A group was concerned about the proposal to move the up-county gifted and talented Area 3 magnet cluster program from Lakewood to another school after two years. He hoped that the Board would discuss this when they talked about underlying principles of the facilities and capital budget process.

Mr. Ewing said that the second group was concerned with their children who were both gifted and talented and learning disabled. He understood that staff was working on the development of some guidelines for dealing with children with those kinds of multiple problems, but this had not yet been worked out. He thought this was a problem the Board needed to address. Parents had mentioned the problem of finding teachers who were trained to deal with this and also difficulty in getting people to admit that sometimes there were backlogs.

Mr. Ewing remarked that Mrs. Praisner had given the Board a memo which pointed out some of the things she thought were missing in the get. He had a list as well and thought it was important that be shared with other Board members and the superintendent.

Example, to reduce class size they needed a strategy to deal with this. He thought it would be helpful to get some staff reaction and discuss this in terms of a mix of approaches they could think about.

Mr. Ewing reported that he had sent the county executive a letter about the capital budget. He had been careful to state that were his comments and did not represent comments of anyone else on the Board. He provided Board members with copies and lained that it was important to recognize that the Board had a acy from the period 1978 to 1982 which involved a time when the rd followed a strategy of crowding the largest number of children o the smallest possible number of schools, build as little as sible up-county, and close as much as possible down-county. He not like that strategy at the time and did not think it served county very well. He commented that the county executive loved s, and now the Board had to live with the consequences. They did have enough schools down-county and did not have enough schools county, and they did not have enough operating budget either. He ught it was important for the executive to recognize that there had n a long series of errors and it was time for the Board to rect these. He hoped that his letter would help Mr. Gilchrist to erstand this.

Mrs. Praisner explained that her memo was not intended to be a list or a totally inclusive list of all of the things she was cerned about in regard to the operating budget. It did highlight priorities for which she needed more information before she ld work up some operating budget proposals. One dealt with class e, and she was interested in some kind of comprehensive, major, multiyear plan to make a significant reduction in class size.

Other item dealt with teachers. She reported that they would be ing a substantial number of teachers in the coming year, and she ed to know how many staff was projecting. Her questions dealt h the recruitment process, and she had requested information on possibility of using teachers in the recruitment process as
1. Dr. Shoenberg said he would like to thank those responsible for planning of the Carver dedication on Saturday. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Fess, Mrs. Wood, Dr. Cody, Mrs. Praisner, Mr. Fazakerley, Dr. Diggs, Mrs. Brasile, Mr. Ewing, and Mr. Wilder.

Resolution No. 22-85 Re: Postponement of the Proposed Resolution on Child Care Issues

Motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the proposed resolution on child care issues be postponed until after the resolution of capital budget issues.

Re: New Business

Mr. Ewing assumed they would schedule the issue of seat belts once they had heard from the PTA. Dr. Shoenberg agreed that it should be scheduled perhaps in the context of the budget.

Mr. Ewing noted that they had talked about the special education recommendations, and he assumed he did not need to make a motion to this scheduled. Dr. Shoenberg agreed that they would set aside an evening for this discussion.

Mr. Ewing pointed out that they had not discussed the monthly financial reports. It seemed to him that given the continuing projection of a potential shortfall and the use by the Council of $440,000 in the surplus, they should have some time on a Board agenda to discuss this after the December 31 data were available.

Pitt recalled that typically they had put this item on for discussion after the midyear. Dr. Shoenberg said they seemed to be concerned about fringe benefits and wondered whether a discussion of this would be worthwhile. Mr. Ewing reported that he had asked for Dr. Pitt to arrange for a briefing, and he thought it would be worthwhile for the Board to talk about this.

In regard to the items of information, Mrs. DiFonzo said she had a number of questions on the construction progress report and item on change orders. Mr. Wilder had called her and discussed questions. If she continued to have a substantial number of questions, she would ask that these be put on the agenda for discussion.

Re: Items of Information

Board members received the following items of information:

1. Items in Process
2. Construction Progress Report
3. School Facilities Change Order/Bid Activity Report

Resolution No. 23-85 Re: Adjournment

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its business meeting at 5:30 p.m. and reconvene in a worksession to discuss principles underlying facilities planning.

President

Secretary

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