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January 25, 1982

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, January 25, 1982, at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Eleanor D. Zappone,  
President in the Chair  
Mr. Joseph R. Barse\*  
Mr. Blair G. Ewing  
Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt\*  
Mr. Jonathan Lipson  
Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser  
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Spencer  
Mrs. Carol F. Wallace

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Edward Andrews,  
Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy  
Superintendent  
Dr. Robert S. Shaffner,  
Executive Assistant  
Mr. Thomas S. Fess,  
Parliamentarian

Resolution No. 56-82

Re: Board Agenda -  
January 25, 1982

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Peyser, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for January 25, 1982.

Resolution No. 57-82

Re: Executive Session -  
January 25, 1982

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Peyser seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by Article 76A, Section 11(a) of the Annotated Code of Maryland to conduct certain of its meetings in executive closed session; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County hereby conduct its meeting in executive closed session beginning on January 25, 1982, at 9 p.m. to discuss, consider, deliberate, and/or otherwise decide the employment, assignment, appointment,

promotion, demotion, compensation, discipline, removal, or resignation of employees, appointees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or any other personnel matter affecting one or more particular individuals as permitted under Article 76A, Section 11(a) and that such meeting shall continue in executive closed session until the completion of business.

\* Mr. Barse and Dr. Greenblatt joined the meeting at a later time.

Mrs. Peyser assumed the chair.

Resolution No. 58-82

Re: Formal Acceptance of the  
Food Services Warehouse

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Zappone seconded by Mrs. Peyser, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That having been duly inspected on January 21, 1982, the Food Services Warehouse now be formally accepted, and that the official date of completion be established as that date upon which formal notice is received from the architect that the building has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and all contracts requirements have been met.

Mrs. Zappone assumed the chair.

Resolution No. 59-82

Re: Approval of Revised  
Curriculum - Science  
Grades 9-12

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

WHEREAS, The school laws of Maryland specify that the county superintendent shall prepare courses of study and recommend them for adoption by the county Board (The Public School Laws of Maryland, Article 77, Section 4-205); and

WHEREAS, Board of Education policy has resolved "that newly developed curriculum documents will be presented to the Board of Education for consideration approximately one month prior to the date on which approval will be sought and the superintendent of schools may extend this period to allow further time for citizen reaction to curriculum documents dealing with sensitive topics . . ." (from Board Resolution No. 400-73, June 18, 1973); and

WHEREAS, The Program of Studies is the document which contains the prescribed curriculum elements, including instructional objectives, of all MCPS curriculum programs and courses (MCPS Regulation 345-1, Development and Approval of Curriculum and Supporting Materials); and

WHEREAS, Excellence in curriculum can be maintained only by continuing attention to the need for curriculum change; and

WHEREAS, The Council of Instruction, charged by the superintendent with considering recommendations for curriculum change, has recommended approval of the revised Program of Studies for Science, Grades 9-12; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommends that the Board approve these science course revisions presented to the Board on December 21, 1981; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the revision, to become effective in the school year 1982-83, of the Program of Studies for Science, Grades 9-12.

Resolution No. 60-82

Re: Approval of New  
Curriculum - Compensatory  
Vision Skills Courses

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

WHEREAS, The school laws of Maryland specify that the county superintendent shall prepare courses of study and recommend them for adoption by the county Board (The Public School Laws of Maryland, Article 77, Section 4-205); and

WHEREAS, Board of Education policy has resolved "that newly developed curriculum documents will be presented to the Board of Education for consideration approximately one month prior to the date on which approval will be sought and the superintendent of schools may extend this period to allow further time for citizen reaction to curriculum documents dealing with sensitive topics . . ." (from Board Resolution No. 400-73, June 18, 1973); and

WHEREAS, The Program of Studies is the document which contains the prescribed curriculum elements, including instructional objectives, of all MCPS curriculum programs and courses (MCPS Regulation 345-1, Development and Approval of Curriculum and Supporting Materials); and

WHEREAS, Excellence in curriculum can be maintained only by continuing attention to the need for curriculum change; and

WHEREAS, The Council on Instruction, charged by the superintendent with considering recommendations for curriculum change, has recommended approval of three Compensatory Vision Skills courses; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommends that the Board approve these three new courses presented to the Board on December 21,

1981; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the Compensatory Vision Skills courses for publication in the Program of Studies as part of the MCPS curriculum.

