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Rockville, Maryland
March 21, 1983

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, March 21, 1983, at 8 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mr. Blair G. Ewing, President in the
Chair

Dr. James E. Cronin
Mr. Kurt Hirsch
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner
Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

Absent: Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt
Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser
Mrs. Odessa M. Shannon

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. 238-83 Re: Board Agenda - March 21, 1983

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for March 21, 1983.

Re: Announcement

Mr. Ewing announced that Mrs. Peyser was out of town, Dr. Greenblatt was ill, and Mrs. Shannon had just arrived home and might not attend the meeting.

Resolution No. 239-83 Re: Accessibility Modifications for
the Handicapped - Various Schools

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

WHEREAS, Sealed bids were received on February 24, 1983, for accessibility modifications for the handicapped at various schools, as indicated below:

Bidder	Lump Sum
1. Chase Construction, Inc.	\$61,200

2. C. M. Parker & Co. Inc.	68,250
3. Robert J. Henley Construction Co., Inc.	68,400
4. Ernest R. Sines, Inc.	68,900
5. Jesse Dustin & Son, Inc.	80,550
6. The Darwin Construction Co., Inc.	83,240

WHEREAS, The apparent low bidder, Chase Construction, Inc., had deficiencies in its bid and on the advice of legal counsel rejection is recommended; and

WHEREAS, The recommended bidder, C. M. Parker & Co., Inc., has performed similar projects satisfactorily; and

WHEREAS, Recommended bid is within staff estimate and sufficient funds are available to effect award; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a contract for \$68,250 be awarded to C. M. Parker & Co., Inc., to accomplish accessibility modifications for the handicapped at various schools (listed below) in accordance with plans and specifications covering this work dated February 7, 1983, prepared by Arley J. Koran, Inc., architect.

Belmont Elementary School	Robert Frost Junior High School
Cashell Elementary School	Greenwood Elementary School
Damascus Elementary School	Col. E. Brooke Lee Junior High
Damascus High School	Seneca Valley High School
Wm. H. Farquhar Middle School	Stedwick Elementary School
Whetstone Elementary School	

Resolution No. 240-83 Re: Property Easement - Martin Luther King Junior High School (Area 3)

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

WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has requested a right-of-way and temporary construction easement across the Martin Luther King Junior High School site for the purpose of installing sanitary sewer, water mains, and service connections; and

WHEREAS, The proposed sewer and water improvements will benefit both the school community and extended areas and will not affect any land now utilized for school programming and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, The WSSC will assume all liability for damages or injury resulting from the installation and future maintenance of the subject utilities; and

WHEREAS, All construction, full restoration and any future repair activities will be performed at no cost to the Board of Education and will result in a negotiated payment to the school system in return for the subject property rights; now therefore be it

Baltimore, Maryland	\$ 2,563	26
Centronic Wholesalers, Inc. Hyattsville, Maryland	7,723	147
Empire Electronics Supply Company Bethesda, Maryland	16,465	117
Fairway Electronics, Inc. Kensington, Maryland	1,995	15
Pyttronic Industries, Inc. Savage, Maryland	207	5
Total	\$28,953	310

Resolution No. 244-83 Re: Bid 72-83, Industrial Arts
Hardware

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of industrial arts hardware; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised December 15, 1982, the contracts for the furnishing of industrial arts hardware for the period of March 22, 1983, through February 8, 1984, under Invitation to Bid 72-83 be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items Awarded
Brodhead-Garrett Co. Cleveland, Ohio	\$ 575	17
Capitol Lock & Hardware Co. Inc. Washington, D.C.	2,790	58
DoAll Baltimore Co. Baltimore, Maryland	2,947	29
Dura-Tite Screw Co. of Md., Inc. Baltimore, Maryland	1,133	27
Mid-States Fasteners Co., Inc. Newington, Virginia	1,650	69
Mizell Lumber & Hardware Co, Inc. Kensington, Maryland	1,031	2
Schindel, Rohrer & Co., Inc. Hagerstown, Maryland	3,503	24
Sears, Roebuck & Co. Bethesda, Maryland	231	1
Thompson & Cooke, Inc. Bladensburg, Maryland	8,861	96
Trippe Supply Co., Inc. Capitol Heights, Maryland	471	43
Total	\$23,192	366

