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Rockville, Maryland  
December 15, 1998

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, December 15, 1998, at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mr. Reginald M. Felton, President  
in the Chair  
Mr. Stephen Abrams  
Mr. Geonard F. Butler, Jr., Student Board Member  
Mrs. Beatrice B. Gordon  
Mrs. Nancy J. King  
Mrs. Patricia O'Neill  
Ms. Mona M. Signer  
Dr. Paul L. Vance, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

RESOLUTION NO. 881-98 Re: **AGENDA**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for December 15, 1998.

Re: **SELECTION OF A NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Pursuant to Section 3-910(f)(5) of the *Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland*, Mr. Felton announced that the following 12 candidates eligible for appointment to the District 4 vacancy were before the Board: Mr. Kermit Burnett, Ms. Judy Dickinson, Mr. Sheldon Fishman, Ms. Jazzlyn Flores, Ms. Sara Klompus, Mr. Arthur Lloyd, Mr. Daniel Robinson, Mr. Dan Parr, Dr. Robert Veiga, Ms. Dorothy Wadley, Mr. William Waller, and Ms. Beth Wong.

Mr. Felton announced that in an effort to screen down the candidates, each Board member would have four votes. Those candidates receiving four or more votes would continue to be eligible, after which each Board member would have one vote to cast. It would take four votes to select the new Board member.

In the first round (each Board member having four votes), the results were:

Mr. Abrams voted for Mr. Burnett, Mr. Fishman, Mr. Waller, and Ms. Wong.  
Mr. Butler voted for Mr. Burnett, Ms. Flores, Mr. Robinson, and Ms. Wong.

Mr. Felton voted for Mr. Burnett, Ms. Fishman, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Parr.  
Mrs. Gordon voted for Mr. Burnett, Mr. Robinson, and Dr. Veiga.  
Mrs. King voted for Mr. Burnett, Mr. Fishman, Mr. Parr, and Ms. Wong.  
Mrs. O'Neill voted for Mr. Burnett, Mr. Fishman, Mr. Parr, and Ms. Wong.  
Ms. Signer voted for Mr. Burnett, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Parr, and Dr. Veiga.

In the second round (each Board member with one vote), the results were:

Mr. Abrams voted for Mr. Burnett.  
Mr. Butler voted for Mr. Burnett.  
Mr. Felton voted for Mr. Burnett.  
Mrs. Gordon voted Mr. Robinson.  
Mrs. King voted for Mr. Burnett.  
Mrs. O'Neill voted for Mr. Parr.  
Ms. Signer voted for Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Felton announced that Mr. Kermit Burnett had been selected as the new Board member from District 4.

RESOLUTION NO. 882-98            Re:    **SUPERINTENDENT SELECTION PROCESS AND  
CONSULTANT SERVICES**

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul L. Vance, Superintendent of Schools, has announced his plans to retire on July 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary for the Board of Education to seek a replacement for Dr. Vance; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent selection process is unique and the Board of Education requires specialized professional consultant assistance in fulfilling its statutory duty to appoint a superintendent of schools; and

WHEREAS, Board of Education Policy DJA endorses, but does not adopt or require application of, the procedures set forth in the Superintendent's Procurement Manual; and

WHEREAS, The Superintendent's Administrative Regulation DJA-RA provides in Paragraph C that competitive solicitations may be limited to a fixed number of qualified firms whenever such action is in the best interest of MCPS; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education announces its intention to conduct a national

search for Dr. Vance's replacement that will seek the most qualified candidate from within MCPS as well as nationwide; and be it further

Resolved, That competitive bidding for the unique services of a consultant in the superintendent selection process is not feasible and would not be in the best interest of MCPS; and be it further

Resolved, That written proposals be solicited from executive search firms for consultant services to be utilized in the superintendent selection process and that the contracts for such services not be considered to be among those personal service contracts subject to Board of Education Policy DJA, the Superintendent's Administrative Regulation DJA-RA, or the Superintendent's Procurement Manual.

RESOLUTION NO. 883-98            Re:    **CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION**

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by the *Education Article* and *State Government Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* to conduct certain meetings or portions of its meetings in closed sessions; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County conduct a closed session on Tuesday, December 15, 1998, in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center beginning at approximately 8:30 p.m. to discuss matters that relate to MCEA and MCAASP collective bargaining negotiations, as permitted under Section 4-107(d)(2), *Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland*, and Section 10-508(a)(9) of the *State Government Article*; and be it further

Resolved, That this meeting will continue in closed session until the completion of business.

Re:    **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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