The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, March 21, 1988, at 8:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo, President in the Chair
Dr. James E. Cronin
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mr. Andrew Herscowitz
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner
Mrs. Vicki Rafel
Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

Absent: Mr. Bruce Goldensohn

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

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. DiFonzo announced that Mr. Goldensohn was ill and would not be attending the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO.164-88 Re: BOARD AGENDA - March 21, 1988

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt its agenda for March 21, 1988.

RESOLUTION NO. 165-88 Re: MRS. MARY MARGARET SLYE

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

WHEREAS, On December 1, 1984, Mrs. Mary Margaret (Peggy) Slye was sworn in as a member of the Montgomery County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure on the Board of Education, Mrs. Slye served with distinction and brought to the Board her skills in management, planning, and business, most particularly in her work as chair of the Board's Audit Committee; and

WHEREAS, As a former teacher, Mrs. Slye sought to improve the academic achievement for all; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Slye brought to the Board her warmth, sincerity, and
genuine concern for the needs of all students and gave freely of her
time in listening to the concerns and views of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Slye worked diligently with other members of the Board
and with staff to see the International Baccalaureate Program at
Richard Montgomery High School become a reality; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Slye's resignation from the Board was accepted with
deep regret by the members of the Board; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Education, the
superintendent, and staff of the Montgomery County Public Schools
thank Mrs. Slye for her service on the Board of Education; and be it
further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education, superintendent, and staff
express their wishes for good health to Mrs. Slye and their hope that
she will continue to be a friend and supporter of public education in
Montgomery County.

Re: STATEMENT BY MRS. RAFEL

"Thank you. It really is an honor to be here tonight taking on this
momentous task. The main shadow is the fact that this comes as a
result of Mrs. Slye's inability to complete her term and I think that
the resolution that the Board has just adopted expresses the feelings
of a great many of us.

"I would like to take a few minutes to tell you a little bit about
what's going through my mind as I take on this task. Over the last
day or so, a lot of reporters have called and they always ask, "Why do
you want to do this?" That is the one question that the Board forgot
to ask when they were interviewing the applicants last week. The
answer that I have been giving them is that I think I have some
skills and experience that may help the Board in its work over the
next few months. And I really do mean that. But I suspect that it
goes deeper than that. Some of what I am thinking about is what goes
through the minds of all of the people who are now on the Board and
the people who have been on the Board before. It certainly isn't the
power and the glory and the money. It is a desire to be of service
to the community, and I think that the Montgomery County Board of
Education has a long tradition of that service and of working to
assure that we have the best possible school system. I am very proud
to be part of that effort from this side of the table.

"I want to tell you about some of the other things that have been
happening to my head over the last week. It is just a week ago
tonight that the Board started its interview process and there was my
interview and seven other interviews. These were people who had some
special qualities, some special abilities, some commitment to offer
to the Board, and there I was competing with people who could also do
this job. Then along about Wednesday night, the Board members
starting talking about characteristics, and it was very reminiscent
of some meetings that some of you may have been in when PTA's talk
about the characteristics they want in a principal, the ability to walk on water and solve every problem in the world, I knew that what they were talking about were the qualities that they have among themselves and that Mrs. Slye has demonstrated and I hoped if I were selected maybe I could do most of those things. That was an interesting experience. Then the next day when I went to the courthouse with Sharon and took and oath and I realized that this is a public service. You are in this great big book and you have taken the oath to support the Constitution of the State of Maryland and serve as a member of this Board of Education and that's a very moving experience. Then they took me with them to the County Council to talk about the CIP. That was an interesting experience because that was the first time I had realized that I am now going to sit on this side of the table instead of on that side of the table where I have sat all those years, and I am not going to be acting as someone who is saying to the Board of Education, "You really need to do this, or wouldn't you like to do this?", but now people are going to be saying those things to me, and I am going to be over there working on the County Council for those same kinds of things.