Resolution No. 245-83 Re: Bid 85-83, Sheet Metal Shop Equipment

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of sheet metal shop equipment; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised January 13, 1983, the contracts for the furnishing of sheet metal shop equipment under Invitation to Bid 85-83 be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items	Awarded
Ace Machinery, Inc. Baltimore, Maryland	\$ 310	1	
Brodhead-Garrett Co. Cleveland, Ohio	4,804	3	
Lyon, Conklin and Co., Inc. Washington, D.C.	14,215	6	
Parent Metal Products Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	4,219	3	
Phillips Supply Columbia, Maryland	575	1	
Quality Tool & Supply Co., Inc. Upper Marlboro, Maryland	6,914	1	
Service Scaffold Co., Inc. Fallsburg, New York	3,970	3	
Thompson and Cooke, Inc. Bladensburg, Maryland	9,515	2	
Total	\$44,522	20	

Resolution No. 246-83 Re: Bid 87-83, Welding Equipment

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of welding equipment; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised January 17, 1983, the contracts for the furnishing of welding equipment under Invitation to Bid 87-83 be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items	Awarded
Arcet Equipment Company Manassas, Virginia	\$ 1,531	11	

Bel Welding Supply Company, Inc. Hyattsville, Maryland	2,707	33
Bosco Welding Supply Beltsville, Maryland	1,944	6
Brodhead-Garrett Company Cleveland, Ohio	2,968	6
Diamond Core Drilling & Sawing Co. Brentwood, Maryland	306	1
Lee's Gas Service Alexandria, Virginia	90	1
McKilligan Supply Corp. Johnson City, New York	702	1
Phillips Machinery & Supply Company Columbia, Maryland	126	1
Thompson & Cooke, Inc. Bladensburg, Maryland	4,645	9
United Tool, Inc. Methuen, Massachusetts	1,215	1
Total	\$16,234	70

Resolution No. 247-83 Re: Bid 88-83, Electricity Training Equipment

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of electricity training equipment; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised January 13, 1983, the contracts for the furnishing of electricity training equipment, under Invitation to Bid 88-83, be awarded to the following low bidders meeting specifications:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items Awarded
Arcet Equipment Company Manassas, Virginia	\$ 390	1
Brodhead-Garrett Company Cleveland, Ohio	525	1
Diversified Educational Systems Berryville, Virginia	44,284	13
Hampden Engineering Corp. East Longmeadow, Massachusetts	3,314	1
Thompson and Cooke, Inc. Bladensburg, Maryland	360	1
Trippe Supply Co., Inc. Capitol Heights, Maryland	143	1
Total	\$49,016	18

Resolution No. 248-83 Re: Bid 90-83, Carpentry Equipment

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of carpentry equipment; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised January 17, 1983, the contract for the furnishing of carpentry equipment under Invitation to Bid 90-83 be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items Awarded
Graves Humphreys Co. Roanoke, Virginia	\$ 499	1
Noland Company Falls Church, Virginia	246	1
Phillips Supply Columbia, Maryland	5,249	1
Service Scaffold Co., Inc. Fallsburg, New York	1,742	2
Thompson & Cooke, Inc. Bladensburg, Maryland	11,784	6
Total	\$19,520	11

Resolution No. 249-83 Re: Bid 91-83, Cosmetology Equipment

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of cosmetology equipment; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised January 28, 1983, the contracts for the furnishing of cosmetology equipment under Invitation to Bid 91-83 be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items Awarded
Burmax Company Hauppauge, New York	\$ 2,312	7
Gaithersburg Farmers Supply, Inc. Gaithersburg, Maryland	781	2
Gary Beauty Supply Company Baltimore, Maryland	6,348	3
Henry Kayser & Fils, Inc. New York, New York	828	2
Salon Interiors by J & W		

