The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, January 17, 1985, at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present: Dr. James E. Cronin, Vice President in the Chair
Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
Miss Jacque Duby
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Dr. Jeremiah Floyd
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner
Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye

Absent: Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

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

Re: Review of FY 1986 Operating Budget

Board members requested the following information:
1. In regard to special education placements, a paper on how staff arrived at the estimates for contract services, what the impact would be on the local nonpublic providers, who these providers are, and what level of services they would be providing.
2. The framework or guidance given to CARD members on private placements in terms of the budget.
3. The responsibilities of the adult education specialists.
4. Clarification of "noncounty funds" included in the budget.
5. Information on MCPS support given to private child care providers.
6. In regard to ESOL, a paper on the changes in the types of ESOL students, influx of students with no schooling, how the program has changed to meet their needs, and areas of the county where these students are located.
7. Information on how the American Indian program is working without a coordinator, the effect of the reduction in services, and the perceptions of the American Indian community.
8. A paper on the Phoenix program on how the needs of the students have been met with a limit of 40 students in the program. The impact on the program if it were enlarged, how many students have been turned away because of lack of space, and the enrollment by month for the last year for Phoenix I and II.
9. A paper on problems faced by students in special education, the programs serving them, an estimate of the need and demand, and what they were budgeting to meet that demand.
10. A response to questions raised by Mr. Ewing in a memo on Chapter
I. 10. In the state compensatory education program, include a reference to Civiletti funds.
12. Information on space available for expansion of the Head Start program vis a vis day care, all-day kindergarten, and other programs. Information on the number of children eligible and not served.
13. Variations in expense standards for Phoenix, Kingsley, and other alternatives programs.
14. In regard to the speech program, information on the turnaround time for services and information on ways the program had been streamlined.
15. Information on the cost of a Braille text.
16. A report on Concord, Longview, and Stephen Knolls re staff intentions for the programs and space available in these buildings.
17. In regard to secondary learning centers, information on the trade off of classroom teachers and providing vocational services.
18. A paper on the program for art, music, and physical education in elementary learning centers and whether the art and music would prepare students for the new fine arts graduation requirements.
19. A paper on models for ESOL students (developing enough fluency to show need for special services) —separate from budget questions—.
20. Information on word processing needs in the facilities planning department.
21. A timetable on the completion of the payroll and financial systems.
22. A paper on the employee benefit plan.
23. Information on the part-time account in payroll and what more money in this account would accomplish.
24. In regard to maintenance, some publicity on what the departments do and the timing involved in making repairs. A paper on $100,000 increments to increase the maintenance budget and what these increments would accomplish.
25. A paper on the relationship between the capital budget and the maintenance budget, the impact of extending the renovation cycle to 40 years, the impact of community use of buildings.
26. Information on replacement of trucks and lawn mowers.
27. A paper on economies with the use of diesel buses.
28. In regard to building service worker positions, a paper on ratios in other jurisdictions and a comparison (if possible) with the county government.

Re: Adjournment

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

Vice President

Secretary

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