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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, February 25, 1988, at 8:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo, President
in the Chair
Dr. James E. Cronin
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mr. Bruce A. Goldensohn
Mr. Andrew Herscowitz
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner
Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Harry Pitt, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Paul L. Vance, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

RESOLUTION NO. 109-88 Re: BOARD AGENDA - FEBRUARY 25, 1988

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt its agenda for February 25, 1988, with the addition of a resolution on Police Chief Crooke and three motions on school facilities.

RESOLUTION NO. 110-88 Re: DEATH OF POLICE CHIEF BERNARD D. CROOKE

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The sudden death on February 23, 1988, of Bernard D. Crooke, chief of police of Montgomery County, has deeply saddened the staff and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, In his eight years as chief of police, Bernard D. Crooke established a new standard of excellence for the Police Department which included improved police cooperation with the Montgomery County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Under Chief Crooke's leadership, the Police Department and the school system entered into new and productive working relationships which have resulted in a safer school environment; and

WHEREAS, Bernard D. Crooke was an enthusiastic and ardent supporter of law enforcement, and his personal integrity, humor, and dedication to duty made him a role model for young people interested in police

work; and

WHEREAS, Chief Crooke will be missed by all citizens in Montgomery County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Education, superintendent of schools, the staff and students of the Montgomery County Public Schools express their sorrow at the death of Bernard D. Crooke and extend deepest sympathy to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be made part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Chief Crooke's family.

Re: PRESENTATION OF AUTOMOTIVE TRADES AWARD

Mr. Bruce Schulman, president, and Mr. Gerard Murphy, secretary, of the Montgomery County Students Automotive Trades Foundation, presented the award won by the Foundation as the best automotive training program for high school students in the State of Maryland.

Re: NATIONAL SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
APPLE TREE AWARD

Mr. Dan Merenda, executive director of the National School Volunteer Program, presented the Apple Tree Award which was being given for the Montgomery Education Connection Resource Bank, which linked teachers and students to resources available within Montgomery County.

Re: HB 889 - PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND
TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD - SCHOOL
PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

Dr. Shoenberg moved and Dr. Cronin seconded that the Board support HB 889 - Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board - School Personnel Certification.

It was decided to table consideration of this bill until Mrs. Lois Stoner, legislative aide, could obtain more information.

RESOLUTION NO. 111-88 Re: HB 1069 - HANDICAPPED CHILDREN -
PLACEMENT DECISIONS - APPEALS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mr. Goldensohn, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education support HB 1069 - Handicapped Children - Placement Decisions - Appeals.

RESOLUTION NO. 112-88 Re: SB 597 - EDUCATION OF HANDICAPPED
CHILDREN

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Shoenberg seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was

adopted with Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, (Mr. Herscowitz), Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin abstaining:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education oppose SB 597 - Education of Handicapped Children.

RESOLUTION NO. 113-88 Re: HB 870 - HIGHER EDUCATION - TUITION ASSISTANCE - PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education support HB 870 - Higher Education - Tuition Assistance - Physical and Occupational Therapy.

RESOLUTION NO. 114-88 Re: HB 1135 - PUBLIC SCHOOLS - STATE AID

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education oppose targeted aid and support staff development in HB 1135 - Public Schools - State Aid.

RESOLUTION NO. 115-88 Re: HB 1163 - EDUCATION - FULL STATE FUNDING

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education strongly oppose HB 1163 - Education - Full State Funding.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. HERSCOWITZ TO SUPPORT HB 1175/SB 803 - EDUCATION - SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT MEMBERS

Mr. Herscowitz moved and Mr. Goldensohn seconded that the Board of Education support HB 1175/SB 803 - Education - Scholarships for County Board of Education Student Members.

RESOLUTION NO. 116-88 Re: A SUBSTITUTE MOTION ON HB 1175/SB 803 EDUCATION - SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT MEMBERS

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education recommend that HB 1175/SB 803 - Education - Scholarships for County Board of Education Student Members be referred to summer study since the Montgomery County Board of Education and other Boards of Education with student members had not had the opportunity to discuss the bill prior to its introduction.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-88 Re: HB 906/SB 550 - LABOR NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS AND
DESIGNATED EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Shoenberg, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education strongly oppose HB 906/SB 550 - Labor Negotiations Between Public School Employers and Designated Employee Organizations.

RESOLUTION NO. 118-88 Re: SB 452 - LABOR DISPUTES IN PUBLIC
EDUCATION - COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND
INDUSTRY

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education oppose SB 452 - Labor Disputes in Public Education - Commissioner of Labor and Industry.

RESOLUTION NO. 119-88 Re: HB 872 - UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE -
BENEFITS BASED ON SERVICE IN EMPLOY OF
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education strongly oppose HB 872 - Unemployment Insurance - Benefits Based on Service in Employ of Educational Institution.

