APPROVED Rockville, Maryland February 4, 1985 12-1985 The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, February 4, 1985, at 8 p.m. Present: Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg, President in ROLL CALL the Chair Dr. James E. Cronin Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo Mr. Blair G. Ewing Dr. Jeremiah Floyd Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye Absent: Miss Jacquie Duby Others Present: Dr. Wilmer S. Cody, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Robert S. Shaffner, Executive Assistant Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: Announcement

Dr. Shoenberg announced that Miss Duby was participating in the Senate Youth program this week. She had requested permission to attend the Board's budget meetings; however, permission had been denied.

> Re: Proposed Reduction in Operating Budget

Dr. Pitt described possible reductions of \$276,000 in gasoline and \$175,000 in fuel oil. He said that he would have more definite figures for the Board before final action was taken on the budget. He also indicated that there was a potential for purchasing 14-19 fewer buses next year.

Re: Request for Additional Information

Mrs. Praisner asked that Board members be provided with all the materials that had been produced in regard to the Ride-on pilot project including the answers to some questions about legal responsibilities.

Re: Superintendent's Amendments to the FY 1986 Operating Budget

Dr. Cody listed the following as his proposed amendments to the Operating Budget:

- 1. Employee Assistance \$2,000 in professional part-time.
- 2. Supportive Services one exterminator position
- 3. Six elementary art positions estimated \$145,000
- 4. Category 14 six positions for cable television (two professional and four supporting services)
- 5. Guidance Program approximately \$150,000 to \$175,000
- 6. 50 teachers for all-day kindergarten
- 7. Reductions in class size in Grades 1-6 approximately \$3.1 million

Re: A Motion by Mrs. Praisner to Amend the FY 1986 Operating Budget

Mrs. Praisner moved and Dr. Cronin seconded the following:

Resolved, That the FY 1986 Operating Budget be amended by the addition of \$1.7 million to reduce class size K-3 and to reduce large academic classes in secondary schools.

She explained that where it was not possible to use teachers in the elementary schools, aides would be employed. Mr. Ewing suggested that they use \$700,000 for elementary schools, \$600,000 for large secondary English classes, and \$400,000 for other large academic classes. He asked for a preliminary broad statement regarding reductions in the area of class size to permit improvements in instruction. Mr. Ewing also requested a statement from the county executive on increases in his original recommendations based on additional enrollment.

Re: Area Offices

The superintendent agreed to present a recommendation on increases in area office personnel.

Resolution No. 56-85 Re: An Amendment to the FY 1986 Operating Budget, Psychological Services

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the FY 1986 Operating Budget be amended to add the following:

Add \$35,000 for psychological services (\$25,000 in professional part-time, and \$10,000 in clerical part-time)

Mr. Ewing's original motion was for \$35,000 for professional part-time, and at the suggestion of Mrs. Praisner he modified the motion to include clerical part-time.

Re: A Motion by Mr. Ewing to Amend the FY 1986 Operating Budget

Mr. Ewing moved and Dr. Cronin seconded the following motion: Resolved, That the FY 1986 Operating Budget be amended by the following:

Add \$200,000 for the Head Start Program and add \$300,000 for all-day kindergarten

Mrs. Praisner requested additional information from the superintendent on space available, transportation issues, and which clusters would and could receive additional all-day classes. Mr. Ewing requested information on whether it would make better sense to increase the program by another three or four teachers after staff had looked at all the options for placing these all-day classes.

Dr. Cronin asked that staff also look at the issue of Chapter 1. Dr. Shoenberg requested an "informal" vote, and the Board indicated their unanimous support for Mr. Ewing's motion. Dr. Pitt indicated that staff would want to add funds for kindergarten furniture and equipment.

> Re: A Motion to Amend the FY 1986 Operating Budget

Mr. Ewing moved and Mrs. DiFonzo seconded the following:

Resolved, That the FY 1986 Operating Budget be increased by eight elementary school teachers (four art and four instrumental music) in the amount of \$194,512.

Resolution No. 57-85 Re: An Amendment to the Proposed Motion to Add Eight Elementary School Teachers

On motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Dr. Floyd, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Dr. Floyd, and Mrs. Slye voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Praisner and Dr. Shoenberg abstaining:

Resolved, That Mr. Ewing's motion to add eight elementary school teachers be amended to add 2.4 more art teachers.

Resolution No. 58-85 Re: An Amendment to the FY 1986 Operating Budget, Elementary Schools

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the FY 1986 Operating Budget be amended by the following:

Add four elementary school teachers (instrumental music) and add 6.4 elementary school teachers (art) for a total of \$252,866.

Resolution No. 59-85 Re: An Amendment to the FY 1986 Operating Budget, Child Abuse Programs

On motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, Dr. Shoenberg, and Mrs. Slye voting in the affirmative; Dr. Floyd abstaining:

Resolved, That the FY 1986 Operating Budget be amended by the following:

Add \$13,475 for child abuse programs

Re: Request by Mr. Ewing

Mr. Ewing expressed his concern about providing for program support at Monocacy, Seven Locks, Walter Johnson, and Rock Creek Forest. Dr. Pitt assured the Board that Monocacy and Seven Locks would be handled within normal staffing allocations, for Walter Johnson they would add full seven-period staffing and three additional teachers, and for Rock Creek Forest they planned to increase a teacher for the fifth and sixth grade immersion program if 20 students would participate in the program.

Re: Request for Information

Mrs. Praisner requested information on changes in the QUEST program.

Resolution No. 60-85 Re: An Amendment to the FY 1986 Operating Budget, High Schools

On motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the FY 1986 Operating Budget be amended as follows:

Add \$40,000 for clerical part-time support in the high schools for guidance functions (\$2,000 per high school)

Resolution No. 61-85 Re: An Amendment to the FY 1986 Operating Budget, High Schools

On motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the FY 1986 Operating Budget be amended as follows: Add 3.0 (FTE) English composition aide positions in the amount of \$43,188

Re: A Motion by Mr. Ewing to Amend the FY 1986 Operating Budget

Mr. Ewing moved and Dr. Cronin seconded the following:

Resolved, That the FY 1986 Operating Budget be amended as follows:

Add \$1,000 per high school for new musical instruments Add \$20,000 for the replacement of musical instruments Include \$6,500 for Chapter I musical instruments

After discussion, it was decided that the superintendent would present a plan for replacement and purchase of musical instruments.

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

President

Secretary

WSC:mlw