Resolution No. 61-82

Re: Submission of an FY 1983  
Proposal for Bilingual  
Employment Skills  
Training

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

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to submit an FY 1983 grant proposal in the amount of \$141,170 to the U.S. Department of Education under applicable Sections 184 and 186 of the Vocational Education Act of 1963 to conduct a Bilingual Employment Skills Training Program for adult residents of Montgomery County; and be it further

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

Dr. Greenblatt joined the meeting at this point.

Re: Monthly Financial Report

The superintendent explained that this month's report had a slightly different format which tried to simplify the information. In expenditures they were highlighting areas where they had surpluses or deficits. He said that Category 6 showed a difference because of four days of not running school buses. The basic difference was that the projected deficit had decreased. He indicated that they had a corrected utilities page.

Mr. Richard Fazakerley, associate superintendent for supportive services, said they were breaking out revenue and expenditures on several pages. They were trying to give the Board an idea of how well they were doing in forecasting. On utilities they were beginning now to have a much better report. Dr. Philip Rohr, director of the Division of Construction and Capital Projects, said they were showing expenditures as of December 31 and usage would be one month behind. The bills they received would reflect the use through that period. Also for the first time they were showing the utilities such as fuel oil, electricity, natural gas, and propane has. He felt that generally they were doing better than last year. They would also have a separate report they would use as a management tool as to what each school utilities was last year, which they hoped would enable them to reduce the cost of utilities.

Mrs. Spencer asked that the superintendent say a few words on the employment freeze. The superintendent explained that they had not been as stringent on the freeze this year; however, they would be compiling salary lapse funds. He felt that they were better budgeted this year in terms of utilities; therefore the employment freeze was much less severe. Mr. Ewing thought that the new attachment 3 was very useful. It was his view that some of the narrative needed to be expanded, if not monthly, then quarterly. The superintendent indicated that in some cases the format simplified things too much, and in some cases footnotes were needed to explain such items as supported projects.

Mr. Lipson inquired about how utilities were controlled in the high schools. Dr. Rohr replied that they had computer controls at almost all the high schools and did have the ability centrally to turn the heat on and off; however, there was always a manual override at the school. Mr. Lipson asked about the number of schools having computer controls, and Dr. Rohr explained that 18 of the 22 high schools had them as well as three intermediate and three elementary schools. All secondary schools would be under controls in a year.

Re: Board/Press/Visitor  
Conference

Mrs. Zoe Lefkowitz, MCCPTA, appeared before the Board.

Resolution No. 62-82

Re: HB-407, Student Health  
and Safety

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education oppose HB-407, Student Health and Safety.

For the record, Mrs. Spencer stated that she would abstain on HB-408, School Facilities. She did not like the bill, but she did not think they were responsible for making these public policy decisions. Mr. Ewing expressed his agreement with her position.

For the record, Dr. Greenblatt stated she would oppose the bill because using excess school buildings for senior citizens was a good idea but to make it into law was unwise. For the record, Mrs. Zappone said she would oppose the bill, but she did not disagree with the intent of the bill.

Resolution No. 63-82

Re: HB-408, School Facilities

On motion of Mrs. Peyser seconded by Mrs. Wallace, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Spencer abstaining (Mr. Lipson abstaining):

Resolved, That the Board of Education oppose HB-408, School Facilities, Maryland Geriatric Authority.

Resolution No. 64-82

Re: HB-417, School Facilities

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Peyser seconded by Dr. Greenblatt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education oppose HB-417, School Facilities, Space Utilization Formula.

Re: A Motion by Dr.  
Greenblatt on HB-444,  
Public School Funding  
(FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Greenblatt that the Board of Education support, in concept, HB-444, Public School Funding, failed with Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Peyser voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing voting in the negative; Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone abstaining (Mr. Lipson abstaining).

Re: A Motion by Dr.  
Greenblatt on HB-444,  
Public School Funding

Dr. Greenblatt moved and Mrs. Peyser seconded that the Board take no position on HB-444 because of the timing of the issue.

Re: A Motion by Mrs. Spencer  
to Table Dr. Greenblatt's  
Motion (FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Spencer to table Dr. Greenblatt's motion on HB-444 failed with Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Wallace voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Peyser and Mrs. Zappone voting in the negative; Dr. Greenblatt abstaining (Mr. Lipson voting in the affirmative).

Re: A Motion by Dr.  
Greenblatt on HB-444,  
Public School Funding  
(FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Greenblatt that the Board take no position on HB-444, Public School Funding, because of the timing of the issue failed with Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Spencer voting in the negative; Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Wallace abstaining (Mr. Lipson abstaining).

