The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, February 1, 1989, at 8:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL  Present:  Dr. James E. Cronin, President
               in the Chair
               Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
               Mr. Blair G. Ewing
               Mr. Bruce A. Goldensohn
               Mrs. Catherine E. Hobbs
               Mr. Chan Park
               Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner
               Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

Absent:  None

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

Re:  REVIEW OF FY 1990 OPERATING BUDGET

Dr. Pitt proposed amendments to the FY 1990 Operating Budget in the amount of $288,561. The amendments were for New Hampshire Estates, Oak View, Broad Acres, and East Silver Spring Elementary Schools, supplementary materials of instruction, Mark Twain, and the pre-algebra summer school program.

Board members had the following requests for additional information:

1. Board members requested a summary of the hearing on January 31 at the County Council.

2. Provide information on the county's assessment of the economic viability of the county and an analysis of Mr. Spengler's paper.

3. Regarding the superintendent's additions to the budget, a sheet is to be provided showing the budget page numbers.

4. What would be the cost of a third elementary school foreign language pilot in Japanese? If funds are provided for a third program, what would be the design of the third model?

5. Have we been able to keep up with the needs of the elementary media centers? Provide an overall assessment of the quality of the elementary media center holdings.

6. What 10 mid-level schools have a special needs teacher position this year? What criteria have been used to identify the targeted schools, and is there an assurance that we will meet our goal if we add four more positions?
7. Before next year's budget, look at media center standards including collections, staff, and the range of services provided.

8. Which senior high schools will lose an assistant principal?

9. Will additional funds be needed for smoking cessation if the program is expanded to the mid-level schools? Are any additional funds needed for the senior high program?

10. If additional psychologist positions are budgeted, would it be necessary to add funds to psychological testing materials?

11. What is the total amount budgeted for PADI and QIE and what portion is funded by Chapter 2? Show the total amount funded for all Chapter 2 programs.

12. Not in the context of the budget, but provide information on what staff looks at when they add new vocational programs for emerging occupations.

13. The suggestion was made that the Board schedule a summer discussion of the issues raised by Cory Moore after the staff had reviewed her testimony.

14. Provide a breakdown of the increased cost of tuition for students in private placement. How much of the projected increase is due to enrollment changes and how much is due to increased program costs?

15. Have there been any changes in the clientele served through the Adult Education program, and how have we addressed such a change? Describe the ESOL programs that we offer through Adult Education and other programs for immigrants.

16. How many students who are eligible to be served in Head Start will not be served because space is not available in schools that are close to their homes?

17. How many staff does the secretary in the Division of Auditory Programs serve? How has this number changed over the years? What is the basis for the request for more clerical support?

18. How much do we spend on the SKIP program, and what would it cost to expand the program?

19. How are the consultant funds in the Department of Special Education and Related Services used?

20. Compare the county government's regulations for out-of-county travel to the MCPS regulations. Include in this comparison the per diem rates that are allowed.
21. What are the components of the $30,785 figure that is budgeted when a teacher position is added to the budget?

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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