The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, February 3, 1986, at 8:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dr. James E. Cronin, President in the Chair
Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Dr. Jeremiah Floyd
Mr. John D. Foubert
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner
Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg
Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye

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

Re: WORK SESSION ON THE FY 1987 OPERATING BUDGET

The following issues were raised during the Board's review of the operating budget:

1. Staff agreed to provide the Board with information on how the expenses for the National Federation of Urban-suburban School Districts visit to Montgomery County could be budgeted.

2. Mr. Ewing requested a paper on DEA projects with an indication of the cost of the projects and the timing of these projects.

3. Dr. Shoenberg asked the staff to look at the testimony from the public hearings and pick out requests for staffing and materials that were unlikely to be included within the funds provided for the area offices.

4. Mrs. Slye requested information on the new psychologist positions as to the numbers of students those positions could serve and the workload of those positions.

5. Mr. Ewing asked for a paper on five additional teacher specialists per area as to how the area superintendents would use these positions.

6. Dr. Cody indicated that he was having a table put together on library book collections and said that it would be possible to do the same thing with textbook collections.
7. Mrs. Slye asked for information on the last increase in materials of instruction, the amount, and the date of the increase.

8. Mrs. Praisner said that after the budget she would like more information on the alternative resource teacher positions, how the program was going and what resources and supports were needed.

9. Mr. Ewing asked for information on how requests in the Blair cluster testimony matched up with funds available in the budget. Dr. Cody said that the answer should include the overall allocation to each magnet school.

10. Mrs. Praisner requested information on the last time the Board had increased QIE positions.

11. Mr. Ewing suggested that when they went to the county with the budget they point out to the county government where the county did not provide services and where the Board of Education was subsidizing these services such as the school nurse program.

12. Dr. Pitt agreed to provide Board members with copies of the original plan to reduce class size.

13. Dr. Cronin inquired about the approximate number of academic classes in the J/I/M schools.

14. Mr. Ewing suggested that they needed to be more specific about the extended day program, where these programs would be and why. Mrs. Praisner asked that they include the issue of transportation especially in relation to activity buses.

15. Staff members agreed to provide a paper on the numbers and the placement of security assistants.

16. Mrs. Praisner asked that they look at the wording of the listing on page II-31 showing 10-12 and 7-9 schools because most high schools were now 9-12.

17. Mr. Foubert asked that staff look at wording of funds for MCR listed under J/I/M schools because students in junior high schools were members of MCJC.

18. Mr. Ewing inquired about criteria for providing support funds for extracurricular activities. Dr. Pitt agreed that they needed a study in this area, but he pointed out that this would take some time to do.

19. Mrs. Praisner requested a paper showing the continuing support now in Richard Montgomery, Woodward, Walter Johnson, Cabin John, and Hoover. She thought it would be useful for the community to understand this support in addition to the special positions being added to the budget by the superintendent.

Re: ADJOURNMENT
The president adjourned the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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