"Then to top it all, there are the people, many of whom are here tonight, who have encouraged and supported and worked with me over many, many years, who have not only worked hard themselves but who have encouraged me in my interests in Montgomery County Public Schools, and in children and in PTA and education. To have them call and say, "Congratulations, we are so happy for you, if this is what you really want, we are glad that you've got it, and if there is anything we can do, please let us know, and we'd like to help." It has been a really heart-warming experience. Of course, there have been a few calls where people have said when you get settled in, I have a couple of things I'd like you to take care of, so I will do some of that, too. This long-standing tradition of community service really means a great deal to me. I am one of the, I think Dr. Vance said one day, I was one of the premier volunteers in the county. I really do want to serve as a good Board member and contribute in as many ways as I can to the things that the other Board members said that they expected of a new Board member. I promise you that I will serve to my best ability and I promise that I will serve all of the children of Montgomery County.

"I want to thank my family, my sons and my parents and my husband for supporting this effort, and revelling in it with me. I want to thank the Board members for giving me this opportunity to serve.

"Thank you."

Re: REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Praisner acknowledged her thanks and personal fondness for Mrs. Slye and mentioned that she had been a dear friend to education in this county for a long time and that the Board would miss her. Mrs. Praisner also thanked Mrs. Rafel for making herself available to the Board.
Dr. Cronin shared Mrs. Praisner's comments of fondness for Mrs. Slye and said that it was a pleasure to have worked with her and hoped they would have an opportunity to work together in the future.

Mr. Ewing praised Mrs. Slye for her very remarkable insight into problems and for her warmth and wit. Mr. Ewing pointed out that Mrs. Rafel was remarkably qualified for her position on the Board.

Dr. Shoenberg said he was impressed by the people who had come out to see Mrs. Rafel tonight. All Board members expressed their pleasure of being able to work with Mrs. Rafel. Mr. Herscowitz was pleased that Mrs. Rafel had been sympathetic to his questions during the interview.

Mrs. DiFonzo expressed her gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Slye and welcomed Mrs. Rafel to the Board. Dr. Pitt reiterated the Board members comments about Mrs. Slye and welcomed Mrs. Rafel. At this time the meeting was recessed for a brief reception for Mrs. Rafel. The meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Re: ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Dr. Pitt said that the Montgomery Education Connection had done great things for the school system and that they had done much more than was expected. He thanked the Connection for their support and read the award as follows:

Montgomery County Public Schools and the Montgomery Education Connection won the Association of School Business Officials International 1987 School/Business Partnership Award in the Large School District Category.

Awards were presented to the three school districts that demonstrated the best joint ventures with business. The purpose of this award program is to promote the concept of school/business partnerships as an alternate source of educational funding.

Re: DISCUSSION WITH COMMISSION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Present from the Commission were Mr. George Margolies, Vice Chairman of the Commission, Dr. Judy Fallon, chair of the report on school health services and Dr. Mark Mann, principal, Parkland Junior High School.

Mr. Margolies said that the Commission's number one priority last year among 12 issues was school health services. Although there is a general perception that the changing younger population was in a much greater need for health services in the schools, the Commission felt that its report must be premised on hard data and anecdotal information, not just perceptions. Therefore, site visits were made to all school levels throughout the county, and they met with the Health Department and MCPS officials and personnel, parents and
outside researchers. Comparative data was gathered from other school districts, and they obtained detailed school system and health department statistics as to health room visits. The medical needs of foreign born youngsters, mainstreamed health-impaired students and latchkey students sent to school by working parents were looked at. The Commission stressed that they were not looking at the competency or dedication of the Health Department staff, but were concerned with the matter of resources and recognized that any improvements would have an impact on the county's budget. Therefore, the Commission proposed that improvements be phased in over a 5-year period. The Commission will review and comment later on a separate study made by an independent Gaithersburg firm, Professional Management Associates, on school health services. Mr. Margolies said that the Commission understood that many of the findings and recommendations are similar to theirs.