Resolution No. 65-82

Re: SB-249, Required School  
Days

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education support SB-249, Required School Days.

Re: Elimination of Grades  
9-12 Courses from the  
Program of Studies and  
Approval of Revised  
Curriculum

Mr. Ewing moved approval of the following which was seconded by Mrs. Peyser:

WHEREAS, The school laws of Maryland specify that the county superintendent shall prepare courses of study and recommend them for adoption by the county Board (The Public School Laws of Maryland, Article 77, Section 4-205); and

WHEREAS, Board of Education policy has resolved "that newly developed curriculum documents will be presented to the Board of Education for consideration approximately one month prior to the date on which approval will be sought and the superintendent of schools may extend this period to allow further time for citizen reaction to curriculum documents dealing with sensitive topics . . ." (from Board Resolution No. 400-73, June 18, 1973); and

WHEREAS, The Program of Studies is the document which contains the prescribed curriculum elements, including instructional objectives, of all MCPS curriculum programs and courses (MCPS Regulation 345-1, Development and Approval of Curriculum and Supporting Materials); and

WHEREAS, Excellence in curriculum can be maintained only by continuing attention to the need for curriculum change; and

WHEREAS, The Council on Instruction, charged by the superintendent with considering recommendations for curriculum change, has recommended approval of these course eliminations and attendant revisions; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommends that the Board approve the course eliminations and revisions presented to the Board on December 21, 1981; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the elimination from the Program of Studies, effective wit the 1982-83 school year, of the following semester courses:

Mathematics:	Matrices
	Mathematics in our Culture

Business Education: Basic Business Skills A and B  
Business Economics  
Consumer Economics A and B  
Fundamentals of Selling  
General Merchandising  
Home Economics: Advanced Clothing B  
Special Topics in Home Economics 2  
Personal and Family Living B  
Industrial Education: Auto Body 1A and 1B  
(Single Period);

and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the revised courses in Personal and Family Living, Advanced Clothing, and Special Topics in Home Economics for publication in the MCPS Program of Studies as part of the home economics Grades 9-12 curriculum; and these revised courses will become effective beginning with the 1982-83 school year.

Mr. Barse joined the meeting at this point.

Re: An Amendment by Mrs. Peyser to  
the Proposed Resolution

Mrs. Peyser moved and Mr. Barse seconded that the superintendent recommend that an additional 30-40 courses be combined or eliminated and that this be done soon enough for implementation for the 1982-83 school year.

Re: A Substitute Motion by Mrs.  
Wallace

Mrs. Wallace moved and Mrs. Spencer seconded that the superintendent be requested to come to the Board in a timely fashion with a further review of and consideration of the possible elimination of additional courses.

Re: A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt to  
Amend Mrs. Wallace's  
Substitute Motion (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Greenblatt to amend the substitute motion to state that this would be implemented for the 1982-83 school year failed with Mr. Barse, Dr. Greenblatt, and Mrs. Peyser voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Wallace voting in the negative; Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Zappone abstaining (Mr. Lipson voting in the negative).

Resolution No. 66-82

Re: An Amendment to the Proposed  
Resolution on Elimination of  
Grades 9-12 Courses

On motion of Mrs. Wallace seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following

resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barse voting in the negative; Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Peyser abstaining (Mr. Lipson abstaining):

Resolved, That the proposed resolution on elimination of Grades 9-12 courses be amended to add Resolved, That the superintendent be requested to come to the Board in a timely fashion with a further review of an consideration of the possible elimination of additional courses.

Re: A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt

The following motion by Dr. Greenblatt was ruled out of order by the chair at this time and was to be introduced as new business:

Resolved, That the superintendent make recommendations to the Board in order to assure that the priority of Board allocation of resources to maintain reasonable class sizes in Category 1 and basic academic courses.

Resolved, That the superintendent evaluate and make recommendations to the Board regarding increasing the minimum enrollment in Category 3 courses.

Resolved, That the superintendent consider establishing the proportion of non-Category C courses offered each year.

Resolved, That the superintendent report to the Board those courses which have not been taught in the high schools in several years.

