions including amendments

to the FY 1972 through FY 1981 Capital Improvements Programs.

Resolution No. 716-80 Re: Additional Positions for Energy Management

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barse abstaining (Miss Williams affirmative):

WHEREAS, The need for energy conservation in MCPS becomes more evident as utility and fuel costs escalate; and

WHEREAS, Additional staff are urgently needed to efficiently expedite the expansion of the MCPS computerized energy management system; now therefore be it

Resolved, That four Grade 19 positions, titled energy technicians, be authorized; and be it further

Resolved, That these four positions be funded from cumulative capital funds appropriated for energy conservation.

Resolution No. 717-80 Re: Approval of New Curriculum

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Greenblatt seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barse voting in the negative; Mr. Ewing abstaining (Miss Williams affirmative):

WHEREAS, The school laws of Maryland specify that the county superintendent shall prepare courses of study and recommend them for adoption by the county Board (The Public School Laws of Maryland, Article 77, Section 4-205); and

WHEREAS, The school laws of Maryland also state that the county Board, on the written recommendation of the county superintendent, shall establish courses of study for the schools under its jurisdiction (The Public School Laws of Maryland, Article 77, Section 4-110); and

WHEREAS, Board of Education policy has resolved "that newly developed curriculum documents will be presented to the Board of Education for consideration approximately one month prior to the date on which approval will be sought and the superintendent of schools may extend this period to allow further time for citizen reaction to curriculum documents dealing with sensitive...." (From Board Resolution No. 400-73, June 18, 1973); and

WHEREAS, The Program of Studies is the document which contains the prescribed curriculum elements, including instructional objectives, of all MCPS curriculum programs and courses (MCPS Regulation 345-1

Development and Approval of Curriculum and Supporting Materials);
and

WHEREAS, Excellence in curriculum can be maintained only by
continuing attention to the need for curriculum change; and

WHEREAS, The Council on Instruction, charged by the superintendent
with considering recommendations for curriculum change, has
expressed approval of one new course; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommends that the Board approve the
course; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve Money and Banking as
a business education course for publication in the MCPS Program of
Studies as part of the MCPS curriculum.

Resolution No. 718-80 Re: Submission of an FY 1982 Proposal
for a Grant to Develop K-8
Curriculum and Support
Materials for Asian Students

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs.
Zappone seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution was
adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to
submit an FY 1982 proposal to the U.S. Department of Education for
funds under the Ethnic Heritage Studies Program P.L. 95-561 to
develop K-8 curriculum and support materials for Asian students;
and be it further

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

Resolution No. 719-80 Re: Submission of an FY 1981
Professional Development Center
Proposal

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs.
Zappone seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution was
adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to
submit an FY 1981 proposal to MSDE for funds to develop a
Professional Development Demonstration Center in a junior high
school for training for gifted and talented program refinement and
supervision; and be it further

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

Re: Board/Press/Visitor Conference

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Mrs. Zoe Lefkowitz, MCCPTA
2. Mr. Richard Weintraub

Re: High School Core Curriculum

Mrs. Wallace pointed out that the Board had received a memorandum from Mrs. Peyser who had asked some pointed questions. She said that the Board would be discussing the core at its all-day meeting in January. Dr. Lois Martin, associate superintendent for instruction and program development, explained that she and staff were prepared to respond to the questions raised by Mrs. Peyser and those raised by Dr. Greenblatt in her memorandum. Dr. Greenblatt said that her questions were really for the Board. When they had adopted the policy statement, they stated there shall be a comprehensive program and a core of courses. She did not think it was the intent of the Board to create a tutorial program for students. She felt that the intent was to have a core of those things necessary for a high school diploma. She said that there were obviously other courses available but not for under 15 students. She suggested that it was not good policy for the Board to promise what they could not deliver. She felt they should reduce the number of courses in Category 1 and move them into Category 2 with a minimum enrollment of 15 students. Category 3 would have a different numbering system. She indicated that students had never had this before and one or two students could request that a course be offered for them.

Mrs. Spencer stated that one of the reasons for the core was that they had unequal offerings in certain schools and did not have advanced placement courses in every school. Dr. Greenblatt said they could have a certain number of academic courses but it would be more appropriate to limit the courses in Categories 1 and 2. If a school had sufficient staff, they could offer these courses. She felt that if the Board required more academic courses, students would be taking more of these. Mrs. Spencer asked whether it would be possible for a student needing AP English to get this in a regular English class with additional requirements. Dr. Martin agreed that it would be possible to combine levels which was done frequently.