Dr. Fallon said that the Commission's philosophy was as a facilitator of the educational process, to promote the physical and mental well-being of students and staff in order to maximize the educational experience for everyone. A safe environment is necessary for learning. Children today are of a "different type" than those in the past. There are more of them, from different backgrounds, home situations are different, physical and learning problems are different and must be met by a system not overextended and stressed. Statistics from 1985-86 health room logs were given from information available to the Commission, and Dr. Fallon noted that 50% of the schools in MCPS had no health room technician or nurse and kept no logs. Therefore, no statistics are available for all of these schools. With over 101,000 students cared for at 155 sites in Montgomery County, there are also 7500 students cared for at 27 private schools. There were 77,500 doses of medication logged during this time period, 300,000 visits were made to health rooms by students with 83% of these of an acute nature which required trained personnel to be on site for evaluation. In the elementary schools, some of the health rooms had no windows, were shared with file cabinets and xerox machines and volunteers were using space, leaving very little privacy. Beds were vintage models. If no technician were available, MCPS personnel had to attend to students. In high schools, the physical aspects of the health rooms were more adequate. While handling administrative duties, nurses and technicians, however, were overloaded with problems ranging from pregnancy and abuse to students needing TLC. The Commission emphasized that clerical staff in schools should not be required or asked to make medical evaluations of injuries and illnesses of students.

Recommendations of the Commission, which do not take into account the opening of any new schools, include 3 school community health nurses, 10 health room techs for FY 1989, that staffing patterns be established to have one nurse per 1,000 students, increase nurse time from .6 to .8 work years to allow for administrative duties, outreach, etc., strongly recommend one health room tech per school with supervisory nurse available and one physician per administrative area. It is recognized by the Commission that these recommendations do have fiscal impact, but some things that do not are pens and
notebooks to keep records in the schools which have not been keeping records and yearly cluster needs analysis to give the Commission access to computerized data for future planning. The Board was urged to study the independent Professional Management Associates report. Although the Commission recognizes that these recommendations do have fiscal impact, this impact is much less than one single malpractice suit.

Dr. Mann, principal of Parkland Junior High School, shared some of his concerns and observances of similar health services needs. In addition to what Dr. Fallon had mentioned, Dr. Mann emphasized an additional need for health services to cover supervision of extracurricular activities. Dr. Mann's message to the Commission is that MCPS needs more of the same and also that they would like to see MCPS support the Health Department budget that will be necessary to implement the recommendations.

Mrs. DiFonzo said that the Board had indicated to the County Council many times the concerns for the lack of either nurses or technicians in the schools. Mrs. DiFonzo reiterated the Board's strong feelings in this regard and that the Board was in total agreement with the Commission's requests.

Dr. Cronin said he hoped stories in the newspapers would accurately reflect the fact that MCPS receives the problems/complaints, but does not control the resources. Dr. Pitt assured Dr. Cronin that playground equipment is evaluated for safety before it is installed on school grounds. Dr. Cronin mentioned his concerns for a new category of "homeless" children and asked the Commission what was being done for them. Mr. Margolies said that they, indeed, were a concern for the needs they represented. Community health clinics could administer to their needs, and indigent children were not charged for services. This is clearly a segment that must be identified and helped, and Dr. Fallon said that Social Services would have a better handle on this group and they would look into this and get back to the Board with this information. Dr. Mann said that a principal would usually refer this type of case to a community health nurse.

Mrs. Praisner asked for a copy of the Professional Management Associates report. Mrs. Praisner expressed concern that there was a shortfall of health services, that not all schools would be adequately served. Mr. Edward Masood, director of Driver, Health and Physical Education and Athletics, said that the county did not include new schools in Area 3 but that supplemental requests were made to provide same services at the same ratio for these new schools. Same services in this case means staff to student ratio. Therefore, it might mean that a new school may not have services because of the way numbers of students were configured. Mrs. Praisner asked for clarification of phase-in of health room improvements, how long it would take, so that the Board could testify to the Council. Further, Mrs. Praisner said that more study should be made about the physical facilities, i.e., space for health rooms in schools so that files, xerox machines, etc., did not have to be
housed in these areas. Dr. Pitt said that in renovated and new schools space was provided for health rooms. Mr. Margolies said that a concern the Commission had was staff movement from school to school. This presents a problem with staff services to students, especially in counseling relationships where services are interrupted if staff is moved. Dr. Pitt mentioned that School Health Services is doing an outstanding job, they are very cooperative and allow MCPS to give input. The School Health Services Department has a direct relationship with the deputy superintendent and their placement of people is done after MCPS input and they use their professional judgment with this placement. The problem, Dr. Pitt continued, is not with the department, but with available resources.

