The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, February 8, 1989, at 8 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:  A MOTION BY MR. GOLDENSOHN TO AMEND THE FY 1990 OPERATING BUDGET, ADULT EDUCATION AND SUMMER SCHOOL (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Goldensohn to amend the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Adult Education and Summer School, to reduce the cost of tuition for the summer school program for the gifted and talented from $150 to $125 failed with Mr. Goldensohn voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Hobbs, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, (Mr. Park), and Mrs. Praisner abstaining.

Re:  A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1990 OPERATING BUDGET, CHAPTER I (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Chapter I, by adding $302,621 to serve three more schools and to add two teacher specialist positions failed with Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, (Mr. Park), Mrs. Praisner and Dr. Shoenberg abstaining.

Re:  A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1990 OPERATING BUDGET, CHAPTER I (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Chapter I, by adding $118,381 to serve one more school and to add one teacher specialist position failed with Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, (Mr. Park), Mrs. Praisner and Dr. Shoenberg abstaining.
RESOLUTION NO. 60-89 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1990 OPERATING BUDGET, CHAPTER I

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Chapter I, be amended by the addition of $52,521 for one teacher specialist.

RESOLUTION NO. 61-89 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1990 OPERATING BUDGET, AUDITORY PROGRAM

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Auditory Program, be amended by the addition of $19,334 for an office assistant position.

RESOLUTION NO. 62-89 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1990 OPERATING BUDGET, SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Special Education, be amended by the addition of $30,605 for one teaching position for the learning-disabled program.

RESOLUTION NO. 63-89 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1990 OPERATING BUDGET, AESTHETIC EDUCATION

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Aesthetic Education, be amended by the addition of $125,140 for an additional Interrelated ARTS Team.

Re: A MOTION BY MRS. HOBBS TO AMEND THE FY 1990 OPERATING BUDGET, BOARD OF EDUCATION (FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Hobbs to amend the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Board of Education, by deleting $2,000 for consultant services failed with Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative; Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Goldensohn, (Mr. Park), and Mrs. Praisner abstaining.
Mrs. Hobbs moved and Mr. Ewing seconded that the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Board of Education, be amended by deleting $9,372 from out-of-state travel.

RESOLUTION NO. 64-89

Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1990 OPERATING BUDGET, BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Board of Education, be amended by deleting $400 from out-of-state travel.

A motion by Mrs. Hobbs to amend the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Board of Education, by deleting $9,372 for out-of-state travel failed with Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative; Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Goldensohn, (Mr. Park), and Mrs. Praisner abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 65-89

Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1990 OPERATING BUDGET, BOARD OF EDUCATION (FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Hobbs to amend the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Board of Education, by deleting $4,810 from Board member expenses failed with Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mr. Goldensohn, (Mr. Park), Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative; Mrs. DiFonzo abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 66-89

Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1990 OPERATING BUDGET, BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Board of Education, be amended to delete $1,036 from fees.
On motion of Mrs. Hobbs seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Hobbs, (Mr. Park), Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mr. Goldensohn voting in the negative:

RESOLVED, That the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Board of Education, be amended by deleting $1,926 from furniture and equipment.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-89 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1990 OPERATING BUDGET, ASSOCIATION RELATIONS

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Association Relations, be amended by the addition of $100,000 for legal fees.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1990 OPERATING BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Mr. Ewing moved and Mr. Goldensohn seconded the following:

RESOLVED, That the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Department of Educational Accountability, be amended by the addition of $150,000 for the following analyses:

1. An analysis of elementary school administrative management in schools where there is a very high proportion of minority students, ESOL students, Chapter I students, and other students requiring special support and where there is a wide range of separate program funds which need to be administered and therefore a large staff for an elementary school. The point of the inquiry would be to determine whether they were adequately and appropriately staffing those schools from an administrative point of view and what, if anything, needed to be done in order to deal with this. ($20,000)

2. A needs analysis of the Kennedy, Einstein, Springbrook, and Wheaton cluster schools to determine what resources are needed for schools in those areas which face particular problems with large numbers of poor and educationally disadvantaged, minority, ESOL, and other students with special needs. The purpose would be to determine if there are some special needs of schools and how these might be addressed. ($20,000)

3. An outside assessment of the effectiveness of counseling, particularly with regard to minority students in the schools. Question 72 provides information on a possible survey. ($20,000)
4. An outside analysis of the MCPS Assessment Center to determine if it is working effectively and operating fairly with respect to minority candidates for principal positions. It would develop such recommendations as seem appropriate, if any. ($20,000)

5. An analysis of the question of how the school system is administered in the sense of its overall administrative costs and structure and whether or not there are ways in which the school system might approach achieving greater efficiency in the way in which it operates. ($70,000)

Board members postponed this proposed resolution until February 14, 1989.

RESOLUTION NO. 68-89    Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1990 OPERATING BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1990 Operating Budget, Department of Employee Assistance Programs, be amended by the addition of $10,559 for a .5 office assistant position.

Re:  ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

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SECRETARY

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