The superintendent commented that he was worried that they were in the trade-off business between facilities and program. He was recommending what was based on current practice which seemed to be a reasonable program. He agreed that this could get costly but he felt they should not let a high school get so small it couldn't offer the basic core. He said that if they had a minimal core they could be taking the first step to a terrible contraction of offerings. He felt that the core of courses should be reasonably broad and comprehensive. He stated that if they cut the proposed core down then the school system would be in a position of cutting students off from learning.

Mr. Barse noted that it had been suggested that the Category 1 courses be restricted to courses required for graduation, and he wondered how much of a cutback this would be. The superintendent replied that out of the 20 credits, only nine were specified. Mr. Barse asked that Dr. Greenblatt give the Board a definition of the required courses in Category 1. He asked whether it would be possible to define Category 1 as those courses required for graduation plus meritorious courses with a certain number of students enrolled. Dr. Greenblatt pointed out that as part of the high school policy the Board had stated that students must be in school full time. She had serious reservations about the extent of the proposed core. Mr. Barse suggested that they had to look at the different proposals and needed a new memo showing how these were laid out.

Mrs. Zappone believed it was the Board's intention to make these courses available to every student, but not necessarily every year. Dr. Martin indicated that these courses were given in every case in every school. She said that it was possible to pare them down further, but they did not believe this was feasible. Dr. Gabriel Massaro, director of the Department of Instructional Planning and Development, added that all but five of the 60 courses were offered in all of the high schools. The average enrollment was mid to upper twenties. Dr. Martin pointed out that an overwhelming majority of students were enrolled in these courses.

Mr. Ewing remarked that it might well be that they were tilting at windmills because the proposed basic core was indeed offered in all high schools. He felt that the new proposal would do immense damage to the programs for college bound students. He said that the options should be as useful and meaningful as possible; however, the interests of students did vary and it should be possible for them to pursue a variety of activities. He felt that it would be a tremendous disservice to students and their parents to move in this direction because the minutes were very clear that the Board decided that every high school should have a core of courses and go beyond the minimum.

Mrs. Wallace commented that there were many places where she would want to go beyond what Dr. Greenblatt was suggesting. She wondered how they could offer Theatre I if they did not have a minimum of 10 to 15 students. Mr. Richard Pioli, director of the Division of Aesthetic Education, explained that this was not a production course; it was a basic appreciation course. Miss Williams added that they did have a good enrollment in Theatre I, but Theatre II and the advanced courses were courses for a smaller number of students. She suggested that they need to come up with a statement on what should be required and that each Board member should write down the basic philosophy behind their suggestions.

Mrs. Wallace asked for information on what schools were not offering the proposed basic core, and Dr. Martin agreed to take another look at this. Mrs. Spencer said they needed to take a look at whether no one signed up for these offerings, and Mrs. Wallace

thought they had to look at whether the schools had the capability to offer these courses. Mr. Barse said that if they were going to go with a broadly defined core of courses, he would not have much of a problem with that if they could get the resources. He would get the resources for Category 1 and 2 by pulling them out of Category 3. He said that this was the argument for cutting back on the number of electives in Category 3, and he thought they should make a commitment if they were going with Category 1 and 2 not to add additional staff except maybe the five or ten that had been identified. Mrs. Wallace asked that staff provide the Board with some idea of class sizes in Category 1.

Re: A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt to
Amend the Proposed Resolution on
the Core of Courses

Dr. Greenblatt moved the following which was seconded by Mrs. Zappone:

Resolved, That the proposed resolution on the core of courses be amended to add an additional Resolved; "Resolved, That the core of courses may be offered on alternate years or in combined classes or offered in adjacent schools with transportation provided."

Mr. Ewing requested that Dr. Greenblatt provide the Board with a written explanation of her proposed amendment. Mrs. Wallace indicated that the amendment would be the first item of business when the Board returned to this subject.

Re: Monthly Financial Report

The superintendent stated that when they were on short funds there were two ways to solve the problem. The first was to curtail expenses and they had done some of that. The second was to come up with additional revenues. He noted that last month they were predicting a \$2.3 million shortage, and this report increased that to \$3.1 million. He pointed out that the General Assembly had put a cap on what the state would pay on the employer's share of social security, and MCPS had not budgeted for this. He said they had less money budgeted for fuel than they spent last year. He noted a decrease in the projected deficit in Category 15.

The superintendent indicated that they had received \$600,000 in impact aid and hoped for another \$1.2 million. They had additional funds from the state for transportation and social security. Mr. Ewing inquired about impact aid and whether they were working on FY 1981 dollars. Dr. Roy Stern replied that he was correct. Mr. Ewing wondered what would happen if Congress changed the impact aid before the end of FY 1981. He said that if Congress made a cut and the new administration proposed a further cut he wondered what they might experience. The superintendent explained that it was for this reason that they were trying to get the funds in hand. Dr. Greenblatt pointed out that they had a perennial argument about

surpluses coming back to MCPS. The superintendent replied that if the Council did not want to appropriate these funds including impact aid they did not have to. Mr. Barse inquired about the increase in the transportation deficit due to tires and tubes. The superintendent explained that they had made a mistake last month and had not included this in their report. Dr. Pitt added that they had new people in that department and they did not include these funds in their reporting.

