The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, February 2, 1988, at 7:45 p.m.

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

Absent:  None

Others Present:  Dr. Harry Pitt, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Paul L. Vance, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re:  FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET

Mrs. Praisner moved and Dr. Cronin seconded the adoption of the superintendent's FY 1989 Operating Budget in the amount of $575,857,339. The superintendent modified his budget request to include the addition of $416,764 for an increase in all-day kindergarten at Moyer Road and Goshen Elementary Schools, an increase in funds for field trips and an increase in the maintenance budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 52-88   Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1989 Operating Budget be amended by adding $95,973 for six additional all-day kindergarten classes, Elementary Schools.

Re:  A MOTION BY DR. CRONIN TO AMEND THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Dr. Cronin moved that the FY 1989 Operating Budget be amended by decreasing class size in Grades 1-6 by adding $175,146, Elementary Schools.

Re:  A SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET,
A substitute motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Elementary School Class Size, by adding 12 teaching positions in the amount of $352,282, failed for lack of a second.

RESOLUTION NO. 53-88  Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1989 Operating Budget be amended by the addition of $175,146 to reduce class sizes in Grades 1-6.

Re:  A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, KINDERGARTEN CLASS SIZE (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Elementary School, by adding $72,978 to reduce kindergarten class size failed for lack of a second.

RESOLUTION NO. 54-88  Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Dr. Shoenberg seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted unanimously (Mr. Herscowitz being temporarily absent):

RESOLVED, That the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Elementary Schools, be amended by adding $191,045 for five counselor positions.

Re:  A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Elementary Schools, by adding $50,000 for textbooks failed for lack of a second.

RESOLUTION NO. 55-88  Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, J/I/M SCHOOLS

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1989 Operating Budget, J/I/M Schools, be amended by adding $29,191 for one special needs teaching position.

RESOLUTION NO. 56-88  Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1989 OPERATING
On motion of Mr. Herscowitz seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the FY 1989 Operating Budget, J/I/M Schools and Senior High Schools, be amended by adding $36,572 for extracurricular stipends and materials for peer counseling.

RESOLUTION NO. 57-88 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, J/I/M SCHOOLS

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1989 Operating Budget, J/I/M Schools, be amended by adding $68,829 for 12-month guidance secretaries.

Dr. Cronin moved and Mr. Ewing seconded that the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Senior High Schools, be amended by adding $87,573 for three teaching positions to reduce class size.

RESOLUTION NO. 58-88 Re: A MOTION BY DR. CRONIN TO AMEND THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

A substitute motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Senior High Schools, be adding $175,146 for six teaching positions to reduce class size failed for lack of a second.

RESOLUTION NO. 59-88 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Senior High Schools, be amended by adding $87,573 for three teaching positions to reduce class size.

RESOLUTION NO. 59-88 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

On motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mr.
RESOLVED, That the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Senior High Schools, be amended by adding $90,757 for safety and security monitors.

RESOLUTION NO. 60-88    Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, (Mr. Herscowitz), Mrs. Praisner, Dr. Shoenberg, and Mrs. Slye voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin being temporarily absent:

RESOLVED, That the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Senior High Schools, be amended by adding $20,000 for part-time clerical guidance assistance.

Re:  A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Senior High Schools, by adding $51,000 for media centers failed with Mr. Ewing and Mr. Goldensohn voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, (Mr. Herscowitz), Mrs. Praisner, Dr. Shoenberg, and Mrs. Slye abstaining.

Re:  A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, AREA OFFICES, (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Area Offices, by adding $286,530 for six psychologist positions failed for lack of a second.

Re:  A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, AREA OFFICES, (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Area Offices, by adding $143,265 for three psychologist positions failed with Mr. Ewing and Mrs. DiFonzo voting in the affirmative; Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative; Dr. Cronin, Mr. Goldensohn, (Mr. Herscowitz), Mrs. Praisner, and Mrs. Slye abstaining.

Re:  A MOTION BY DR. CRONIN TO AMEND THE FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, SPECIAL EDUCATION.

Dr. Cronin moved and Mrs. Praisner seconded that the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Special Education, be amended by the addition of $5,672 to increase the Model Learning Center secretarial position from .8 to 1.0.
RESOLUTION NO. 61-88    Re:  TABLING OF DR. CRONIN'S MOTION ON
THE MODEL LEARNING CENTER

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

RESOLVED, That Dr. Cronin's proposed motion on the Model Learning
Center be tabled until February 9 when the superintendent is to
provide additional information.

Mrs. Slye left the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 62-88    Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1989 OPERATING
BUDGET, SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Special Education, be
amended by adding $36,612 for expansion of the BiCEPS Program.

Re:  A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE
FY 1989 OPERATING BUDGET, SPECIAL
EDUCATION, (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Special
Education, by adding 2.5 teacher specialists and 34 aides to expand
the Chapter I program to eight more schools failed for lack of a
second.

RESOLUTION NO. 63-88    Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1989 OPERATING
BUDGET, SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1989 Operating Budget, Special Education, be
amended by the addition of $419,077 to Chapter I for 20.5
instructional assistants and two teacher specialists to expand the
program to six additional schools.

Re:  STATEMENT BY MR. HERSCOWITZ

*For the record, Mr. Herscowitz asked that he be recorded as voting
in the negative regarding Resolution No. 59-88, safety and security
assistants.

Re:  ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.