The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, November 26, 1990, at 8:15 p.m.

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

Absent: None  

Others Present: Dr. Harry Pitt, Superintendent  
Dr. Paul L. Vance, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian  
Mrs. Frances Brenneman, Board Member-elect  
Dr. Alan Cheung, Board Member-elect  
Mrs. Carol Fanconi, Board Member-elect  
Ms. Ana Sol Gutierrez, Board Member-elect  

#indicates student vote does not count. Four votes are needed for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 706-90  Re: BOARD AGENDA - NOVEMBER 26, 1990  
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 approve its agenda for November 26, 1990.

Re: PRESENTATION - WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION  
Dr. Pitt presented a certificate of appreciation to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for their donation of 40 copies of WordPerfect 5.0, valued at approximately $11,000.
The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Libby Paul, Parents of Students Attending Maryland School for the Blind
2. Cirea Sanchez-Baca, Somerset Elementary
3. Judith Koenick

RESOLUTION NO. 707-90 Re: PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS MORE THAN $25,000

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

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and contractual services; and

WHEREAS, It is recommended that Bid No. 49-91, Uniforms, (Freezer Wear) and Safety Footwear, be rejected due to insufficient competition; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Bid No. 49-91 be rejected; and be it further

RESOLVED, That having been duly advertised, the following contracts be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as shown for the bids as follows:

15-91 Heavy Equipment, Tractor and Mower Parts

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<td>G. L. Cornell Company</td>
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<td>Gaithersburg Ford Tractor</td>
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<td>Gladhill Brothers</td>
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<td>Harrington Outdoor Power Equipment</td>
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<td>Lanham Cycle and Turf Equipment Company</td>
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35-91 External CD ROM SCSI Drives

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<td>Online Products Corporation</td>
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<td>Spectrum Computer and Business</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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41-91  Science Equipment
AWARDEES
American Scale and Equipment Company, Inc. $ 180
Baxter Scientific Products 1,428
Carolina Biological Supply Company 334
Central Scientific Company 241
Edmund Scientific Company 285
Fisher Scientific Company 5,821
Flinn Scientific, Inc. 6,449*
Frey Scientific Company 2,650
Macalaster Bicknell Company of NJ, Inc. 1,924
Para Scientific Company 7,092
Parco Scientific Company 975*
Pasco Scientific 3,845
Sargent-Welch Scientific Company 650
Science Kit and Boreal Laboratories 1,461
Thomas Scientific 200
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TOTAL $ 33,535

46-91  Tractors and Mowers
AWARDEES
Gaithersburg Ford Tractor $ 5,960
Gladhill Brothers 3,350
Yeager's, Inc. 22,751
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TOTAL $ 32,061

TOTAL MORE THAN $25,000 $290,662

*Denotes MFD vendors

RESOLUTION NO. 708-90  Re:  BID NO. 34-91, LEASE/PURCHASE OF CARTRIDGE TAPE DRIVES

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County received Bid No. 34-91, Lease/Purchase of Cartridge Tape Drives, to be used for the needs of the Division of Data Processing Operations; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has determined in accordance with Section 5-110 of Maryland's Public School Law that IBM Corporation is the lowest responsible bidder conforming to specifications to supply cartridge tape drives; and

WHEREAS, IBM Corporation has offered to provide the necessary equipment through a lease/purchase arrangement at preferred financing; and
WHEREAS, The Board of Education has determined that it is in the public interest to obtain the cartridge tape drives through a lease/purchase arrangement with IBM Corporation subject to cancellation in the event of nonappropriation; and

WHEREAS, IBM Corporation has agreed to provide the cartridge tape drives equipment in accordance with the lease/purchase terms and nonappropriation condition set forth in the bid specifications; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County award Bid No. 34-91 for cartridge tape drives and financing to IBM Corporation, totalling $190,080.36, for the acquisition and the lease/purchase of cartridge tape drives in accordance with the terms and conditions of the specifications; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education president and the superintendent of schools be authorized to execute the documents necessary for this transaction.