Resolution No. 720-80 Re: Recommended FY 1981 Supplemental
Appropriation from MSDE, Federal
Government, and Local Funding
Activity Toward Offsetting
Projected Budget Deficits

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Barse seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized, subject to County Council approval, to receive and expend revenues amounting to \$1,242,559 (impact aid, \$598,194) from federal, state (social security \$242,041 and transportation \$246,824), and local sources (joint occupancy \$125,500) and to appropriate a surplus from FY 1980 of \$437,381 to be applied to accounts in the following categories:

| Category | Supplemental |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 06 Pupil Transportation | \$ 246,824 |
| 07 Operation of Plant and Equipment | 835,575 |
| 09 Fixed Charges | 272,041 |
| 15 Outgoing Transfers | 325,500 |
| Total | \$1,679,940 |

and be it further

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

Resolution No. 721-80 Re: Amendment to the FY 1982 Capital
Improvements Program (CIP)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education on December 9 approved a FY 1982 Capital Budget of \$23,045,000 of which \$15,078,000 was requested from the state and \$7,967,000 from the county; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Council has not approved the Board of Education request to the Interagency Committee for construction funding for the Woodward High School auditorium in FY 1982; now

therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education amends the FY 1982 Capital Improvements Program to defer the construction funding request to the Interagency Committee for Woodward auditorium to FY 1983, but will request these funds from the county in FY 1982, resulting in a total budget request of \$23,045,000 of which \$13,241,000 is requested from the state and \$9,804,000 from the county; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approves the following priority list for state-eligible projects:

- 1) Wheaton High School/Regional Vocational-Technical Facility
- 2) Gaithersburg Elementary School
- 3) Farquhar Middle School

Resolution No. 722-80

Re: Executive Session - January 13,
1981

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Zappone seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barse abstaining (Miss Williams affirmative):

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by Article 76A, Section 11(a) of the Annotated Code of Maryland to conduct certain of its meetings in executive closed session; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County hereby conduct its meeting in executive closed session beginning on January 13, 1981, at 9 a.m. to discuss, consider, deliberate, and/or otherwise decide the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, compensation, discipline, removal, or resignation of employees, appointees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or any other personnel matter affecting one or more particular individuals, to consult with legal counsel, and to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirement protecting particular proceedings or matters from public disclosure as permitted under Article 76A, Section 11(a) and that such meeting shall continue in executive closed session until the completion of business; and be it further

Resolved, That such meeting continue in executive closed session at noon to discuss the matters listed above as permitted under Article 76A, Section 11(a) and that such meeting shall continue in executive closed session until the completion of business.

Re: Board Member Comments

1. Mr. Barse stated that he would abstain on executive session resolutions unless the resolutions were much more specific in

giving the topics proposed for executive session. He suggested that the Board discuss the attorney general's opinion on executive sessions in an open session meeting.

Re: New Business

1. Dr. Greenblatt introduced the following proposed resolution which was seconded by Mr. Barse:

Resolved, That the Board asks that the superintendent draft an elementary school policy (K-8) which is to be a companion to the new senior high school policy and ready for implementation in September, 1981; and be it further

Resolved, That Board members will list their concerns for the superintendent so that the staff can reflect these in the initial draft of the policy.

2. Mr. Ewing moved and Mr. Barse seconded the following:

Resolved, That the Board set some time between now and the final adoption of the budget to review and discuss the report of the state commission of which Mr. Weintraub spoke.

Mrs. Spencer asked whether they had a work session on the budget that could be scheduled for special education. Mrs. Wallace said that she would be working with Mr. Bowers on the budget review schedule, and she asked whether Board members would be able to be present for the 4 p.m. meetings. Mr. Ewing replied that he had never agreed to these meetings. He indicated that he would be out of town on January 5 and 6. Mrs. Wallace asked that Board members indicate when they would be able to attend the review sessions.

3. Miss Williams moved and Mrs. Spencer seconded the following:

Resolved, That the departmental semester exams be designated as pilot exams and not be listed on student records until they are evaluated.

Resolution No. 723-80

Re: Minutes of November 11,
1980

On motion of Mrs. Zappone seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the minutes of November 11, 1980, be approved as amended.

Re: Senior Class Trips

Mr. Ewing moved and Mr. Barse seconded the following:

Resolved, That the Board reconsider its policy requiring 50 percent participation on class trips.

