The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, February 5, 1987, at 8:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner, President in the Chair
         Dr. James E. Cronin
         Mr. Blair G. Ewing
         Mr. Bruce A. Goldensohn
         Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg
         Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye*

Absent:  Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
         Mr. Eric Steinberg

Others Present:  Dr. Wilmer S. Cody, Superintendent of Schools
                 Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Praisner reported that Mrs. Slye was expected later in the evening. Mrs. DiFonzo was meeting with hospital personnel about her son, and she had requested that in the event there was a three/three vote on a motion that that motion be carried over to February 10. Board members had agreed to that request.

Re: A MOTION BY DR. SHOENBERG TO AMEND THE FY 1988 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AREA OF SERVICES TO GIFTED AND TALENTED LEARNING DISABLED STUDENTS

Dr. Shoenberg moved and Mr. Ewing seconded that the FY 1988 Operating Budget be amended by adding $29,664 in appropriate places to be determined by the superintendent and staff for services to gifted and talented learning disabled students, which would bring the new funds up to what was requested in the FY 1987 Operating Budget.

Re: A SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY DR. SHOENBERG TO AMEND THE FY 1988 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AREA OF SERVICES TO GIFTED AND TALENTED LEARNING DISABLED STUDENTS (DEFERRED)

Dr. Shoenberg moved and Dr. Cronin seconded that the FY 1988 Operating Budget be amended to add $53,613 in appropriate places in the budget for services to gifted and talented learning disabled students.

This motion was deferred to Tuesday, February 10. Board members requested information on the items lost from the FY 1987 Operating Budget which were to provide services to gifted and talented learning
disabled students. Dr. Cronin asked that the materials show a clear separation for funds used for gifted and talented and for gifted and talented learning disabled students.

Re: A MOTION BY DR. CRONIN TO AMEND THE FY 1988 OPERATING BUDGET TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR J/I/M CURRICULAR/ORGANIZATIONAL STUDIES (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Cronin that the FY 1988 Operating Budget be amended to add $78,689 for J/I/M curricular/organizational studies failed with Dr. Cronin voting in the affirmative; Mr. Goldensohn voting in the negative; and Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg abstaining.

Re: A MOTION BY DR. CRONIN TO AMEND THE FY 1988 OPERATING BUDGET TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR J/I/M CURRICULAR/ORGANIZATIONAL STUDIES (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Cronin that the FY 1988 Operating Budget be amended to add $30,000 for J/I/M curricular/organizational studies failed with Dr. Cronin, Mr. Goldensohn, and Mrs. Praisner voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing and Dr. Shoenberg abstaining. Mrs. Praisner stated that this motion would be carried over to February 10, and she asked that absent Board members be provided with a transcript of the discussion.

Dr. Cronin assumed the chair.

RESOLUTION NO. 65-87 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1988 OPERATING BUDGET, COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE, II-24, 25, 27, and 38

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1988 Operating Budget be amended to add $80,768 to provide a peer counseling program countywide, Counseling and Guidance, II-24, 25, 27, and 38.

Mrs. Praisner assumed the chair.

RESOLUTION NO. 66-87 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1988 OPERATING BUDGET, OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR INSTRUCTION AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

On motion of Dr. Shoenberg seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin abstaining:

RESOLVED, That the FY 1988 Operating Budget be amended to add $12,214
in out-of-state travel, Office of the Associate Superintendent for Instruction and Program Development.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-87    Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1988 OPERATING BUDGET, OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1988 Operating Budget be amended by adding $75,000 to legal contractual services, Office of the Superintendent, I-8.

*Mrs. Slye joined the meeting at this point.

Re:  AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Mr. Ewing asked staff to provide information on what would be the best way to deal with this program, assuming additional resources were appropriate. Dr. Cronin said he would like to see an expansion of cultural awareness. Mr. Ewing asked that the response include something about the dropout problem. Mrs. Praisner suggested that staff describe the services now and what additional programs or resources might be provided to meet needs.


On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mr. Goldensohn, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the FY 1988 Operating Budget be amended to add $160,000 for four additional schools to be served by the Chapter I program, III-53-55.

RESOLUTION NO. 69-87    Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1988 OPERATING BUDGET, SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1988 Operating Budget be amended to add $81,976 for two teacher specialist positions, Department of Special Education and Related Services, III-72.

Re:  A MOTION BY DR. CRONIN TO AMEND THE FY 1988 OPERATING BUDGET, SPECIAL EDUCATION (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Cronin to amend the FY 1988 Operating Budget by adding one speech pathologist to the Special Education budget failed for lack of a second.
Re: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND PHYSICAL THERAPY, SPECIAL EDUCATION

Board members requested additional information on providing OT/PT services. Mr. Ewing asked what it would require to purchase services in order to assure that they did not have students waiting assessment or services. Mrs. Praisner asked that the response include staff perceptions of the implications of purchasing these services at this point. Dr. Shoenberg asked that the question be broadened to include staff recommendations on alternative methods of providing these services by adding to the budget to deal with the issue.

Re: A MOTION BY DR. CRONIN TO AMEND THE FY 1988 OPERATING BUDGET BY ADDING TWO SPECIAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS FOR STEPHEN KNOLLS (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Cronin to amend the FY 1988 Operating Budget by adding $27,912 for two special education instructional assistants for Stephen Knolls, III-74 failed with Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, and Mrs. Slye voting in the affirmative; Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg abstaining.

Mrs. Praisner indicated that this motion would be deferred to Tuesday, February 10.

RESOLUTION NO. 70-87

Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1988 OPERATING BUDGET, FOREST KNOLLS, SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, and Mrs. Slye voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Praisner and Dr. Shoenberg abstaining:

RESOLVED, That the FY 1988 Operating Budget be amended by adding $27,912 for two special education instructional assistants for Forest Knolls, Special Education.

Re: SCHOOL-BASED SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES

Mrs. Slye requested information on the nature of the request of $29,296 for supplies in School-based Special Education programs.

Re: DIVISION OF ACCOUNTING

Mrs. Slye requested information on the most efficient way to stay on the time line for the new management systems, not necessarily from the point of view of the possibility of one additional position in Accounting. Mrs. Praisner asked that the response compare the advantages of adding a position versus the overtime in the budget. Dr. Cronin inquired about job specifications and grade level for the additional position.
Mrs. Praisner asked that a report appear in the BULLETIN regarding the response to Question 49 about the construction of new schools and the renovation of existing schools.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-87  Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1988 OPERATING BUDGET, MAINTENANCE

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, Dr. Shoenberg, and Mrs. Slye voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Praisner abstaining:

RESOLVED, That the FY 1988 Operating Budget be amended by adding $1 million for maintenance supplies, V-45 to V-52.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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