RESOLUTION NO. 709-90 Re: CABLE TV/TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INSTALLATIONS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS

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 for cable TV/telecommunications network installations were received on November 15, 1990:

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<td>Martin Luther King IS</td>
<td>B &amp; L Services</td>
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<td>Harbei Communications</td>
<td>19,351.22</td>
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<td>Col. Zadok Magruder HS</td>
<td>B &amp; L Services</td>
<td>17,100.00</td>
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<td>19,031.50</td>
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<td>B &amp; L Services</td>
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<td>Harbei Communications</td>
<td>11,878.39</td>
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<td>Broad Acres ES</td>
<td>B &amp; L Services</td>
<td>8,200.00</td>
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<td>Harbei Communications</td>
<td>10,114.95</td>
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and

WHEREAS, The low bids are within the staff estimate of $65,000, and funds are available to award the contract; and
WHEREAS, B & L Services has completed similar projects satisfactorily for Montgomery County Public Schools; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a $51,300 contract be awarded to B & L Services for the installation of cable TV/telecommunication networks at Martin Luther King Intermediate School, Col. Zadok Magruder High School and Diamond and Broad Acres elementary schools.

RESOLUTION NO. 710-90  Re: CHANGE ORDER FOR WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, The Department of School Facilities and the project architect have recommended that a credit change order for the allowance for testing services in the construction contract for the new Walt Whitman High School project be issued by the contractor; and

WHEREAS, It is further recommended that this credit be used to contract with an independent firm to provide testing services that is directly responsible to MCPS construction inspection staff; and

WHEREAS, Competitive proposals for testing services were solicited and received in accordance with procurement practices; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve a credit change order in the amount of $70,000 to delete the testing allowance from the contract for the Walt Whitman High School project; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a contract in an amount not to exceed $70,000 be executed with ATEC Associates, Inc., for various construction testing services for the Walt Whitman High School project.

RESOLUTION NO. 711-90  Re: ACCEPTANCE OF RACHEL CARSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

RESOLVED, That having been duly inspected on November 20, 1990, Rachel Carson Elementary School now be formally accepted, and that the official date of completion be established as that date upon which formal notice is received from the architect that the
building has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and all contract requirements have been met.

RESOLUTION NO. 712-90  Re: GRANT OF UTILITY EASEMENT TO THE
CHESAPEAKE AND POTOMAC TELEPHONE
COMPANY AT BRIGGS CHANEY MIDDLE
SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company (C&P) has requested a public utility easement for the placement and maintenance of underground telephone cable; and

WHEREAS, This proposed utility easement consists of 9,614 square feet of land in a 10-foot-wide strip running along the Rainbow Drive frontage of Briggs Chaney Middle School; and

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

WHEREAS, The proposed utility easement will benefit the school by providing telephone service and will not affect any land anticipated to be utilized for school programs or recreational activities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the president and secretary be authorized to execute a utility easement with Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for the land required to place and maintain underground telephone cable at the Briggs Chaney Middle School.

Re: INSPECTION DATE FOR SEQUOYAH ES

The inspection date for Sequoyah Elementary School was set for Thursday, November 29, in the afternoon. Mrs. DiFonzo and Mr. Chang will attend.

RESOLUTION NO. 713-90  Re: FY 1991 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR
IMPROVING THE MATHEMATICAL
UNDERSTANDING OF MINORITY STUDENTS

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

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized, subject to County Council approval, to receive and expend an FY 1991 supplemental appropriation of $157,418 from the National
Science Foundation through the University of Maryland, in the following categories:

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<td>Instructional Salaries</td>
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* Teacher, A-D (10 month)

and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 714-90  Re: FY 1991 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO ESTABLISH A DRUG-FREE EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL TRAINING PROGRAM, PROJECT HELP (HELP ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS LEAD PREVENTION)

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

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized, subject to County Council approval, to receive and expend an FY 1991 supplemental appropriation of $153,595 from the U.S. Department of Education under the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act to establish an alcohol and other drug use prevention program entitled Project HELP in the following categories:

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<td>Fixed Charges</td>
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<td>26,104</td>
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<td>$153,595</td>
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* 1.0 Project Coordinator

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the county executive be requested to recommend approval of this resolution to the County Council, and a copy be transmitted to the county executive and the County Council.
On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mr. Goldensohn, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized, subject to County Council approval, to receive and expend an FY 1991 supplemental appropriation of $78,110 from the Maryland State Department of Education, under the non-public tuition assistance program, to provide funds for the cost of one student staying in a group home and reduce the need for an out-of-state placement in the following category:

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<td>4 Special Education</td>
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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 be transmitted to the county executive and the County Council.

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

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to submit an FY 1991 grant proposal for approximately $122,000 to the U. S. Department of Education under Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to develop instructional materials for integrating technology with advanced secondary school foreign language curriculum and instruction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and the County Council.
Re: A MOTION BY DR. CRONIN TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE LOSS OF CREDIT POLICY (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Cronin to authorize the superintendent to form a committee to review the loss of credit policy failed with Mr. Chang, Dr. Cronin, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative.

