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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, January 26, 1993, at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Dr. Alan Cheung, President in the Chair Mr. Stephen Abrams Mrs. Frances Brenneman Mr. Blair G. Ewing Mrs. Carol Fanconi Mrs. Beatrice Gordon Ms. Ana Sol Gutierrez Mr. Jonathan Sims

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Paul L. Vance, Superintendent Mrs. Katheryn W. Gemberling, Deputy Dr. H. Philip Rohr, Deputy Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

#indicates student vote does not count. Four votes are needed for adoption.

Re: WORKSESSION ON FY 1994 OPERATING BUDGET

During their review of the budget, Board members requested the following information:

1. Mr. Ewing asked for the cost of implementing all-day kindergarten systemwide and for the cost of implementing all-day kindergarten systemwide over six years at a rate of increase of 5% in 1994, 10% in 1995, 15% in 1996, 20% in 1997, and 25% in 1998-99.

2. Mr. Ewing pointed out that they had extra aides in grades 1 and 2. He wanted to know how many schools now had aides under that provision and how many aides were there. If they were to provide them for other schools which met the criteria, what would it take (answered at the table).

3. Mr. Abrams inquired about where they were on the continuum of replacement of instructional equipment (for all levels of schools) by extending the replacement period.

4. Mr. Ewing suggested adding the formula for middle school and high school assistant principals to the budget pages.

5. Mr. Sims requested the cost of restoring middle school interscholastic sports at the level it was when it was cut. He requested a breakdown by the individual sport and the total minus the addition made for the intramural program.

6. Board members requested the cost impact of the gender equity recommendations as well as a rough copy of the class size report.

7. In regard to combining the school and media center accounts, Mrs. Fanconi suggested adding a sentence to the effect that this practice would be evaluated closely or evaluated next year. Ms. Gutierrez suggested giving out guidelines on how to implement this shift.

8. In the office of school administration, Mr. Ewing suggested that in the section on monitoring and training they add that they were looking at Board policies such as the one on math and science.

9. Mr. Ewing asked that the Board be provided with a paper explaining how equity of resources is achieved and how decisions were made on individual school needs. Dr. Vance agreed that Mrs. Gemberling would update the report on what MCPS did regarding weighted enrollment.

10. In regard to DEA, Mrs. Brenneman asked for information on savings if they contracted out work. Mrs. Gemberling explained use of part-time funds and agreed to provide a summary.

11. Mrs. Brenneman suggested that the write-up indicate what DEA was not doing because of reductions in that department. Mrs. Fanconi suggested that the write up include the importance of the evaluation this unit did to support Board and school system decisions. Mr. Ewing said that they needed to be aware of what would not be done or would be done to a lesser degree because of reductions in DEA. Mrs. Fanconi thought it was important for the Board and Council to know what was done in the reconciliation of last year's budget and the reasons why certain actions were taken.

12. In regard to contractual services, Ms. Gutierrez requested a better understanding of the line for equipment maintenance, particularly in regard to DEA.

13. Mr. Ewing suggested that on I-38 in the description for DEA they note that among others things they supported the Board of Education in its need for information to make policy decisions. Mrs. Fanconi asked that they see whether or not the Council and county government would like to contract services from DEA.

14. Mrs. Fanconi and Mr. Ewing asked that staff make strong cases for programs that were mandated and provide that information to the Council.

15. Mr. Ewing asked for a paper on what the changes were in OIPD - what they were no longer able to do because of a reduction in resources and what they were doing now but not as fully as had been done in the past - whether there had been a substantial postponement or change in the activities of this office. He said it might be useful to have a systems chart showing OIPD, Instruction, and DEA and how they related in terms of development of program, delivery of services to schools, and delivery of services to children and how this was monitored by the Office of Administration and DEA.

16. Dr. Cheung asked for an explanation of the increase in furniture and equipment in OIPD.

17. Ms. Gutierrez asked staff to check into what the District of Columbia was doing in obtaining more Chapter 2 money.

18. In regard to Chapter 1, Mr. Ewing thought it would be helpful to pull together information on schools and students being served and how many were not being served. Ms. Gutierrez requested information on trends in needs for Chapter 1 services. (answered at table).

19. Regarding Enriched and Innovative Programs, Mr. Ewing requested information on the cost of each of the major secondary magnet programs and some sense of what individual elementary magnet programs cost beyond the normal operating cost of that school.

20. Mr. Ewing requested a sense of the usefulness of the allocation of extra teachers based on the enrollment of ESOL students in those schools - was it helpful or too small to be helpful?

21. Mr. Ewing asked for an evaluation of the effectiveness of the demonstration project funded by a grant to provide for smooth articulation from Head Start to kindergarten.

22. Mrs. Fanconi asked for the number of children not being served and those projections for next year in Head Start. She suggested that the budget reflect information about the effect of cuts in health and social services on the population served by Head Start.

23. On III-89, Mrs. Brenneman suggested modifying the last sentence which stated that "...other alcohol/drug prevention activities and programs will continue to be provided with resources funded elsewhere in the operating budget." 24. Ms. Gutierrez requested information on how funds on III-89 would be going for equipment and what it would provide.

25. Mrs. Fanconi asked for a paper on cable television and why it could not be in an enterprise fund.

26. Mr. Ewing asked for information on how many positions in the Department of Human Relations were filled at present.

27. Mrs. Fanconi requested information on the implications on staff development of the new sexual harassment policy.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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