

RESOLUTION NO. 237-04 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Sanghvi and seconded by Dr. Haughey, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education add Item 1.4, German Exchange Students

RESOLUTION NO. 238-04 Re: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Sanghvi seconded by Mr. Romero, the following resolution, as amended, was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for April 26, 2004.

RESOLUTION NO. 239-04 Re: NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP WEEK

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Sanghvi seconded by Dr. Haughey, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education has a continuing commitment to support active student participation in school and community activities; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education and student organizations respect and engage in an open dialogue in matters of common concern and diverse interests that is productive and useful; and

WHEREAS, Participation by our youth is valued by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, In April, student leadership activities include the election of the student member of the Board of Education, voter registration, the Montgomery County Region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils and Montgomery County Junior Council elections, and National Student Leadership Week; and

WHEREAS, National Student Leadership Week is a time when schools across our nation recognize student leaders for their accomplishments, efforts, and service, with this year's national theme being "Stand Up and Be Counted!"; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby join with the superintendent of schools in designating the week of April 18-24, 2004, as Student Leadership Week in Montgomery County Public Schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education commend student leaders for their efforts and achievements on behalf of Montgomery County Public Schools.

RESOLUTION NO. 240-04 Re: ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Sanghvi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed a resolution proclaiming the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, The Asian Pacific American Heritage Council has selected the theme, "*Freedom for All: A Nation We Call Our Own*," to commemorate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County recognizes and celebrates the rich heritage of Asian Pacific American accomplishments and contributions that have been an inspiration to families, communities, and the country; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Public Schools is committed to providing learning and working environments that encourage the pursuit of academic and career opportunities for Asian Pacific Americans; now therefore be it

Resolved, That, on behalf of the superintendent, staff, students, and parents of the Montgomery County Public Schools, the members of the Board of Education hereby declare May 2004 to be observed as "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and the superintendent of schools recognize and honor our Asian Pacific American students, staff, businesses, and community leaders who, by their hard work, vision, and achievements, are creating a better tomorrow.

Re: GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Two German students commented on their experiences while attending school in Montgomery County.

Re: PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

- | | <u>Person</u> | <u>Topic</u> |
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| 1. | Amber Hsu | Chinese Immersion |

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| 2. | Paul Durand | Chinese Immersion |
| 3. | Pamela DeFosse | Special Education |
| 4. | Rosemary Dove | Special Education |
| 5. | Teresa Ankney | Special Education |
| 6. | Bob Astrove | Human Relations Policy |
| 7. | Karen Craney | Special Education |
| 8. | Susan Hedges | Advertising Policy |
| 9. | Ann Robbins | Chinese Immersion |
| 10. | Teri Bell-Yehiel | Special Education |
| 11. | Sunghee Kim | Chinese Immersion |
| 12. | Nafi Roomina | Flyers |
| 13. | Barbara Fichman | Bipolar Disorder |
| 14. | Rachel Lyons | Special Education |
| 15. | Holly Hand | Chinese Immersion |

RESOLUTION NO. 241-04 Re: CONTRACTS OF \$25,000 OR MORE

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Burnett seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and contractual services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised, the following contracts be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as shown below:

4120.2	Science Laboratory Tables—Extension	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Diversified Educational Systems, Inc.	\$ 29,450
7061.3	Book Binding—Extension	
	<u>Awardee</u>	
	Mid Atlantic Bookbindery	\$ 33,763
9302.2	Carpet, Resilient Flooring, and Accessories**	
	<u>Awardees</u>	
	Interiors Unlimited*	
	Carpet Experts*	
	Total	\$720,000

TOTAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$25,000 \$783,213

- * Denotes Minority-, Female-, or Disabled-owned Business
- ** Planned Life-cycle Asset Replacement Bid (PLAR)

RESOLUTION NO. 242-04 Re: GRANT OF STORM DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AT ROCKY HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Burnett seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, Montgomery County has requested a grant of storm drainage easement and right-of- way at the Rocky Hill Middle School replacement site, located at 22401 Brickhaven Way in Clarksburg; and

WHEREAS, The storm drain and right-of-way will require an easement grant of 1,530 square feet; and

WHEREAS, All construction and future maintenance will be undertaken by Montgomery County, its assigns, or permittees at no cost to the Board of Education, with Montgomery County assuming liability for all damages or injury and all work; and

WHEREAS, The proposed easement will not affect any land that could be used for school programming or recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, The proposed grant of storm drainage easement and right-of-way will benefit both the school site and the community by improving storm drainage; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the president and secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to execute a "Grant of Storm Drainage Easement and Right-of-Way" consisting of 1,530 square feet to Montgomery County at Rocky Hill Middle School Replacement.