Resolution No. 67-82

Re: Elimination of Grades 9-12  
Courses from the Program  
of Studies

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

WHEREAS, The school laws of Maryland specify that the county superintendent shall prepare courses of study and recommend them for adoption by the county Board (The Public School Laws of Maryland, Article 77, Section 4-205); and

WHEREAS, Board of Education policy has resolved "that newly developed curriculum documents will be presented to the Board of Education for consideration approximately one month prior to the date on which approval will be sought and the superintendent of schools may extend this period to allow further time for citizen reaction to curriculum documents dealing with sensitive topics . . ." (from Board Resolution No. 400-73, June 18, 1973); and

WHEREAS, The Program of Studies is the document which contains

the prescribed curriculum elements, including instructional objectives, of all MCPS curriculum program and courses (MCPS Regulation 345-1, Development and Approval of Curriculum and Supporting Materials); and

WHEREAS, Excellence in curriculum can be maintained only be continuing attention to the need for curriculum change; and

WHEREAS, The Council of Instruction, charged by the superintendent with considering recommendations for curriculum change, has recommended approval of these course eliminations and attendant revisions; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommends that the Board approve the course eliminations and revisions presented to the Board on December 21, 1981; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the elimination from the Program of Studies, effective with the 1982-83 school year, of the following semester courses:

Mathematics:	Matrices
	Mathematics in our Culture
Business Education:	Basic Business Skills A and B
	Business Economics
	Consumer Economics A and B
	Fundamentals of Selling
	General Merchandising
Home Economics:	Advanced Clothing B
	Special Topics in Home Economics 2
	Personal and Family Living B
Industrial Education:	Auto Body 1A and 1B
	(Single Period);

and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the revised courses in Personal and Family Living, Advanced Clothing, and Special Topics in Home Economics for publication in the MCPS Program of Studies as part of the home economics Grades 9-12 curriculum; and these revised courses will become effective beginning with the 1982-83 school year; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent be requested to come to the Board in a timely fashion with a further review of and consideration of the possible elimination of additional courses.

Re: Executive Session

The Board met in executive session on personnel matters from 10 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. Mr. Lipson left the meeting during the executive session to study for final examinations.

Re: Board Member Comments

1. Mrs. Wallace recalled that she had requested a legal opinion on IEPs as to whether MCPS was legally responsible once an IEP was signed. The superintendent indicated that they would have something by January 26. Mrs. Spencer explained that she had a memo supporting Mrs. Wallace's request and asking for information on the Stephen Knolls program.
2. Mrs. Wallace said that Mr. Barse's motion on Blair had a time limit of 45 days; however, they were past the deadline. The superintendent replied that he would have a paper for the Board later in the week.
3. Dr. Greenblatt reported that at the National School Boards Association meeting an effort was made to get someone from this area to be the northeast regional person; however, this did not work out. She felt that at the convention there might be discussion of this possibility.
4. Mrs. Spencer stated that the Federal Relations Network would be meeting on the Hill, and she would be attending along with Dr. Greenblatt and Mr. Fess. They would be hosting a breakfast for the Maryland Delegation.
5. Mr. Ewing said it was his understanding that the Board would be represented by its president at the Maryland Advisory Committee of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. He asked whether Board members would be able to see her statement in advance. Mrs. Zappone explained that the statement was being formulated, and the superintendent added that they hoped to have it on January 26. Mrs. Spencer asked whether she would be presenting a Board position or speaking as an individual who happened to be president of the Board, and Mrs. Zappone indicated that it was the latter. She said that she would try to get the statement to everyone as soon as possible.
6. Mrs. Wallace commented that it was her understanding that Dr. Greenblatt was privy to certain things from the Green Street Coalition, and she hoped this material could be shared with other Board members. Dr. Greenblatt explained that she received this material because she was on the legislative committee of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education.
7. The superintendent reported that a number of decisions were made in the state superintendents' meeting. The expense aid budget as well as transportation was up 8 percent; however, aid to the handicapped was at FY 1982 dollars. He said that the state superintendent would be setting up a task force on secondary schools. The state superintendent had indicated that local boards of education could increase their graduation requirements. With respect to block grants, the state superintendent would not go along with the committee report. The report will recommend that the high cost

criteria would be the handicapped and Title I. The committee report would be presented at the state Board of Education meeting.

8. Mrs. Wallace recalled a discussion about awarding certificates of academic achievement. The state said there was nothing to prevent Montgomery County's having a separate certificate over and above the diploma; however, staff had advised the Board they could not do this. She asked the superintendent to find out whether they could, in fact, do this.

Resolution No. 68-81

Re: Executive Sessions

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by Article 76A, Section 11(a) of the Annotated Code of Maryland to conduct certain of its meetings in executive closed session; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County hereby conduct its meetings in executive closed session at the time of call by either the superintendent or Board of Education president to deal with negotiations issues between January 25, 1982, and February 9, 1982 as permitted under Article 76A, Section 11(a).