For the record, Mr. Chang made the following statement:

"For myself, I believe this motion is important because we need to make sure that loss of credit procedures were consistent at all the schools. Therefore, that is why I think a committee should look at this."

Re: PRESENTATION ON CENTRAL PRODUCTION FACILITY

Board members heard a report from Mrs. Joanne Styer, director of the Division of Food Services, on the cost advantages of the proposed central production facility. Several follow-up questions were raised, and it was agreed that staff would provide the responses as quickly as possible but prior to the time that funds would have to be committed. Dr. Pitt asked Board members to put additional questions in writing.

Re: STATEMENT BY MRS. PRAISNER

Mrs. Praisner made the following statement for the record:

"As most of you know, I am in an unique position of moving directly from the Board of Education to the County Council. As a member of the County Council, I will have an opportunity and the responsibility to act as a Council member on the capital budget for the entire budget for the entire county including the Board of Education. Because I want to be as fair as possible in both responsibilities that I will carry with this budget, I have concluded that it is best that I abstain as a Board member on capital budget actions and projects especially those going to the County Council. I will be voting on boundary changes which I believe remain and will continue to remain a Board of Education responsibility. I will abstain on capital projects and the entire CIP action, both this evening and tomorrow evening."

Mr. Goldensohn assumed the chair.
RESOLUTION NO. 717-90 Re: GARRETT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

RESOLVED, That construction funds for Garrett Park Elementary School be moved up from the FY 1993 capital budget to the FY 1992 capital budget.

Dr. Shoenberg assumed the chair.

RESOLUTION NO. 718-90 Re: REASSIGNMENT OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS FROM WOOTTON CLUSTER TO CHURCHILL CLUSTER AND RELATED REASSIGNMENT OF FUTURE WOOTTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #7 TO CHURCHILL CLUSTER, TO BE DESIGNATED CHURCHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #6

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

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended reassignment of two large, future housing developments located on the east side of Piney Meetinghouse Road and north of Boswell Lane (the "Willows of Potomac" - plan #188187, and "Piney Glen Village," plans #188076 and 188190) from Wootton cluster schools to Churchill cluster schools as a way to better utilize space in the Churchill cluster while relieving overutilized schools in the Wootton cluster; and

WHEREAS, With this reassignment, Wootton Elementary School #7, programmed to serve these new communities, will be called Churchill Elementary School #6; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on November 19, 1990, on these recommendations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 1991, the boundaries between the Wootton and Churchill clusters be changed as follows:

- Reassign the "Willows of Potomac" development (plan #188187) from Travilah Elementary School, Robert Frost Intermediate School and Wootton High School to Beverly Farms Elementary School, Herbert Hoover Middle School
and Winston Churchill High School. This reassignment is for Grades K-12.

- Reassign the "Piney Glen Village" development (plan #188076 and 188190) from Travilah Elementary School, Robert Frost Intermediate and Wootton High School to Wayside Elementary School, Herbert Hoover Middle School and Winston Churchill High School. This reassignment is for Grades K-12.

Re: REORGANIZATION OF THE QUINCE ORCHARD CLUSTER TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, The Quince Orchard community undertook a study of middle school reorganization; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent has determined that it is fiscally responsible and educationally appropriate for the Quince Orchard cluster to establish a middle school in 1997, to correspond with the scheduled opening of a new middle school to serve, with Ridgeview Middle School, Grades 6-8 students in the cluster; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on these recommendations on November 19, 1990; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a new middle school, Quince Orchard Middle School #2, be scheduled to open in September, 1997; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, with completion of a new middle school, the Quince Orchard cluster reorganize to serve Grades K-5 in cluster elementary schools and Grades 6-8 in cluster middle schools, on and after July 1, 1997.

RESOLUTION NO. 719-90 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON THE QUINCE ORCHARD CLUSTER

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

RESOLVED, That the following Resolved clause be added to the proposed resolution on the Quince Orchard cluster:

RESOLVED, That resources appropriate to a middle school be discussed and clarified with community leadership.
RESOLUTION NO. 720-90  Re:  REORGANIZATION OF THE QUINCE ORCHARD CLUSTER TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, The Quince Orchard community undertook a study of middle school reorganization; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent has determined that it is fiscally responsible and educationally appropriate for the Quince Orchard cluster to establish a middle school in 1997, to correspond with the scheduled opening of a new middle school to serve, with Ridgeview Middle School, Grades 6-8 students in the cluster; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on these recommendations on November 19, 1990; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a new middle school, Quince Orchard Middle School #2, be scheduled to open in September, 1997; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, with completion of a new middle school, the Quince Orchard cluster reorganize to serve Grades K-5 in cluster elementary schools and Grades 6-8 in cluster middle schools, on and after July 1, 1997; and be it further

RESOLVED, That resources appropriate to a middle school be discussed and clarified with community leadership.

