The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, May 18, 1983, at 8:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL  
Present:  Mr. Blair G. Ewing, President in the Chair  
Dr. James E. Cronin*  
Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt  
Mr. Kurt Hirsch  
Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser*  
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner  
Mrs. Odessa M. Shannon  
Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg  

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  
Mr. Peter Robertson, Board Member-elect  

Resolution No. 463-83  
Re:  Board Agenda for May 18, 1983  

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education discuss the superintendent's recommendations for the operating budget, consider tentative actions, and adjourn no later than 9:30 p.m.

Re:  Announcement  

Mr. Ewing welcomed newly elected student Board member, Mr. Peter Robertson, to the meeting. He congratulated Mr. Robertson on his election and said that the Board was looking forward to working with him.

* Mrs. Peyser joined the meeting at this point.

Re:  Recommendations on the Fiscal 1984 Operating Budget Following Council Council Action  

Mrs. Praisner moved the following which was seconded by Dr. Shoenberg:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education adopted a FY 1984 Operating Budget of $372,432,763 on February 17, 1983, and subsequently increased that budget by $985,028 to $373,417,791 in Resolution 395-83 on
April 12, 1983; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Council has appropriated $369,956,829 for the FY 1984 MCPS Operating Budget, deleting $3,460,962 from various state budget categories, as shown below:

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$373,417,791</strong></td>
<td><strong>($3,460,962)</strong></td>
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and;

WHEREAS, The County Council has created a general fund designated surplus accounts of $463,842 for utility costs, $50,000 for gasoline, $200,000 for student transportation, $405,099 for computer services, and $400,000 for private placement tuition expenses, in the event that their reduction of these items was excessive; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools reviewed the effect of the County Council changes in terms of programs planned for Fiscal 1984 and has made recommendations that are contained in this memorandum and summarized in Schedule A; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby adopts its Fiscal 1984 Operating Budget with the changes as detailed in Schedule A and in the totals for each state budget category as adopted by the County Council and shown above; and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive and County Council be informed of this action.

Mr. Ewing asked that the superintendent review his recommendations, and Dr. Shoenberg asked that the superintendent point out any situations where the Council was second-guessing his educational judgment. The superintendent replied that the main area was the seven-period day where it was the Council's intention to add only
two additional schools.

Dr. Shoenberg requested that the superintendent provide an alternative recommendation for the technical specialist, Educational Facilities Planning and Development.

* Dr. Cronin joined the meeting at this point.

Mrs. Peyser asked that the Board come back to the item on providing computer services supplies and materials out of the 03 account. Mr. Ewing added the restoration of positions in Educational Accountability to the list. Mrs. Praisner asked that secretarial positions in Academic Skills be put on the list.

In review of the reductions in special education, the superintendent suggested that the Board ask for a special education report at the beginning of the school year. Mr. Ewing agreed that a report should be prepared as soon as feasible on enrollment, staffing, and support for special education.

Mr. Ewing asked for motions on the deferred items.

Resolution No. 464-83  Re: Alternative to Superintendent's Recommendation on FY 1984 Operating Budget

On motion of Dr. Shoenberg seconded by Mrs. Peyser, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin and Mrs. Praisner voting in the negative (Mr. Hirsch voting in the affirmative):

Resolved, That the Board request the superintendent for alternative recommendations to the deletion of the technical specialist position, Educational Facilities Planning and Development, and secretarial position, Academic Skills.

Re: A Motion by Mrs. Peyser on an Alternative on the Seven-period Day

Mrs. Peyser moved and Dr. Greenblatt seconded the following:

Resolved, That the seven-period day be provided for all high schools by the following trade-offs:

- eight elementary school counselors
- 13.5 media aides
- 4.4 gifted and talented coordinator positions for senior high school art, music, and physical education teachers for Head Start and kindergarten

Resolution No. 465-83  Re: Deferral of Action on Proposed Resolution on the Seven-period Day
On motion of Dr. Greenblatt seconded by Dr. Shoenberg, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin voting in the negative (Mr. Hirsch voting in the affirmative):

Resolved, That the Board defer action on the proposed resolution on the seven-period day and ask the staff to come back with further information on how the seven-period day could be funded.

Resolution No. 466-83  Re: Adjournment

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 10:15 p.m.

President

Secretary

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