Resolution No. 69-82

Re: Executive Session -  
February 9, 1982

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by Article 76A, Section 11(a) of the Annotated Code of Maryland to conduct certain of its meetings in executive closed session; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County hereby conduct its meeting in executive closed session beginning on February 9, 1982, at 9 a.m. to discuss, consider, deliberate, and/or otherwise decide the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, compensation, discipline, removal, or resignation of employees, appointees, of officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or any other personnel matter affecting one or more particular individuals and to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirement protecting particular proceedings or matters from public disclosure as permitted under Article 76A, Section 11(a) and that such meeting shall continue in executive closed session until the completion of business; and be it further

Resolved, That such meeting continue in executive closed session at noon to discuss the matters listed above in addition to

discussing matters related to collective bargaining as permitted under Article 76A, Section 11(a) and that such meeting shall continue in executive closed session until the completion of business.

Resolution No. 70-82

Re: Minutes of December 21,  
1981

On motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Peyser, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the minutes of December 21, 1981, be approved as amended.

Re: Minority Affairs Advisory  
Committee

Mrs. Spencer moved approval of the following and Dr. Greenblatt seconded the motion:

WHEREAS, The issues and problems involved in minority relations and the education of minority children are among the most important and the most sensitive human relations matters facing the school system; and

WHEREAS, In order to assist the Board of Education and superintendent to continue implementing policies and program that will improve minority relations and the education of minority children, the Board of Education adopted Resolution 523-81 on July 14, 1981, to establish a 15-member Minority Affairs Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Two vacancies currently exist on the Minority Affairs Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Minority Affairs Advisory Committee has begun its work, and needs a full complement of membership; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education appoint Mr. David L. Sanders, Jr. to complete an unexpired two-year term of office on the Minority Affairs Advisory Committee; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education will advertise publicly for interested persons to fill the other vacancy.

Resolution No. 71-82

Re: An Amendment of the  
Proposed Resolution on  
the Minority Affairs  
Advisory Committee

On motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Dr. Greenblatt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the proposed resolution on the Minority Affairs Advisory Committee be amended by substituting "existing and future vacancies" for "the other vacancy" in the final Resolved clause.

Resolution No. 72-82

Re: Minority Affairs Advisory  
Committee

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Spencer seconded by Dr. Greenblatt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The issues and problems involved in minority relations and the education of minority children are among the most important and the most sensitive human relations matters facing the school system; and

WHEREAS, In order to assist the Board of Education and superintendent to continue implementing policies and programs that will improve minority relations and the education of minority children, the Board of Education adopted Resolution 523-81 on July 14, 1981, to establish a 15-member Minority Affairs Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Two vacancies currently exist on the Minority Affairs Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Minority Affairs Advisory Committee has begun its work, and need a full complement of membership; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education appoint Mr. David L. Sanders, Jr. to complete an unexpired two-year term of office on the Minority Affairs Advisory Committee; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education will advertise publicly for interested persons to fill existing and future vacancies.

Resolution No. 73-82

Re: Appointments to the  
Title IX Advisory  
Committee

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Wallace seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education determined on July 19, 1977, that a Title IX Advisory Committee should be established; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent suggested that the committee be composed of 16 members, namely,

3 Montgomery County Public Schools staff members appointed by the superintendent in consultation with the employee

organizations and the principals' associations

3 Student members appointed by the superintendent in consultation with the Montgomery County Region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils and Montgomery County Junior Council

8 Community members appointed by the Board of Education

1 Member either from the MCPS staff or the community (at the Board of Education's discretion)

1 Ex officio member from the Department of Human Relations; and

WHEREAS, Currently there are seven vacancies existing on the committee, namely,

- 1 representative from MCEA
- 1 representative from MCCSSE
- 1 representative from the Principals' Associations
- 2 student representatives
- 2 community representatives

now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education appoint the following persons, effective immediately, to serve on the Title IX Advisory Committee:

Reappointments: Margaret Zierdt, MCEA  
Betty Montgomery, staff, MCCSSE

New Appointments: Elizabeth A. Ashburn, community, American Association of University Women  
Kelly A. Reed, community, University of Maryland Women's Center  
Anita Willens, staff, Secondary Principals' Association  
Renuka Deheragoda, student, Richard Montgomery High School  
Marilyn Drattell, student, Kennedy High School

Re: New Business

1. Mr. Ewing moved approval of a proposed resolution on election of Board of Education officers by written ballot, and Mrs. Wallace seconded the motion.
2. Dr. Greenblatt moved approval of the following new business item which was seconded by Mr. Barse:

Resolved, That the superintendent make recommendations to the

Board in order to assure that the priority of Board allocation of resources to maintain reasonable class sizes in Category 1 and basic academic courses.