RESOLUTION NO. 243-04 Re: AWARD OF CONTRACTS – BOILER REPLACEMENTS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Burnett seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, The following sealed bids were received on April 6 and 13, 2004, for boiler replacements at various facilities, with work to be completed over the summer break:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
<u>Benjamin Banneker Middle School</u>		\$300,000
American Mechanical Services of Maryland	\$550,000	
Tate Engineering Services, Inc.	600,500	
M&M Welding and Fabricators, Inc.	624,000	
Washington Refrigeration Company, Inc.	734,600	
<u>Weller Road Elementary School</u>		\$200,000
M&M Welding and Fabricators, Inc.	\$198,000	
Ostach Construction, Inc.	257,000	
American Combustion Industries, Inc.	277,000	
Washington Refrigeration Company, Inc.	292,200	
Tate Engineering Services, Inc.	304,692	
American Mechanical Services of Maryland	328,000	
<u>Woodfield Elementary School</u>		\$324,000
M&M Welding and Fabricators, Inc.	\$197,471	
American Mechanical Services of Maryland	210,000	
Tate Engineering Systems, Inc.	342,000	
Ostach Construction, Inc.	364,200	

and

WHEREAS, American Mechanical Services, Inc., and M&M Welding and Fabricators, Inc., have completed similar work successfully for the Montgomery County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, M&M Welding and Fabricators, Inc., is a female-owned, Maryland Department of Transportation-certified minority firm; and

WHEREAS, The work included in these projects is completely self-performed by the vendors, and the equipment is supplied by national manufacturers; therefore, there is limited opportunity for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends waiving the MBE participation goal for the Benjamin Banneker Middle School project; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a \$550,000 contract be awarded to American Mechanical Services, Inc., for

the boiler replacement at Benjamin Banneker Middle School; and two contracts be awarded to M&M Welding and Fabricators, Inc., in the amounts of \$198,000 and \$197,471 for boiler replacements at Weller Road and Woodfield elementary schools, respectively, in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by Building Dynamics, LLC, and CDCI, Inc., mechanical engineers; and be it further

Resolved, That these contracts be forwarded to the Interagency Committee on School Construction for approval to reimburse the Montgomery County Public Schools for the eligible portions of the contracts.

RESOLUTION NO. 244-04 Re: REDUCTION OF RETENTION – DAMASCUS HIGH SCHOOL

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Burnett seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, Keller Brothers, Inc., general contractor for the Damascus High School corridor circulation improvements project, has completed 98 percent of all specified requirements as of March 30, 2004, and requested that the 10-percent retainage, which is based on completed work to date, be reduced to 5 percent; and

WHEREAS, The project bonding company, Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, has consented to this reduction; and

WHEREAS, The project architect, McDonald, William, Banks, Architects and Planners, recommends approval of the reduction; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the 10-percent retainage withheld from periodic payments to Keller Brothers, Inc., general contractor for the Damascus High School corridor circulation improvements project, be reduced to 5 percent, with the remaining 5 percent to become due and payable after completion of all remaining contract requirements and formal acceptance of the completed project.

RESOLUTION NO. 245-04 Re: UTILIZATION OF THE FY 2004 PROVISION FOR FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECT FUNDS

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Burnett seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:#

WHEREAS, The grant qualifies for a transfer of appropriation from the Provision for Future Supported Projects, pursuant to the provisions of County Council Resolution No. 15-184, approved May 22, 2003; and

WHEREAS, The project does not require any present or future county funds; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient appropriation is available, within the FY 2004 Provision for Future Supported Projects, to permit the transfer within state categories; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend, within the FY 2004 Provision for Future Supported Projects, a total of \$110,000 as specified below:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Partnership for an Advanced Computational Infrastructure at Montgomery Blair High School	<u>\$ 110,000</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 110,000</u></u>

and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 246-04 Re: **HUMAN RESOURCES MONTHLY REPORT**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Burnett, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education accept the Human Resources Monthly Report dated April 26, 2004.

