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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, February 3, 1997, at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mr. Reginald M. Felton, President
 in the Chair
 Dr. Alan Cheung
 Mr. Blair G. Ewing
 Mrs. Beatrice B. Gordon
 Ms. Ana Sol Gutiérrez
 Mrs. Nancy J. King
 Ms. Mona M. Signer
 Ms. Rachel A. Prager
 Ms. Katheryn Gemberling, Acting Superintendent

Absent: Dr. Paul L. Vance, Secretary/Treasurer

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

Re: **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. Felton announced the ground rules amending the superintendent's FY 1998 Operating Budget. Final action will be taken on February 6, 1997, where all tentative amendments will be voted on. The student member's vote does not count on budget issues; however, her vote is recorded and appears in parenthesis. Each amendment requires a second and four votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 58-97 Re: **BOARD AGENDA - FEBRUARY 3, 1997**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the agenda for February 3, 1997.

Re: **FY 1998 OPERATING BUDGET AND
SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Signer seconded by Mrs. King, the following was proposed:

Resolved, That the Board of Education place on the table the superintendent's amended FY 1998 Operating Budget with the following amendments resulting in a total of \$962,756,475 including grants and enterprise funds:

1. Tentative agreement reached with the Montgomery County Association of Administrative and Supervisory Personnel - \$783,559;
2. Transfer of three current revenue funded projects from the Capital Budget to the Operating Budget - \$2,570,000; and
3. Longview and Stephen Knolls Centers - \$161,734.

RESOLUTION NO. 59-97

Re: **TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE 1998 OPERATING BUDGET (All-Day Kindergarten)**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and Ms. Signer voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the FY 1998 Operating Budget be amended to expand all-day kindergarten with the teachers that were to be eliminated (7 ½ positions) at a cost of \$288,563.

Re: **A MOTION BY MS. GUTIERREZ TO AMEND THE FY 1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Class Size) FAILED**

On motion of Ms. Gutiérrez and seconded by Mr. Ewing to maintain the remaining elementary school positions (26.5) that were to be eliminated to reduce class size at a cost of \$869,535 failed with Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and Ms. Signer voting in the negative; Dr. Cheung abstaining.

Re: **A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Class Size) FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to maintain 10 elementary school positions to reduce class size failed with Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager,) and Ms. Signer voting in the negative; Dr. Cheung abstaining.#

Re: **A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Class Size) FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to maintain five elementary school positions to reduce class size at a cost of \$192,375 failed with Mr. Ewing and

Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the negative; Dr. Cheung abstaining.#

Re: **A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1998 OPERATING BUDGET (QIE Support) FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to add 10 QIE teachers under the academic support line at a cost of \$384,750 with an option for contracting for these services failed with Mr. Ewing and Mr. Felton voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the negative.#

Re: **A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1998 OPERATING BUDGET (QIE Support) FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to add five QIE teachers under the academic support line failed with Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the negative.#

Re: **A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Reading Teachers) FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to add 8.5 reading teachers (\$358,882) at the elementary level, 8 reading teachers (\$339,644) at the middle level, and 8 reading teachers (\$339,644) at the high school level with four at each level who have master's degrees failed with Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the negative.#

Re: **TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE 1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Reading Teachers)**

On motion of Ms. Signer and seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was placed on the table:

Resolved, That the FY 1998 Operating Budget be amended to add 4.5 reading teachers restored to those schools from which they were deleted last year at a cost of \$208,962, and that cost be offset by expanding the middle school building services pilot to all middle school for a savings of \$600,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 60-97

Re: **DIVISION OF THE QUESTION**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the negative:#

Resolved, That the above motion be divided to (1) add 4.5 reading teachers restored to those schools from which they were deleted last year at a cost of \$208,962, and (2) to expand the middle school building services pilot to all middle school for a savings of \$600,000.

Re: **A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO POSTPONE VOTING (Building Services Pilot) FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to postpone voting on the amendment to expand the middle school building services pilot to all middle school for a savings of \$600,000 failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer, and voting in the negative.#

Re: **A MOTION BY MS. SIGNER TO AMEND THE FY 1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Building Services Pilot) FAILED**

On motion of Ms. Signer and seconded by Mrs. King to expand the middle school building services pilot to all middle school for a savings of \$600,000 failed with Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the negative:#

RESOLUTION NO. 61-97

Re: **TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE 1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Reading Teachers)**

On motion of Ms. Signer and seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the negative; Ms. Signer abstaining:#

Resolved, That the FY 1998 Operating Budget be amended to add 4.5 reading teachers restored to those schools from which they were deleted last year at a cost of \$208,962.