Folson, Pennsylvania	12,215	5
Total	\$22,484	19

Resolution No. 250-83 Re: Bid 92-83, Plumbing Equipment

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of plumbing equipment; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised January 17, 1983, the contracts for the furnishing of plumbing equipment under Invitation

to Bid 92-83 be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items Awarded
Brodhead-Garrett Co. Cleveland, Ohio	\$ 436	1
Diamond Core Drilling & Sawing Co. Brentwood, Maryland	79	1
Fries, Beall & Sharp Co., Inc. Springfield, Virginia	110	1
Graves Humphreys Co. Roanoke, Virginia	13	1
J. B. Kendall Washington, D.C.	373	5
McKilligan Industrial Supply Corp. Johnson City, New York	72	1
Noland Company Falls Church, Virginia	395	5
Thompson & Cooke, Inc. Bladensburg, Maryland	7,822	3
Tri Plumbing Supply, Inc. Rockville, Maryland	1,424	4
Trippe Supply Co., Inc. Capitol Heights, Maryland	195	1
Total	\$10,919	23

Resolution No. 251-83 Re: Bid 93-83, Electronic Equipment

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of electronic equipment; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised January 21, 1983, the

contracts for the furnishing of electronic equipment for the period of March 22, 1983, through August 31, 1983, under Invitation to Bid 93-83 be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items Awarded
Brodhead-Garrett Company Cleveland, Ohio	\$ 3,564	1
Diversified Educational Systems Berryville, Virginia	15,807	4
McKilligan Supply Corporation Johnson City, New York	2,372	1
Quality Tool & Supply Company, Inc. Upper Marlboro, Maryland	415	1
Trippe Supply Company, Inc. Capitol Heights, Maryland	1,446	2
Arthur B. Williams, Jr. & Associates Richmond, Virginia	720	1
Total	\$24,324	10

Resolution No. 252-83 Re: Bid 94-83, Sod

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs.

Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of sod; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised February 3, 1983, the contract for the furnishing of sod for the period of March 22, 1983, through September 8, 1983, under Invitation to Bid 94-83 be awarded to the low bidder meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items Awarded
White's Turf Farms, Inc. Mt. Airy, Maryland	\$48,750	1

Resolution No. 253-83 Re: Bid 106-83, Heating, Ventilation,
and Air Conditioning Training
Equipment

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning training equipment; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised February 7, 1983, the contracts for the furnishing of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning training equipment, under Invitation to Bid 106-83, be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items Awarded
Brodhead-Garrett Company Cleveland, Ohio	\$10,509	3
Diversified Educational Systems Berryville, Virginia	40,490	9
Hampden Engineering Corp. East Longmeadow, Massachusetts	12,991	3
Arthur B. Williams, Jr. & Associates Richmond, Virginia	15,257	7
Total	\$79,248	22

Resolution No. 254-83 Re: Bid 109-83, Printing Supplies

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of printing supplies; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised February 14, 1983, the contracts for the furnishing of printing supplies for the period of March 25, 1983, through March 24, 1984, under Invitation to Bid 109-83 be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items Awarded
Arcal Chemicals, Inc. Seat Pleasant, Maryland	\$ 3,648	2
John H. Burke & Co., Inc. Baltimore, Maryland	211	2
Meeks Printing Supply Alexandria, Virginia	25,891	8
National Plate Grainers, Inc. Gaithersburg, Maryland	1,720	6
L.S. Patton Printing Supplies, Inc. Gaithersburg, Maryland	6,414	11
E.H. Walker Supply Co., Inc. Rockville, Maryland	205	1
Washington Printing Supplies, Inc. Arlington, Virginia	337	3
Total	\$38,426	33

Resolution No. 255-83 Re: Bid 110-83, Upright Pianos

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs.

Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of upright pianos; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised February 17, 1983, the contract for the furnishing of upright pianos under Invitation to Bid 110-83 be awarded to the low bidder meeting specifications as follows:

	Dollar Volume	Line Items	Awarded
Keyboards America, Inc., T/A Campbell's Music Wheaton, Maryland	\$10,014		1
Resolution No. 256-83	Re: Utilization of a Portion of the FY 1983 Appropriation for Projected Supported Projects for Improving Administrator Effectiveness		

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

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend, within the FY 1983 Appropriation for Supported Projects of \$300,000, a \$3,000 grant award in Category 01, Administration, from the Maryland State Department of Education under the Maryland Professional Development Academy to provide supervisory staff with knowledge and skills in the use of coaching as an in-service technique for improving teacher effectiveness; and be it further

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

Resolution No. 257-83 Re: Monthly Financial Report

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education accept the monthly financial report as submitted.