RESOLUTION NO. 246(a)-04 Re: **DEATH OF CHRISTY S. MEYER, CLASSROOM
TEACHER, WESTBROOK ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Burnett, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The death on March 5, 2004, of Christy S. Meyer, classroom teacher at Westbrook Elementary School, has deeply saddened the staff, students, and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Meyer used an excellent approach to appraising students' learning skills, interests and needs, and was very dedicated to her students at Westbrook Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, In more than thirty-one years with Montgomery County Public Schools, Mrs. Meyer was sensitive to the needs of her colleagues, making her an asset to the school system and community; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools express their sorrow at the death of Christy S. Meyer and extend deepest sympathy to her family; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Mrs. Meyer's family.

RESOLUTION NO. 246(b)-04 Re: **DEATH OF ALBERT A. DESTEFANO,
CLASSROOM TEACHER, JOHN F. KENNEDY
HIGH SCHOOL**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Haughey seconded by Mr. Burnett, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The death on April 8, 2004, of Albert A. DeStefano, classroom teacher at John F. Kennedy High School, has deeply saddened the staff, students, and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, In more than twenty-eight years that Mr. DeStefano had been a member of the staff of Montgomery County Public Schools, his classroom management skills were excellent and he was very dedicated to his students at John F. Kennedy High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeStefano established clear expectations for all of his students and was a positive influence on them, making him as asset to the school system and community; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools express their sorrow at the death of Albert A. DeStefano and extend deepest sympathy to his family; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Mr. DeStefano's family.

RESOLUTION NO. 246©)-04 Re: **DEATH OF JUANA C. AVELAR, BUS
OPERATOR I, DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by

Mr. Burnett, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The death on April 10, 2004, of Juana C. Avelar, bus operator in the Department of Transportation at the Randolph Depot, has deeply saddened the staff, students, and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, In the short time that Mrs. Avelar had worked for Montgomery County Public Schools, she demonstrated exceptional ability as a bus operator; and

WHEREAS, Her cheerful, cooperative attitude and concern for the students were a credit to the entire pupil transportation program; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools express their sorrow at the death of Juana C. Avelar and extend deepest sympathy to her family; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Mrs. Avelar's family.

RESOLUTION NO. 246(d)-04 Re: **DEATH OF SHEILA I. CHAWLA, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, LONGVIEW SCHOOL**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Lange, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The death on April 11, 2004, of Sheila I. Chawla, occupational therapist at Longview School, has deeply saddened the staff, students, and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, In the more than nineteen years that Mrs. Chawla had been a member of the staff of Montgomery County Public Schools, she provided challenging activities that motivated students and encouraged them to achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chawla worked with teachers and other specialists to incorporate multicultural resources into activities and provided an atmosphere for children and families in which all were welcomed and valued; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools express their sorrow at the death of Sheila I. Chawla and extend deepest sympathy to her family; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be

forwarded to Mrs. Chawla's family.

RESOLUTION NO. 247-04 Re: **PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR NORTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #7**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Romero seconded by Mr. Burnett, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The architect for the new facility for Northwest Elementary School #7, Grimm + Parker Architects, has prepared a schematic design in accordance with the educational specifications; and

WHEREAS, The Northwest Elementary School #7 Facility Advisory Committee has approved the proposed schematic design; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the preliminary plans report for the new facility for Northwest Elementary School #7 developed by Grimm + Parker Architects.

RESOLUTION NO. 248-04 Re: **CHINESE IMMERSION PROGRAM**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Lange. the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, Questions have been raised concerning the Board's reference to a "waiting list;" and

WHEREAS, The Board's intent of its February 2004 resolution was to make available kindergarten immersion seats to Potomac Elementary School and countywide students on an equal basis, consistent with other elementary language immersion programs; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Board's reference to a waiting list in the February resolution referred to those students who were not selected during the spring lottery process, but were to be given priority in the event of seats becoming available after the beginning of the school year and no later than April 1.