In response to Dr. Shoenberg's question, Dr. Mann said that there was no down-time in his health room and that was representative of all secondary school health rooms. Dr. Mann said that beepers would be helpful for nurses to carry when they go from school to school. Additionally, the availability of dedicated phone lines would be helpful since school phone lines are often busy. Dr. Fallon said that health room technicians were not in short supply. The requirements for technicians are high school diploma, Red Cross first aid course and CPR certification.

Mr. Herscowitz said that it was ludicrous that schools could not administer over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol. Mr. Margolies said that this question was asked of Dr. Wasserman by Mr. Gudis and his answer was that they were reviewing this. The Commission has not taken an active position on this. Regarding birth control, Mr. Herscowitz asked what the Commission's position was. Dr. Fallon said that the Commission's mission was to study school health services and the possibility of school-based health clinics. However, during its three-month study of health services, the Commission would for the time being postpone further discussion of the clinics to study other more pressing concerns. The Commission, however, would follow up on this on a yearly basis as this was an area of interest to them. Mr. Margolies said that the Commission saw school-based health clinics encompassing far more than birth control and dental issues, including athletic exams, vision and hearing exams, substance abuse and suicide prevention counseling, immunizations, administration of medications, nutrition and service to health-impaired children. The first priority of the Commission was the broad-based, broad geographic distribution of health services.

Dr. Fallon noted that one of the primary concerns of young people in the county is stress. Mr. Ewing expressed his support of the Commission's recommendations, but said that the role of the schools in providing a whole range of services should be examined. Mrs. Praisner said that she would like to see a more comprehensive recommendation of a phase-in of multiple services and issues that need to be addressed after studying the professional management report. Dr. Pitt emphasized that, should a Council member ask the question what the school system would be willing to give up, that the Commission would stress that this is an additional community
responsibility going beyond the MCPS budget. Mr. Margolies agreed that there would be no trade-offs.

Mrs. DiFonzo said that the Board agreed philosophically with what the Commission had reported and thanked the committee for their fine work.

RESOLUTION NO: 166-88  Re:  RECOMMENDED FY 1988 OBJECT TRANSFER WITHIN THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized, subject to County Council approval, to effect within the FY 1988 vocational education programs the following object transfer:

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and be it further

RESOLVED, That the county executive be requested to recommend approval of this resolution to the County Council and a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the county executive and the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 167-88  Re:  RECOMMENDATION TO SUBMIT AN FY 1988 GRANT PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A FOLLOW-ALONG TRACKING SYSTEM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

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

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to submit an FY 1988 grant proposal for $110,000 to the United States Department of Education for development of a follow-along tracking system for special education students; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 169-88  Re:  THOMAS S. WOOTTON HIGH SCHOOL - PARTIAL REROOFING REBID (AREA 3) 999-42

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

WHEREAS, The following sealed bids were received on March 9, 1988, for the partial reroofing of Thomas S. Wootton High School:

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Description of Alternates:
Add Alternate 1: The inclusion of roof area "G"
Add Alternate 2: The inclusion of roof area "H":

and

WHEREAS, The low bidder, R. D. Bean, Inc., has performed similar projects satisfactorily for MCPS; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funds are available in Account 999-42 to award a contract for the base bid; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a contract for $340,780 be awarded to R. D. Bean, Inc., for the partial reroofing of Thomas S. Wootton High School in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Department of School Facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Alternates 1 and 2 be added to the contract via a change order when the County Council approves the Board’s FY 1989 Capital Budget request for roof replacements.