Resolved, That the superintendent evaluate and make recommendations to the Board regarding increasing the minimum enrollment in Category 3 courses.

Resolved, That the superintendent consider establishing the proportion of non-Category C courses offered each year.

Resolved, That the superintendent report to the Board those courses which have not been taught in the high schools in several years.

Mrs. Peyser assumed the chair.

3. Mrs. Zappone moved approval of the following which was seconded by Dr. Greenblatt:

WHEREAS, On January 9, 1982, the Board of Education met in special session to discuss its priorities for the coming year; and

WHEREAS, The Board will devote a substantial amount of time and effort during 1982 to its priorities; and

WHEREAS, The adoption of a list of priorities will provide direction to the Board officers and the superintendent of schools as they set agendas for Board of Education meetings; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the following list of priorities for 1982:

I. Approve academic achievement

Adopt a policy statement on the kindergarten through eighth grade program, with the goal of completing the policy in time for implementation in September

Review the senior high school program, including graduation requirements, departmental and countywide final exams, course offerings, and the implementation of the senior high school policy

Review the report of the task force on foreign language instruction

II. Development and implementation of a system for assessing school effectiveness

Monitor school programs in order to assess what is

working effectively in the way to schools, teachers, and learning situations and develop mechanisms for articulating the lessons of success for others and for translating those successes to other parts of the school system

III. Improve the quality of teaching

Consider and act on the recommendations of the Commission on Quality Teaching when the report is issued

Continue to provide support for teachers in order to enable them to be effective

Continue in-service programs for staff in regular and regular and special and alternative education

IV. Improve school leadership and management

Develop a process for working with the Montgomery County Association of Administrative and Supervisory Personnel, and consult with this group about the principal selection and evaluation process

Increase principals' ability to exercise academic leadership

V. Adopt and seek funding of the FY 1983 Operating Budget

Improve educational services for children as a result of the savings realized from the school closure process

VI. Develop a process for the annual review of Board policies

Review all policies currently on the books and the new classification and publication system for policies and procedures, and rescind those policies that are no longer useful to the operation of the school system

Review the policy on student smoking on school grounds

VII. Increase measures to discourage student use of drugs and alcohol

Review the effectiveness of current policies

Expand preventive programs

Support the components of the new health curriculum related to drug and alcohol abuse

Encourage students to participate in programs to discourage drug use

VIII. Improve student discipline

Review and act on recommendations of the Board's committee on student discipline

Increase efforts to help students develop responsibility and self-discipline

IX. Review the policy on long-range educational facilities planning

Make modifications to the policy, if needed

Receive reports on the closures/consolidations which result from the actions taken by the Board in November

X. Assure better minority relations

XI. Improve management efficiency

Continue to fund and implement recommendations from MORE studies

XII. Adopt a long-range plan on the use of computer technology

Implement activities for year one of the long-range plan

XIII. Continue to monitor special and alternative education issues

Review the sources of revenue for these programs in the future

Discuss public vs. private placements

Receive information on legal requirements

XIV. Review the negotiations process, including when and how items should be presented to the Board

and be it further

Resolved, That this list of priorities is not in any particular rank order; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education priorities be widely distributed to staff and interested citizens.

4. The superintendent reported that they had received a legal opinion dealing with public officials and financial disclosure. He explained that Board members were not local public officials but rather state officials.
5. Mrs. Spencer inquired about the weather emergencies and their effect on final exams. She asked that the superintendent give some consideration to the weighting of these exams, and Mrs. Zappone asked that the superintendent give the Board a response at a future time. Mrs. Spencer moved and Mrs. Wallace seconded that the superintendent be authorized to take any appropriate mitigating action for grading procedures this semester. The superintendent indicated that if they had to close again because of the weather they would have to look at the end of the semester and make some modifications. Dr. Greenblatt suggested that the proposed resolution was out of order, and the superintendent said that he appreciated the thrust of the motion and the Board's thinking on this.

Re: Items of Information

Board members received the following items of information:

1. Update on ROTC Program in MCPS
2. MCPS Cost Accounting System
3. Status of Retail Trades Foundation Project

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 10:45 p.m.