Re: **ALIGNMENT OF POLICIES AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN**

Staff explained that for the past several months, the Board Policy Committee has developed an analytic framework to align Board policies with the vision articulated in *Our Call to Action: Pursuit of Excellence*, the strategic plan. In designing the framework for analyzing the

relationships between Board policies and the strategic plan, the Board Policy Committee and staff have identified core governance policies. These are policies that express clear, comprehensive visions of the fundamental values and goals of the Board of Education.

In addition to identifying core governance policies, the Board Policy Committee and staff have identified supporting policies. These are policies that address a vital component of an overarching goal. Finally, there are ancillary policies that address limited areas related to the goal.

The objective of the Board Policy Committee is to use this infrastructure to facilitate the ongoing work in the area of policy development and revision. The next phase of developing the policy framework is to develop a plan to support ongoing monitoring of implementation and evaluation of the effectiveness of policies, as well as their synergistic relationship to the strategic plan.

Alignment of Policies and Strategic Plan

Core Values Policies

- Every child can learn and succeed
- The pursuit of excellence is fundamental and unending
- An ethical school system requires fair treatment, honesty, openness, integrity, and respect
- A high-quality school system strives to be responsive and accountable to the customer

ACA	Human Relations
BBB	Ethics
JFA	Student Rights and Responsibilities
AEB	Long Range Planning

Core Policy Supporting Goal 1, Ensure Success for Every Student

- Organize and optimize resources for improved academic results
- Align rigorous curriculum, delivery of instruction, and assessment for continuous improvement of student achievement
- Use student, staff, school, and system performance data to monitor and improve student achievement

IKA Grading and Reporting

Supporting policies

IOA	Gifted and Talented Education
IOB	Education of Students with Disabilities
IOD	Education of English Language Learners
IJA	Policy on Counseling and Guidance

Core Policy Supporting Goal 2, Provide an Effective Instructional Program

- Align rigorous curriculum, delivery of instruction, and assessment for continuous improvement of student achievement
- Develop, expand, and deliver a literacy-based pre-kindergarten to Grade 2 initiative
- Use student, staff, school, and system performance data to monitor and improve student achievement

IFA Curriculum

Supporting policies

- IEA Framework and Structure of Early Childhood/Elementary Education
- IEB Middle School Education
- IED Framework and Structure of High School Education
- IEF Early Childhood Education

Core Policy Supporting Goal 3, Strengthen Productive Partnerships

- Strengthen family-school relationships and continue to expand civic, business, and community partnerships that support improved student achievement
- Foster and sustain systems that support and improve employee effectiveness, in partnership with MCPS employee organizations

ABA Community Involvement

Supporting policies

- ABC Parental Involvement
- KBA Policy on Public Information
- KGC Child Care
- KLA Responding to Inquiries and Complaints from the Public

Core Policy Supporting Goal 4, Create a Positive Work Environment in a Self-Renewing Organization

- Organize and optimize resources for improved academic results
- Use student, staff, school, and system performance data to monitor and improve student achievement
- Foster and sustain systems that support and improve employee effectiveness, in partnership with MCPS employee organizations

Develop a policy that presents a vision of MCPS as a work environment

Supporting policies

- GBA Workforce Diversity
- GBH Employment of Individuals with Disabilities
- GJA Employee Performance Evaluation

Re: **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Mr. Bowers reported that the Champions for Children Awards program sponsored by the Montgomery County Business Roundtable for Education would take place on May 5, 2004.

Mr. Sanghvi announced that the election for the Student Board Member would be held on April 28, 2004.

RESOLUTION NO. 249-04 Re: CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Sanghvi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

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 closed sessions on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center to meet from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the *State Government Article*, consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, as permitted by Section 10-508(a)(7) of the *State Government Article*; review and adjudicate appeals in its quasi-judicial capacity; and discuss matters of an executive function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the *State Government Article*); and be it further

Resolved, That such meetings shall continue in closed session until the completion of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 250-04 Re: REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Sanghvi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

On April 15, 2004, by unanimous vote of members present, the Board of Education voted to conduct a closed session as permitted under the *Education Article* § 4-107 and *State Government Article* § 10-501, *et seq.*, of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*.

