The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, February 15, 1984, at 9 p.m.

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

Absent:  None

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

Resolution No. 127-84     Re:  An Amendment to the FY 1985 Operating Budget, Division of Transportation

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

Resolved, That the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget be amended to add $138,730 (3 FTE Bus Operators, 3.4 FTE Bus Attendants, and 2 buses) for transportation for special and alternative education, Division of Transportation.

Re: A Motion by Mr. Ewing to Amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget

Mr. Ewing moved and Dr. Cronin seconded that the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget be amended by the addition of a transportation planning position, Division of Transportation.

Resolution No. 128-84     Re:  A Substitute Motion to Amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget, Transportation

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

Resolved, That the superintendent's FY 1984 Operating Budget be
amended by the addition of a transportation planning position with a
transfer of funds in the Division of Transportation to cover the
cost of this position ($32,000).

Resolution No. 129-84 Re: Removing a Motion on the Area
Offices from the Table

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

Resolved, That the proposed resolution on clerical part-time in the
area office be removed from the table.

Re: A Motion by Dr. Cronin to Amend
the FY 1985 Operating Budget
(FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Cronin to amend the superintendent's FY 1985
Operating Budget by adding $12,308 in clerical part-time for word
processing training (Area Offices) failed with Dr. Cronin and Mr.
Ewing voting in the affirmative; Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Peyser
voting in the negative; Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr.
Shoenberg abstaining (Mr. Robertson voting in the affirmative).

Resolution No. 130-84 Re: An Amendment to the FY 1985
Operating Budget Area Offices

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

Resolved, That the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget be
amended by the addition of $6,154 for clerical training for word
processing, Area Offices.

Resolution No. 131-84 Re: Removing a Motion on Blair/B-CC
Clusters from the Table

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

Resolved, That Mr. Ewing's motion on adding five teacher positions
and five aide positions for the Blair and B-CC clusters be removed
from the table.

Re: A Substitute Motion by Mr. Ewing
to Amend the FY 1985 Operating
A substitute motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget by adding three teacher and three aide positions for the Blair and B-CC clusters failed for lack of a second.

Re: A Motion by Mr. Ewing to Amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget by adding five teacher and five aide positions for the Blair and B-CC clusters failed with Mr. Ewing voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Praisner and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative; Mrs. Shannon abstaining (Mr. Robertson abstaining).

Re: A Motion by Mrs. Peyser to Amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget

Mrs. Peyser moved and Dr. Greenblatt seconded that the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget be amended by the addition of $1 million for teachers and classroom aides to reduce class sizes in elementary schools to a maximum of 25 or 26.

Re: A Substitute Motion by Dr. Greenblatt to Amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget (FAILED)

A substitute motion by Dr. Greenblatt to amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget by adding 10 elementary school teachers to eliminate large class sizes failed for lack of a second.

Resolution No. 132-84 Re: Deferring of Proposed Motion on Adding Elementary School Teachers and Aides

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

Resolved, That Mrs. Peyser's proposed resolution on adding elementary school teachers and classroom aides be deferred until February 29 and that the superintendent be asked to provide a recommendation at that time.

Re: A Motion by Mrs. Peyser to Amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget (FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Peyser to amend the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget by deleting 4.4 teacher positions for basic skills
coordinators, Junior/Intermediate/Middle Schools, failed with Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Peyser voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative (Mr. Robertson voting in the negative).

Re: A Motion by Mrs. Peyser to Amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget (FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Peyser to amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget by adding $1,386,756 to reduce maximum class sizes in English to 25 and to 28 for other academic subjects, Junior/Intermediate/Middle Schools, failed for lack of a second.

Re: A Motion by Mrs. Peyser to Amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget (FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Peyser to amend the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget by adding $750,000 to reduce class sizes toward the goal of 25 in English and 28 in other academic subjects, Junior/Intermediate/Middle Schools, failed with Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Peyser, and Mrs. Shannon voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative; Dr. Greenblatt abstaining (Mr. Robertson voting in the affirmative).

Re: A Motion by Mr. Ewing to Amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget

Mr. Ewing moved and Mrs. Shannon seconded that the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget be amended by the addition of 12 teachers to reduce class size at the senior high school level.

Re: A Substitute Motion by Mrs. Peyser to Amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget (FAILED)

A substitute motion by Mrs. Peyser to amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget by adding 87.8 teachers to reduce maximum class sizes in English to 25 and to 28 in other academic subjects, Senior High Schools, failed for lack of a second.

Re: A Substitute Motion by Mrs. Peyser to Amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget (FAILED)

A substitute motion by Mrs. Peyser to amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget by adding 48 teachers to reduce overly large class sizes, Senior High School, failed for lack of a second.
Resolution No. 133-84  Re: An Amendment to the FY 1985 Operating Budget
Senior High Schools

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

Resolved, That the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget be amended by the addition of 12 teaching positions, $264,144, Senior High Schools, to reduce class size.

Resolution No. 134-84  Re: A Substitute Motion by Mrs. Peyser to Amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget, Senior High Schools

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

Resolved, That the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget be amended by adding $666,964 to provide the seven-period day for all senior high schools.

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget by adding half of the funds requested for the Blair/Takoma Park magnet programs failed for lack of a second.

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget by adding the auto body program ($70,310) at the
Lincoln Center failed with Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Praisner voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative (Mr. Robertson voting in the affirmative).

Re: A Motion by Mr. Ewing to Amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget by adding $76,317 for high school computer terminals failed for lack of a second.

Resolution No. 135-84 Re: An Amendment to the FY 1985 Operating Budget Educational Facilities Planning

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

Resolved, That the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget be amended by the addition of $75,210 for positions in Educational Facilities Planning.

Re: A Motion by Dr. Shoenberg to Amend the FY 1985 Operating Budget (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Shoenberg to amend the superintendent's FY 1985 Operating Budget by adding $15,000 for professional part-time in the Department of Employee Assistance Services failed with Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyer, and Mrs. Praisner voting in the negative; Mrs. Shannon abstaining (Mr. Robertson voting in the affirmative).

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

President

Secretary

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