Dr. Cronin made a motion to amend the resolution on the Damascus cluster to include his statement about discussions of middle school resources. He asked that it be tabled until November 27 and included as a motion to amend the proposed resolution on the entire capital budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 721-90  Re:  REORGANIZATION OF DAMASCUS CLUSTER TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education on March 15, 1990, supported the Damascus cluster request for middle school, and directed the superintendent to develop a plan to provide the necessary facilities and a timetable for reorganization, for Board action in November, 1990; and
WHEREAS, The superintendent has recommended a plan for the Damascus cluster that establishes a September, 1994, date for reorganization for middle school, to correspond with the scheduled opening of a new middle school to serve, with John T. Baker Middle School, Grades 6-8 students in the cluster; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on these recommendations on November 20, 1990; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a new Damascus middle school facility be scheduled to open in September, 1994; and be it further

RESOLVED, That with completion of the new middle school, the Damascus cluster reorganize to serve Grades K-5 in cluster elementary schools, and Grades 6-8 in cluster middle schools on and after July 1, 1994.

RESOLUTION NO. 722-90 Re: REORGANIZATION OF SENeca VALLEY CLUSTER

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

WHEREAS, In November, 1989, the Board of Education adopted middle school reorganization for the Seneca Valley cluster schools for implementation during the 1992-1993 school year; and

WHEREAS, Reorganization was to occur following conversion of Martin Luther King, Jr. Intermediate School to a middle school, and the opening of a new Seneca Valley cluster middle school in 1992; and

WHEREAS, In May, 1989, the County Council deferred construction funding approval for the new middle school from FY 1991 to FY 1992, thus deferring the opening date from September, 1992, to September, 1993; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended that conversion of Martin Luther King, Jr. Intermediate School to a middle school be deferred until 1992 to coincide with the opening of the new Seneca Valley cluster middle school; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the recommendations on November 20, 1990; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Seneca Valley cluster reorganize for middle schools, effective July 1, 1993, using the Martin Luther King,
RESOLVED, That the Seneca Valley cluster elementary schools reorganize to serve Grades K-5 effective July 1, 1993; and be it further

RESOLVED, That service areas of the two middle schools be determined as part of the FY 1993 planning process.

RESOLUTION NO. 723-90  Re: REOPENING OF ARGYLE SCHOOL AS A KENNEDY CLUSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER, 1993

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

WHEREAS, Mid-level enrollment growth in the Kennedy cluster requires that a second middle school be opened to serve Grades 6-8 students; and

WHEREAS, The Argyle school, that was closed in 1981, has been reclaimed by the school system and will serve as a holding school for White Oak Middle School in 1991 and 1992 while it is modernized, and thereafter be available to serve the Kennedy cluster; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent has recommended the reopening of Argyle as a middle school to serve a portion of the Kennedy cluster Grades 6-8 students beginning in 1993; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the recommendation on November 20, 1990; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Argyle be reopened as a second Kennedy cluster middle school to serve, with Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School, Grades 6-8 students on and after July 1, 1993; and be it further

RESOLVED, That student assignments for Kennedy cluster middle school students be developed for Board of Education action in November, 1992, as part of the FY 1992 planning process.

Re: BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS

Mrs. Praisner moved and Dr. Cronin seconded the following:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education believes greater public involvement in the development of the operating budget for the Montgomery County Public Schools is beneficial; and
WHEREAS, The Board of Education believes it should foster this involvement through a budget review process to encourage public participation and to seek recommendations in the initial development of the superintendent's proposed operating budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to implement the following strategies for encouraging greater public involvement in the budget review process, beginning with the development of the FY93 Operating Budget in October 1991 and continuing thereafter:

- An annual report published and distributed to the community (parents and employees through schools, and interested citizens and representative groups by mail)
- A cable television broadcast of a live call-in program to review the annual report and answer telephone requests from viewers
- Two public forums held to provide an opportunity for presentation of budgetary recommendations to the superintendent of schools from members of the public;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education will continue to hold its own public hearings and reviews of the superintendent's proposed operating budget in January and February; and be it further

RESOLVED, That these strategies can be refined and improved upon as the budgetary process evolves with experience of staff and public participants.