Re: **A MOTION BY DR. CHEUNG TO AMEND THE FY 1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Other Salaries) FAILED**

On motion of Dr. Cheung and seconded by Mrs. Gordon to reduce the Other Salaries in K-12 by 1.7 percent or approximately \$300,000 failed with Dr. Cheung, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutiérrez, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the negative: #

Re: **A MOTION BY MS. GUTIERREZ TO AMEND THE FY 1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Inclusion) FAILED**

On motion of Ms. Gutiérrez and seconded by Mr. Ewing to add 10 instructional assistants to support full inclusion failed with Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the negative: #

The Board of Education took a break from 9:25 to 9:40 p.m.

Re: **A MOTION BY MRS. GORDON TO AMEND THE FY 1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Release Time) FAILED**

On motion of Mrs. Gordon and seconded by Mrs. King to reduce release time for regular teachers at Eastern and Takoma Park middle schools from nine for each to five for both schools for a savings of \$38,475 failed with Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and Ms. Signer voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the negative: #

Re: **A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Resource Teacher Time) FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to restore reductions in high school math and English resource teacher time at a cost of \$446,968 failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the negative: #

**Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY
1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Counselors) FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to restore two counselor positions failed with Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager,) and Ms. Signer voting in the negative.#

**Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY
1998 OPERATING BUDGET (English Composition
Assistants) FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to restore the .9 English composition assistant funding failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez and (Ms. Prager) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and Ms. Signer voting in the negative.#

**Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY
1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Oversized Classes)
FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to add 10 teachers per year over six years to reduce oversized classes and average class size in high schools at a per year cost of \$384,750 failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative; Ms. Signer abstaining.#

**Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY
1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Oversized Classes)
FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to add five teachers per year over six years to reduce oversized classes and average class size in high schools failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative; Ms. Signer abstaining.#

**Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY
1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Oversized Classes)
FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to add one teacher per year over six years to reduce oversized classes and average class size in high schools failed with Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the negative.#

Re: **A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY
1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Media Specialists)
FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Dr. Cheung to add funding for 10 high school media specialists at a cost of \$486,650 failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and Ms. Signer voting in the negative; Mr. Felton abstaining.#

Re: **A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY
1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Media Specialists)
FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Dr. Cheung to add funding for five high school media specialists failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the negative; Mr. Felton abstaining.#

Re: **A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY
1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Release Time)
FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to restore the English resource teacher release time in the high schools at a cost of \$197,824 failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the negative.#

RESOLUTION NO. 62-97

Re: **TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE 1998
OPERATING BUDGET (Program Evaluation)**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the negative:#

Resolved, That the FY 1998 Operating Budget be amended to add funds in the Department of Educational Accountability in the amount of \$135,000 to support developing and implementing a comprehensive six-year schedule of program evaluations based on priorities established by the Board of Education and superintendent of schools.

Re: **A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY
1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Title I Schools)
FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to add Title I funding for four schools next year at a cost of \$380,000 failed with Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and Ms. Signer voting in the negative; Dr. Cheung abstained.#

Re: **A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY
1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Title I Schools)
FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to add Title I funding for two schools next year failed with Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Ms. Prager) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and Ms. Signer voting in the negative; Dr. Cheung abstained.#

Re: **A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY
1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Staff Training)
FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Dr. Cheung to add \$300,000 to professional part-time for addressing unmet needs in the System Improve Training Unit failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the negative.#

RESOLUTION NO. 63-97

Re: **TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE 1998
OPERATING BUDGET (Staff Training)**

On motion of Ms. Signer and seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, and Mrs. King voting in the negative:#

Resolved, That the FY 1998 Operating Budget be amended to consolidate the School Improvement Training Unit and Systemwide Training Unit for a savings of \$82,940 by eliminating one coordinator position.

Mr. Ewing made the following statement for the record: "Although I voted "no" on this, I do so not because I am necessarily opposed to consolidate, I mentioned it earlier. But, because I think it is unwise for the Board to reorganize at the table in the face of a staff recommendation to the contrary, it is bad public policy and ill advised."

Mr. Felton made the following statement for the record: "I share Mr. Ewing's view on this one."

Re: **A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY
1998 OPERATING BUDGET (Unfunded Accrued
Liability) FAILED**

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to reduce the payment to the unfunded accrued liability by 50 percent failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, (Ms. Prager), and Ms. Signer voting in the negative.#

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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