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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, January 9, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mr. Reginald M. Felton, President

in the Chair

Mr. Kermit V. Burnett Ms. Sharon Cox Mrs. Nancy J. King Mr. Walter Lange Mrs. Patricia B. O=Neill

Mr. Dustin Jeter, Student Board Member Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Stephen Abrams

Re: FY 2003 OPERATING BUDGET HEARING

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

- 1. Mary Adams, Head Start Policy Council
- 2. Michelle Turner, President of MCCPTA
- 3. Heidi Coleman, Area 6 Vice President
- 4. Betsy Scroggs, Blair Cluster
- 5. Barbara Shulman, Einstein Cluster
- 6. Mark Simon, MCEA
- 7. Merle Cuttitta, MCCSSE
- 8. Stephanie Weishaar
- 9. Dan Shea, MCAASP
- 10. Michael Headman and Timothy Riggott, ESAA
- 11. Dawn Ellis, SSAA
- 12. Claudette Hammerski
- 13. Judy Strobell
- 14. Manuel Dean
- 15. Jonathon Bishop
- 16. Dr. Wai-Yee Chan and Joyce Sperling, ESOL Bilingual Advisory Committee
- 17. Nguyen Minh Chau and Larry Pignone, United Way
- 18. George Parris
- 19. Cindy Becker

20. Toula Candanedo

The Board of Education asked the following questions:

- 21. Mrs. O=Neill requested that the superintendent provide clarity on the issue of schools in the Blair/Einstein/Kennedy clusters that are not receiving 1st and 2nd grade class size reductions in regard to loss of reading initiative positions.
- 22. Ms. Cox wanted information on the hours that are available for high school consortium signature coordinators in the Downcounty Consortium. Mr. Felton thought the impression was that the signature coordinator only had four hours designated, and he asked if that was determined by the central office or at the discretion of the local school.
- 23. Ms. Cox asked for information on the implementation of the remedial reading classes that the Board approved for middle schools this last year.
- 24. Mr. Jeter asked about translation services? Mr. Felton wanted information regarding services available on the internet for translation.
- 25. Mr. Felton wanted a summary on the funding source for the professional library, such as when it was funded, the levels, and whether there is shared funding with other entities.
- 26. Also, Mr. Felton wanted the same information for the parent resource centers as listed above.
- 27. Ms. Cox requested responses to the questions submitted by the United Way.
- 28. Ms. Cox asked for background information on the school administrative secretarial positions in terms of reclassification.
- 29. Mr. Lange asked for clarification of the positions for building services that Mr. Dean addressed.
- 30. Mr. Lange wanted to know the last time the assistant principal position had been evaluated and any plans for a reevaluation.
- 31. Regarding ESOL education, Mr. Lange asked for the criteria for staffing and the plans for reevaluation of ESOL staffing.
- 32. Mr. Felton asked for clarification on summer programs and the formula for administrative staffing. This question is based on the assertion that principals and vice principals were responsible at the schools where there are summer programs.

33. Mrs. King asked Ms. Chau if the United Way had sought a partnership from other agencies for adult education in Montgomery County.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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