Resolution No. 258-83 Re: HB 1089 - Strike Penalties

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education oppose HB1089 - Strike

Penalties.

Resolution No. 259-83 Re: HB1103 - Binding Arbitration of
Grievances

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education oppose HB1103 - Binding Arbitration of Grievances.

Resolution No. 260-83 Re: HJR51 - Dual Fuel Systems on
School Buses

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education support HJR51 - Dual Fuel Systems on School Buses.

Resolution No. 261-83 Re: HB939 - Disruptive Behavior

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education indicate that it had serious reservations about HB939 as amended, but would be opposed to the bill as originally proposed.

Resolution No. 262-83 Re: HJR35- Teachers Employee
Assistance Programs

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education support HJR35 - Teachers Employee Assistance Programs.

Re: Board/Press/Visitor Conference

Ms. Ann Marie Forest, Rockville High School, appeared before the Board.

Resolution No. 263-83 Re: Retention of Connecticut Park
Elementary School Building

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Hirsch seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Board of Education action on November 16, 1981 closed Connecticut Park Elementary School in June, 1983 and conveyed the building and site to the County Government on July 1, 1983 or as soon thereafter as possible; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut Park Elementary School is a preferred site for an adult education center and other MCPS units; and

WHEREAS, Retaining and operating the Connecticut Park facility will be at no additional cost to the school system; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Connecticut Park Elementary School building and site be retained for MCPS purposes.

Re: Board Member Comments

1. Mr. Hirsch reported that the student on the Board convention was held today. Miss Louise Williams and Mr. Peter Robertson were the finalists, and the election will be held on May 12.
2. Mr. Hirsch commented that Mr. Fred Evans of the Department of Human Relations had given an excellent presentation at Mr. Hirsch's high school on hate/violence activities. The presentation generated a lot of response, and Mr. Hirsch recommended it as an excellent experience for students.
3. Dr. Cronin indicated that he had asked about staff members who had given presentations at AASA. He thanked Dr. Robert Posilkin and the entire staff of the Department of Human Relations for their reports and presentations.
4. Dr. Cronin called attention to a program "Can Our Children Read" which was sponsored by the College Boards and would be presented on April 19 at Voxcom in Silver Spring. He urged staff to attend.
5. Dr. Shoenberg said that at the all-day Board meeting they had spent some time on a reconsideration of the assignment of the former Lynnbrook students. While the Board took no action, he continued to think about this assignment. It would be his expectation to monitor the situation and raise it in the context of the annual facilities review.
6. Mr. Ewing stated that it was important for the Board to recognize the results of the California Achievement Tests which showed higher scores for MCPS students in Grades 3, 5, and 11 and continuing high scores for students in Grade 8. He said that it was good news that the trend was up, and the Board should take advantage of the good news to express to the staff the Board's pleasure at that result. At the same time there was a continuing great gap between black and white test scores. He noted the minutes of January 24 and the meeting with the members of the Minority Affairs Advisory Committee. He said that the Board had received several papers which should be the bases of discussion with that committee at their May 2 meeting.

7. Mr. Ewing reported that he had given memos to the Board, and he felt strongly that the Board should turn its attention to educational planning for the elementary school programs in the B-CC cluster. The Board had adopted a resolution committing to do that, and he recommended that the Board request the superintendent to develop a timetable for planning and program development which would involve the Board at the beginning of the process. He suggested the possibility of a meeting between the Board and community leaders. He felt that it was crucial that some sort of budget effort be developed no later than the April all-day meeting. The superintendent agreed that he would proceed with the planning.

8. Mr. Ewing said that he had heard from people in the Blair/Einstein/Northwood area and others as well that they were eager for the Board to get on with decision making. The Council members, too, had stated that they would like the Board to complete its actions in this part of the county. He knew that Dr. Cronin had made an intensive effort to develop proposals, and he was hopeful that the Board could resolve these matters this week.

9. Dr. Shoenberg said that a future item was coming up from the staff on adding to high school requirements. He was concerned about acting before the Board had all the information on this topic. The superintendent indicated that he would urge that the Board take its time with this issue because of the work of the state commission. He said that he would not be recommending action at this time, but he would suggest that the item be listed as discussion/action on the Board's agenda.