Resolution No. 724-80

Re: An Amendment to the Proposed
Resolution on Senior Class
Trips

On motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mr. Ewing the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Barse, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Wallace voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Zappone voting in the negative; Dr. Greenblatt abstaining (Miss Williams affirmative):

Resolved, That the proposed resolution on class trips be amended to add "the staff is to come up with alternatives and options regarding senior class trips."

Re: A Motion on Senior Class Trips
(FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing that the Board reconsider its policy requiring 50 percent participation on class trips and ask the staff to come up with alternatives and options regarding senior class trips failed with Mr. Barse, Mr. Ewing, and Mrs. Wallace voting in the affirmative; Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the negative (Miss Williams affirmative).

Re: Proposed Resolution on
Departmental Examination
Evaluations

On December 9, 1980, Mrs. Spencer moved and Mr. Ewing seconded the following:

Resolved, That an evaluation of departmental examinations administered in January, 1981, be made and recommendations concerning its continuation for the second semester and in subsequent years be brought back to the Board of Education during February, 1981, for timely consideration especially as concerned with the spring semester 1981.

Re: A Substitute Motion on
Departmental Examination
Evaluations

Dr. Greenblatt moved and Mr. Barse seconded the following:

Resolved, That an evaluation of departmental examinations administered in January, 1981, be made and recommendations concerning its implementation for the second semester and in subsequent years be brought back to the Board of Education during February, 1981, for timely consideration especially as concerned with the spring semester 1981.

Resolution No. 725-80

Re: An Amendment to the Proposed
Substitute Motion on Departmental
Examination Evaluations

On motion of Mr. Barse seconded by Mrs. Zappone, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Barse, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing abstaining (Miss Williams affirmative):

Resolved, That the proposed substitute motion on departmental examination evaluations be amended by substituting "during March, 1981" for "during February, 1981."

For the record, Mr. Ewing stated that he would vote against the substitute motion. The reason he was voting against it was not because he was opposed to evaluation, but because he thought evaluation was a term that was misused on something that was intended to be of this quicky characteristic. Secondly he said an evaluation ought to give one information that one used to make a judgment about whether or not one was going to continue to do something. He said this was an evaluation to be used to decide not whether or not to do something but simply in order to adjust it slightly. He did not think evaluation was the right term for what was intended there, and he did not favor continuation in any event so he did not see any point in this.

Re: A Substitute Motion on
Departmental Examination
Evaluations (FAILED)

A substitute motion by Dr. Greenblatt that an evaluation of departmental examinations administered in January, 1981, be made and recommendations concerning its implementation for the second semester and in subsequent years be brought back to the Board of Education during March, 1981, for timely consideration especially as concerned with the spring semester 1981 failed with Mr. Barse and Mrs. Wallace voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the negative (Miss Williams negative).

Re: Proposed Amendment to Resolution
on Departmental Examination
Evaluations

Miss Williams attempted to introduce an amendment to the resolution on departmental examination evaluations. The chair suggested that this could be taken up after the Board considered Mrs. Spencer's proposed resolution. For the record, Mr. Ewing stated that he thought it was a wrong ruling.

Re: A Motion on Departmental
Examination Evaluations
(FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Spencer that an evaluation of departmental examinations administered in January, 1981, be made and recommendations concerning its continuation for the second semester

and in subsequent years be brought back to the Board of Education during February, 1981, for timely consideration especially as concerned with the spring semester 1981 failed with Mrs. Spencer voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barse, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the negative; Mr. Ewing abstaining (Miss Williams affirmative).

Re: A Motion by Miss Williams
Regarding Departmental
Examinations (FAILED)

A motion by Miss Williams that the January departmental examinations be designated as a pilot exam and, therefore, not counted on student records failed with Mr. Barse, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the negative; Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Spencer abstaining (Miss Williams affirmative).

Resolution No. 726-80

Re: Meeting with MCEA Representatives
about the Policy on Early
Childhood Education

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Barse, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Wallace voting in the affirmative; Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Zappone abstaining (Miss Williams affirmative):

Resolved, That the Board accept the offer made by MCEA in Dr. Eberly's letter of November 24 to bring to the Board a group of teachers, particularly kindergarten teachers, who would bring to the Board their views about the early childhood education policy.

For the record, Dr. Greenblatt stated she had abstained because the Board had had an afternoon meeting with the kindergarten teachers and a public hearing on the policy.

Re: Items of Information

Board members received the following items of information:

1. Information on Cable Television
2. Proposed Policy on Master Plan for School Facilities
3. Class Size
4. Application for a Grant under the Ethnic Heritage Studies Program

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 11 p.m.

President

Secretary

EA:ml