Re: BOARD/PRESS/VISITOR CONFERENCE

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. John Pletcher
2. Chere Katz
3. Janet Garrison
4. Dolly Kildee, Gaithersburg City Council
5. Betsy Johnson, Richard Montgomery Cluster
6. Carole Huberman, Washington Grove ES PTA
7. Honey Dimitriadis, Parents of Bel Pre Fifth Graders

RESOLUTION NO. 120-88 Re: UTILIZATION OF FY 1988 FUTURE SUPPORTED
PROJECT FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A YOUTH
SUICIDE PREVENTION SCHOOL PROGRAM

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend within the FY 1988 Provision for Future Supported Projects a \$10,000 grant award from MSDE to initiate implementation of the Youth Suicide Prevention School Program within Category 3; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the county executive and the County Council.

Mr. Herscowitz temporarily left the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 121-88 Re: CLEAR SPRING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (AREA 3)

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

WHEREAS, The following sealed bids were received on February 11, 1988, for the construction of the new Clear Spring Elementary School:

1. Henley Construction, Inc. Base Bid - \$5,984,000
Add Alt. 1 \$704,334; Add Alt. 2 \$402,686; Add Alt. 3 \$193,745;
Add Alt. 4 \$411,318; Add Alt. 5 \$28,200
2. The Gassman Corporation Base Bid - \$5,988,000
Add Alt. 1 \$690,000; Add Alt. 2 \$430,000; Add Alt. 3 \$190,000;
Add Alt. 4 \$400,000; Add Alt. 5 \$35,000
3. Kimmel & Kimmel, Inc. Base Bid - \$6,118,000
Add Alt. 1 \$726,000; Add Alt. 2 \$430,000; Add Alt. 3 \$218,000;
Add Alt. 4 \$429,000; Add Alt. 5 \$29,000
4. Waynesboro Construction Co., Inc. Base Bid \$6,164,000
Add Alt. 1 \$730,800; Add Alt. 2 \$475,000; Add Alt. 3 \$104,800;
Add Alt. 4 \$443,000; Add Alt. 5 \$42,600
5. Dustin Construction, Inc. Base Bid \$6,650,000
Add Alt. 1 \$730,000; Add Alt. 2 \$468,000; Add Alt. 3 \$216,000;
Add Alt. 4 \$431,000; Add Alt. 5 \$40,000

Description of Alternates:

- Add Alternate 1: 8 modular classrooms
- Add Alternate 2: 8 standard classrooms
- Add Alternate 3: Planetarium
- Add Alternate 4: Planetarium equipment
- Add Alternate 5: Landscaping and signage

and

WHEREAS, The low bidder, Henley Construction, Inc., has

satisfactorily completed many projects for MCPS; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funds are available to award the base bid; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a contract for \$5,984,000 be awarded to Henley Construction, Inc., for the base bid for the construction of Clear Spring Elementary School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FY 1988 to FY 1993 Capital Improvement Program be amended to provide an emergency appropriation of \$350,000 to fund the eight additional classrooms; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FY 1988-1993 Capital Improvement Program also be amended to provide an emergency appropriation of \$200,000 to fund the planetarium; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the county executive be requested to recommend to the County Council that a FY 1988 emergency supplemental appropriation of \$550,000 be approved for the proposed Clear Spring Elementary School.

RESOLUTION NO. 122-88 Re: ARCHITECTURAL ADJUSTMENT - MONOCACY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, The architectural contract for Monocacy Elementary School was negotiated to prepare plans for the modernization of the existing building and the addition of a typical elementary school-size gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, The contract requires modification to provide plans for a small academic addition and an intermediate-size gymnasium; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the amendment to the contract for Fox-Hanna Architects to provide architectural services for the Monocacy Elementary School modernization, increasing the fee from \$102,000 to \$144,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 123-88 Re: ARCHITECTURAL ADJUSTMENT - CLOVERLY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, The architectural contract for Cloverly Elementary School was negotiated to provide plans for the modernization of the existing building; and

WHEREAS, The contract requires modifications to provide plans to modernize the existing building and increase the core capacity to accommodate a future six-classroom addition; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve an amendment to the contract with William H. Doggett, AIA, to provide architectural services for the Cloverly Elementary School modernization, increasing the fee from \$145,000 to \$175,000.

Mr. Herscowitz rejoined the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 124-88 Re: PERSONNEL TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the following personnel transfers and appointments be approved:

APPOINTMENT	PRESENT POSITION	AS
Carol H. Dahlberg	Teacher Specialist Dept. of Acad. Skills	Special Program Coord. International Baccal. Program Richard Montgomery HS Effective: 2-26-88
Madeleine Coleman	Admin. Intern E. B. Wood JHS	Asst. Principal E. B. Wood JHS Effective: 2-26-88
Susan F. Kelly	Admin. Intern Mark Twain School	Asst. Principal Mark Twain School Effective: 2-26-88
TRANSFER	FROM	TO
Kevin Dwyer	School Psychologist Div. of Special Ed. School-based Programs	School Psychologist Secondary Learning Centers Effective: 3-1-88
APPOINTMENT	PRESENT POSITION	AS
Joyce H. Roberts	Per Diem Psychologist MCPS	School Psychologist Area 3 Admin. Office Effective: 3-1-88
TRANSFER	FROM	TO
Arlie L. Kingery	Principal Cold Spring ES	Principal Muddy Branch ES Effective: 4-1-88

favorable action by the County Council.