The Montgomery County Board of Education met in closed sessions on April 15, 2004, from 8:40 to 10:05 a.m. and 12:40 to 1:35 p.m. in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, and

1. Reviewed and/or adjudicated the following appeals: 2003-59, 2004-3, 2004-5, 2004-7, and 2004-11.
2. Reviewed the Superintendent's recommendation for the Human Resources Appointment, subsequent to which the vote to approve was taken in open session.

3. Discussed collective bargaining negotiations, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(9) of the *State Government Article* and Section 4-107(d)(2)(ii) of the *Education Article*;
4. Consulted with counsel to receive legal advice as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(7) of the *State Government Article*.
5. Discussed matters of an executive function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the *State Government Article*).

In attendance at the closed session were: Larry Bowers, Patrick Clancy, Sharon Cox, Reggie Felton, Charles Haughey, Roland Ikheloa, Don Kopp, Don Kress, Frieda Lacey, Walt Lange, George Margolies, Pat O'Neill, Brian Porter, Lori Rogovin, Gabe Romero, Glenda Rose, Sagar Sanghvi, Gregory Thornton, Matt Tronzano, Jerry Weast, and Carey Wright.

RESOLUTION NO. 251-04 Re: **MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Lange, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, In December 2003, the Maryland State Department of Education released the 2003 HSA results for the state, school systems, and individual schools and also recalculated 2002 results based on the adopted passing marks; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland State Board of Education at its meeting on December 2, 2003, and again on February 24, 2004, approved a proposal to require that all diploma-bound Maryland students complete four HSA courses and take the corresponding HSA as a graduation requirement, and published in the April 10, 2004, Maryland Register, draft regulations to link passing the HSA to high school graduation beginning with students who are scheduled to graduate in 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education supports the concept of rigorous high-stakes tests that determine student mastery of the curriculum and has worked diligently over the years to support the HSA development and implementation; and

WHEREAS, The Board has asked several questions and offered constructive criticism throughout the HSA development process in order to assure true stakeholder collaboration and inclusion and also to ensure that the tests are accurate and can be used to monitor individual student and school progress towards meeting the state's goals; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board request the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education to:

- Adopt and implement an HSA program that focuses on using the tests to monitor and guide local school system measurements of, and responses to, student, school, and school system performance in accordance with the requirements of the *No Child Left Behind Act* and Maryland's accountability program
- Ensure that the adoption of a rigorous, high-stakes testing program is matched with the full funding required to implement intervention programs that will provide an increased opportunity for all children to meet the new standards
- Ensure that the HSA program includes alternate methods of ascertaining student skills and knowledge that can be accessed by students with disabilities, English language learners, low-income students and other students with special challenges
- Provide assurances about the quality of the HSA by releasing immediately the HSA Technical Manual that would outline all the procedures used to ensure test reliability and validity
- Provide sub-score information when releasing scores to the school system, so that schools and curriculum developers can target areas for improvement and conduct analyses that would identify and prioritize areas where improvement efforts should be directed because schools need specific information about individual students to provide remediation to the students
- Implement a communication plan for the benefit of all stakeholders that provides clear, appropriate and timely information about the new HSA, including its role in narrowing the gap in academic achievement among racial and ethnic groups and assurances that the tests as designed will not have a disparate impact on the ability of all subgroups of students to excel academically; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board request that the Maryland State Board of Education postpone action to adopt any proposal on the HSA program until December 2004 to allow the Maryland State Department of Education to address all the concerns that have been raised by stakeholders; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be shared with the Maryland State Board of Education, the Maryland State Department of Education, the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, and all local Boards of Education in Maryland.

RESOLUTION NO. 252-04 Re: **APPEAL 2004-11**

On motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Sanghvi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in Appeal 2004-11, student discipline, reflective of the following vote: Ms. Cox, Mr. Felton, Dr. Haughey, Mr. Lange, Mrs. O'Neill, and Mr. Sanghvi voting to affirm; Mr. Burnett and Mr. Romero were absent when this case was adjudicated.

Re: **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

RESOLUTION NO. 253-04 Re: **ADJOURNMENT**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Burnett seconded by Mr. Lange, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting of April 26, 2004, at 10:20 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SUMMARY SHEET

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