RESOLUTION NO. 170-88 Re: CHANGE ORDERS OVER $25,000

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

WHEREAS, Change orders exceeding $25,000 for various projects have been received by the Department of School Facilities; and

WHEREAS, Staff and the project architects have reviewed these change orders and found the costs to be equitable; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the following change orders for the amounts and contracts indicated:

**ACTIVITY 1**
- **Project:** Greencastle Elementary School
- **Description:** Install computerized energy management system
- **Contractor:** Dustin Construction Company, Inc.
- **Amount:** $71,290
ACTIVITY 2  
Project: Muddy Branch Elementary School  
Description: Increase size of water and sewer service  
Contractor: The Gassman Corporation  
Amount: $25,920

RESOLUTION NO. 171-88  Re: WORKS OF ART FOR MUDDY BRANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, Authorization of the selection of artists to receive commissions to produce works of art is delineated in Article V, Section 1, Chapter 8, "Buildings," of the MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE; and

WHEREAS, Staff has employed selection procedures submitted by the superintendent to the Board of Education on February 10, 1984; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Arts Council has participated in the selection process as required by law; and

WHEREAS, Funds have been appropriated for this purpose in the FY 1988 Capital Improvements Program; and

WHEREAS, The law also requires County Council approval before the Board of Education can enter into contracts with the artists; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education enter into the following contractual agreements subject to County Council approval:

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<td>G. Byron Peck</td>
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<td>Lilli Ann Rosenberg</td>
<td>Mosaic Murals</td>
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and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Council be requested to approve the above commissions to the indicated artists.

RESOLUTION NO. 171-88  Re: LAYTONSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - GRANT OF EASEMENT TO WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

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

WHEREAS, The Washington Gas Light Company is planning to provide gas service to the Laytonsville Elementary School and the Town of
Laytonsville; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Gas Light Company requires a 10-foot wide easement across the school's entire frontage on Laytonsville Road (MD 108) in order to allow for the excavation and installation of a proposed underground gas pipeline; and

WHEREAS, The easement also provides for temporary access upon adjoining school property during construction and maintenance of the gas pipeline; and

WHEREAS, All construction, restoration, and future maintenance will be performed at no cost to the Board of Education, with the Washington Gas Light Company and contractors assuming liability for all damages or injury; and

WHEREAS, This dedication of a permanent easement and temporary access for construction and maintenance of a gas pipeline will benefit the surrounding community and the Laytonsville Elementary School; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the president and secretary be authorized to execute an easement document for the necessary right-of-way to install and maintain a gas pipeline at the Laytonsville Elementary School.

RESOLUTION NO. 172-88 Re: BURTONSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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

WHEREAS, The Maryland State Highway Administration is planning to improve Old Columbia Pike and Spencerville Road (MD 198), between US 29 and New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) in Burtonsville; and

WHEREAS, Final design and construction of the road improvement require a conveyance of 217 square feet of land from the Burtonsville Elementary School access located at 15516 Old Columbia Pike; and

WHEREAS, All construction, restoration, and future maintenance will be performed at no cost to the Board of Education, with the Maryland State Highway Administration and contractors assuming liability for all damages or injury; and

WHEREAS, This land conveyance for a right-of-way to improve the existing roadway will benefit the surrounding community and the Burtonsville Elementary School; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the president and secretary be authorized to execute an option contract and final deed for the conveyance of the 217 square feet of land required to improve MD 198 at the Burtonsville
RESOLVED, That a negotiated fee of $1,100 be paid by the Maryland State Highway Administration for the right-of-way, and said funds be deposited to the Rental of Property Account No. 32-108-1-13.

RESOLUTION NO. 173-88  Re: GREENCASTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TEMPORARY SLOPE EASEMENTS TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is the owner and developer of 12 acres on the east side of Robey Road, north of Briggs Chaney Road, upon which it is constructing the Greencastle Elementary School for opening in September, 1988; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has requested that the county government provide road improvements to Robey Road to effect safe access for the school buses and other vehicular traffic attracted by the new school; and

WHEREAS, In order to provide safety improvements to Robey Road, the county government is requesting a dedication of 30,510 square feet of land from the frontage of the Greencastle Elementary School site; and

WHEREAS, Final design and construction of the road improvements include temporary access for the grading of slopes behind the dedicated area; and

WHEREAS, All construction, restoration, and future maintenance will be performed at no cost to the Board of Education, with the county government and contractors assuming liability for all damages or injury; and

WHEREAS, This land dedication for road improvements and temporary access for grading of slopes will benefit the surrounding community and the Greencastle Elementary School; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the president and secretary be authorized to execute a deed and a slope easement agreement dedicating the necessary right-of-way required to improve Robey Road at the Greencastle Elementary School.