10. Dr. Cronin added his congratulations to the students who did so well on test scores.

11. Dr. Cronin requested that the staff work with the Bradley/Radnor communities in an attempt to bring them together.

12. Dr. Cronin agreed with Mr. Ewing that there was a need to make decisions in the Blair/Einstein/Northwood area of the county.

Resolution No. 264-83 Re: Executive Session - April 12, 1983

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, 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 April 12, 1983, 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, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or any other personnel matter affecting one or more particular individuals, to consult with legal counsel, 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 as permitted under Article 76A, Section 11(a) and that such meeting shall continue in executive closed session until the completion of business.

Mrs. Praisner assumed the chair.

Resolution No. 365-83 Re: Minutes of January 24, 1983

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the minutes of January 24, 1983, be approved.
Mr. Ewing assumed the chair.

Resolution No. 366-83 Re: Minutes of March 1, 1983

On motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mr. Hirsch, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the minutes of March 1, 1983, be approved.

Re: New Business

1. Mr. Ewing asked whether there was any possibility that the Maryland Association of Boards of Education could send material to the Board president at the office rather than the home. He also asked staff to provide the Board with copies of MABE's beliefs and policies. Mr. Ewing moved and Dr. Cronin seconded that MABE proposed resolutions be scheduled for Board action in May.

2. Mr. Ewing recalled that in November the Board had discussed gifted and talented programs and at that time there were a number of questions raised. He asked that the Board be provided with an information item on this topic.

Resolution No. 267-83 Re: National Secretaries' Week, April
24-30, 1983

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

WHEREAS, A well-qualified and dedicated staff of secretarial and clerical employees is an integral part of an effective school system; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County public school system is extremely fortunate in having such a staff; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education wishes to recognize publicly the competency and dedication of this group of employees and express its appreciation for their efforts in the effective, courteous, and economical operation of our school system; and

WHEREAS, The week of April 24 through April 30, 1983, has been designated as National Secretaries' Week; now therefore be it

Resolved, That National Secretaries' Week be observed by the school system during the week of April 24 through 30, 1983; and be it further

Resolved, That Friday, April 29, 1983, be designated as Secretaries' Day for the Montgomery County Public Schools.

Resolution No. 268-83 Re: Establishment by MCPS of a Program
Aimed at Improving Purchasing and
Contracting Opportunities for
Minority, Female, and Handicapped
Businesses

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Shoenberg, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education shall establish with the start of FY 1984, if feasible, a program aimed at improving purchasing and contracting opportunities for minority, female, and handicapped businesses, modeled on the program established in the county government and utilizing its file of vendors, to the extent possible; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be instructed to prepare a plan for such a program, including any personnel and cost implications, for Board review and approval prior to the implementation of the program.

Resolution No. 269-83 Re: Liability of Groups Using the
Schools

On motion of Dr. Shoenberg seconded by Mrs. Peyser (moved and seconded on March 8, 1983), the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board request the superintendent to explore the matter of groups using the schools and bring the Board a recommendation for a policy and mode of implementing the policy through appropriate insurance means to address the matter of the

liability of organizations and their individual members using the schools for nonschool functions.

Resolution No. 270-83 Re: Review of Facilities Plan and
Racial Balance Policy

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Shoenberg, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board review its policies on long-range facilities planning and quality education/racial balance with a view to determining whether there should be changes in these policies; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board request community comments and suggestions on these two policies; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board conduct a preliminary discussion of these policies on May 23, 1983, with action on the proposed revisions scheduled for September 13, 1983, to allow time for community and staff recommendations.

Re: Items of Information

Board members received the following items of information:

1. Report on Black Action Steps
2. Staff Response to Minority Affairs Advisory Committee Annual Report
3. Staff Response to Title IX Annual Report
4. Class Size
5. MORE Report on Personnel Services
6. Evaluation of the Second Year of the Early Admissions Program
7. Follow-up Study of Students in the Early Admissions Program
8. MCPS Participation in G.E. Foundation Funded Educators-in-Industry

Resolution No. 271-83 Re: Adjournment

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 9:30 p.m. to an executive session on legal matters and the superintendent selection process.

President

Secretary

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