For the record, Mr. Ewing stated that the Board was agreeing to something the County Council did which he did not think they should have done. The Council had established policy before the Board had, and it was his view that this was a bad policy because the poorer communities would have difficulty in raising funds for the installation of stadium lights.

RESOLUTION NO. 126-88 Re: PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY PLANS
OLNEY AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The architect for the new Olney Area Elementary School, Eugene A. Delmar, FAIA, PA, has prepared the schematic design in accordance with the educational specifications; and

WHEREAS, The new Olney Area Elementary School Planning Committee has approved the proposed schematic design; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Montgomery County Board of Education approve the schematic design report prepared by Eugene A. Delmar, FAIA, PA.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. GOLDENSOHN ON E. BROOKE
LEE (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Goldensohn that the Board reconsider the details of the conversion of E. Brooke Lee for the purpose of delaying for one year the shift of the sixth grade from Bel Pre and Kemp Mill Elementary Schools failed with Mr. Goldensohn and (Mr. Herscowitz) voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. GOLDENSOHN ON THE EAST
DEER PARK BOUNDARY (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Goldensohn that the Board reconsider the action of the transfer of the East Deer Park community from Washington Grove to Rosemont Elementary School failed with Mr. Goldensohn and (Mr. Herscowitz) voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY DR. CRONIN TO RECONSIDER
THE ARTICULATION OF FROST STUDENTS
(FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Cronin that the Board reconsider the decision on the assignment of Frost (Ritchie Park) seventh and eighth grade students to Richard Montgomery High School failed with Mr. Goldensohn and (Mr. Herscowitz) voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative.

Re: PREK-GRADE 12 POLICIES

It was decided to postpone discussion of the PreK-Grade 12 policies.

Re: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Mr. Ewing expressed his concern about the County Council's action on a proposal for an experimental program linking day care and kindergarten. He pointed out that the Board of Education had never taken a position on this issue, and he worried that this was an attempt by the Council to set educational policy and cut back on all-day kindergarten. Other Board members expressed concern about the composition of and charge to the task force the Council was setting up to study this issue.

*Mr. Herscowitz temporarily left the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 127-88 Re: EXECUTIVE SESSION - MARCH 9, 1988

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by Section 10-508, State Government Article 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 March 9, 1988, 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 and to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter as permitted under the State Government Article, Section 10-508; 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 128-88 Re: MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 1987, JANUARY 6, 19, 20, AND 21, and FEBRUARY 2 AND 3, 1988

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted

unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of December 8, 1987, January 6, 19, 20, and 21, and February 2 and 3, 1988, be approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 129-88 Re: DISCUSSION OF POLICY ON PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education schedule a discussion on BLA, Policy on Public Hearings, to look at time frames for sign-ups and other issues.

RESOLUTION NO. 130-88 Re: REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING BOARD

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education asked the superintendent to develop a plan to review the relationships between the Board of Education and the operations of the ICB, the benefits/advantages, as well as the costs/disadvantages to MCPS and to those MCPS serves in terms of the present mode of providing space for community use of schools, and that the Board review other options which might achieve the same objective of providing for community use of schools but in ways that would be more compatible with the operating needs of MCPS.

*Mr. Herscowitz rejoined the meeting at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 131-88 Re: DISCUSSION OF WEIGHTED GRADING AND THE CREDIT/NO CREDIT POLICY

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education schedule a discussion on the weighted grading and credit/no credit policies to review and possibly amend these policies.

RESOLUTION NO. 132-88 Re: REVIEW OF MAGNET PROGRAMS IN BLAIR AND B-CC CLUSTERS

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education should, in pursuit of its existing policies committing it to review the progress of the magnet schools in Blair and B-CC, do that this spring with a view to determining effectiveness and future needs.

RESOLUTION NO. 133-88 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. 1987-31

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt its decision and order in BOE Appeal No. 1987-31.

RESOLUTION NO. 134-88 Re: BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSIONS OF CURRICULUM

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

RESOLVED, That for the next 12 all-day Board of Education meetings, the Board of Education set aside one discussion item for a discussion of curriculum including a status of content by discipline, where revisions are, what trends people see in instruction in that discipline, and what might be the needs in that discipline as they planned for the future preparing students for life in the year 2000 and beyond; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the superintendent and staff would determine the order and that the Board officers would schedule this as quickly as possible.

RESOLUTION NO. 135-88 Re: REVIEW OF REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON DAY CARE AND KINDERGARTEN

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education fix a time when it will review a report to be received from the committee just established by the Council on the kindergarten/day care model or experiment so that the Board may determine its position on the recommendations of that committee.

Re: ITEM OF INFORMATION

Board members received the Monthly Financial Report.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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