Re: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Mr. Herscowitz offered a resolution for prohibition of tobacco use to include staff members and hoped that a Board member would second his motion.

2. Mrs. Praisner commended elementary principals for an outstanding ESAA conference. She asked staff to get Board members copies of materials handed out at the Friday morning session on empowerment of
3. Regarding the timetable for naming schools, Mrs. Praisner asked if the timetable was realistic and Dr. Pitt said that it was for the elementary schools and he did not feel it would cause problems, although it was very optimistic.

4. Mrs. Praisner asked for more information on Mr. Herscowitz's memo on weighted grades for the April 12 discussion; numbers of students taking credit/no credit courses at this time and the types of courses, i.e., honors or non-honors, the numbers of C's being earned in honors courses and the number of C's in courses Mr. Herscowitz identified as "unique."

5. Mr. Ewing mentioned that a number of ESOL teachers told him that they were in a state of uncertainty about whether their submission of certification through completion of competency-based courses is going to be reviewed in time for them to make plans for the next school year. Dr. Pitt said he would look into it.

6. Mr. Ewing presented his views in a paper to the Board on assertive discipline and asked that the Board members review his thoughts. Dr. Pitt said he had received a report from the committee and was evaluating it and would try to get something together next week with his evaluation of the report and his comments.

RESOLUTION NO: 175-88   Re: EXECUTIVE SESSION - APRIL 12, 1988

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by Section 10-508, State Government Article of the ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND to conduct certain of its meetings in executive closed session; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County hereby conduct its meeting in executive closed session beginning on April 12, 1988, at 9 a.m. to discuss, consider, deliberate, and/or otherwise decide the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, compensation, discipline, removal, or resignation of employees, appointees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or any other personnel matter affecting one or more particular individuals and to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter as permitted under the State Government Article, Section 10-508; and that such meeting shall continue in executive closed session until the completion of business; and be it further

RESOLVED, That such meeting continue in executive closed session at noon to discuss the matters listed above as permitted under Article 76A, Section 11(a) and that such meeting shall continue in executive closed session until the completion of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 175-88   Re: MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 29, 1988
On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of February 29, 1988, be approved.

Re: PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing that the Board schedule a discussion of a proposal that the Board review and act on the appointment of members of Board advisory committees and task forces in public session, unless the Board has a compelling personnel policy reason which obliges it to make its reviews in executive session, failed with Mr. Ewing voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, (Mr. Herscowitz), Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Rafel and Dr. Shoenberg in the negative.

Re: PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS AGENDA-SETTING (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing that the Board schedule a discussion of a proposal that the Board adopt as a standing rule for its own operations that agenda-setting sessions be announced to the public, and set at a time when Board members could most conveniently attend if they wished failed with Mr. Ewing, (Mr. Herscowitz) and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Dr.Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mrs. Praisner and Mrs. Rafel in the negative.

RESOLUTION NO. 176-88 Re: COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

RESOLVED, That a time be scheduled in the near future to review the position the Board will take on recommendations of the Commission on Children and Youth.

Re: NEW BUSINESS

In regard to an amended resolution for the implementation of student and staff banned smoking, Dr. Pitt said that he was not willing at this time to recommend banning of staff smoking. More staff involvement is needed before that would be done. Dr. Pitt said he was not precluding that in the future. Mr. Herscowitz was told that he could bring this issue up when the tobacco ban implementation is discussed on April 12.

Re: ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Board members received the following items of information:

2. A Longitudinal Study of Children in Preschool Special Education
Programs

Re: ADJOURNMENT

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

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PRESIDENT

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