RESOLUTION NO. 724-90 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS FOR FY 1993

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

RESOLVED, That the following be substituted for the third bullet under the first Resolved clause in the proposed resolution on the budget review process for FY 1993:

- The public be provided an opportunity for presentations of budgetary recommendations to the superintendent of schools.
RESOLUTION NO. 725-90  Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED
RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET REVIEW
PROCESS FOR FY 1993

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed resolution on the budget review
process for FY 1993 be amended by deleting the second bullet on a
cable television broadcast.

RESOLUTION NO. 726-90  Re: BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS FOR FY 1993

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 believes greater public
involvement in the development of the operating budget for the
Montgomery County Public Schools is beneficial; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education believes it should foster this
involvement through a budget review process to encourage public
participation and to seek recommendations in the initial
development of the superintendent's proposed operating budget;
now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to
implement the following strategies for encouraging greater public
involvement in the budget review process, beginning with the
development of the FY93 Operating Budget in October 1991 and
continuing thereafter:

   o An annual report published and distributed to the
     community (parents and employees through schools, and
     interested citizens and representative groups by mail)

   o The public be provided an opportunity for presentations
     of budgetary recommendations to the superintendent of
     schools; and

be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education will continue to hold its
own public hearings and reviews of the superintendent's proposed
operating budget in January and February; and be it further

RESOLVED, That these strategies can be refined and improved upon
as the budgetary process evolves with experience of staff and
public participants.
Re: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Mrs. DiFonzo said she had asked staff to put materials in the Board Office that she had brought back from the Maryland PTA conference and the recent NFUSSD conference. Board members were free to copy materials of interest to them.

2. Mrs. Hobbs pointed out that earlier in the evening they had had an opportunity to recognize the contribution made by WSSC. She said that the WordPerfect Corporation did have a donation program, and any individual or business could donate software to a specific school or to MCPS. She hoped that any one interested could call the Office of Information. She had a document which explained the donation program.

3. Mr. Goldensohn said that this past weekend there were several football games, and during this past season there had been problems at some games. However, he was pleased to report that at the Springbrook/Wootton game, the teams, coaches, and students were to be complimented for their outstanding behavior.

4. Dr. Shoenberg reported that he had attended the Washington POST School Leadership Awards for school principals. Montgomery County's Alan Thormeyer, principal of Clearspring Elementary School, had been honored.

RESOLUTION NO. 727-90 Re: EXECUTIVE SESSION - DECEMBER 11, 1990

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, 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 December 11, 1990, 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. 728-90  Re: MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 1990

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of November 8, 1990, be approved.

Re: TASK FORCE ON NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTIES

Mrs. Praisner moved and Mr. Chang seconded the following:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education met recently with the Executive Board of the Montgomery County Education Association (MCEA) to discuss matters of mutual concern; and

WHEREAS, One of the issues raised by the Executive Board of MCEA concerned the assignment to teachers of noninstructional duties; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education stands ready to consider any issue that affects teachers and other professional staff in planning for instruction and working with children in the educational setting; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a broad-based task force be created to examine the issue of noninstructional duties, their importance to the operation of the schools, and alternative approaches to accomplishing them to help ensure that schools function efficiently and effectively in meeting the educational and related needs of children; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools develop a charge to the task force consistent with the Board of Education's intent to seek advice on all aspects of the issue of noninstructional duties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force be composed of representatives from the following: Montgomery County Education Association, Montgomery County Council of Supporting Services Employees, Montgomery County Association of Administrative and Supervisory Personnel, and the Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations and chaired by an individual to be named by the superintendent of schools; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the task force submit its report and recommendations to the Board of Education on or before July 1, 1991.

Mrs. DiFonzo suggested rewording the second WHEREAS to read "the assignment of noninstructional duties to teachers."

Mrs. Praisner made the following statement for the record:

"While the initial issue was raised of noninstructional duties assigned to teachers, the task force would be looking at noninstructional duties that affect other than teachers as well and go beyond the teaching profession as far as the questions associated with it."

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTIES

Mr. Ewing moved and Mr. Goldensohn seconded that the proposed resolution on noninstructional duties be amended to add an additional representative from MCEA with the chair to be selected from among committee membership.

Dr. Cronin made the following statement for the record:

"When I was being interviewed for endorsement by MCEA for the Board of Education, one of the questions I was asked was would I agree to put noninstructional duties in the contract. I think what is happening here is a committee is being formed to advise the superintendent to advise the school system which also serves a contract interest of MCEA. If this Board then gives a slight majority on this committee to the union which has a vested interest and which has made it a point to ask for that commitment, I think this Board makes a serious mistake in doing that."

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON A TASK FORCE ON NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTIES (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the proposed resolution on a task force on instructional duties by adding an additional representative from MCEA with the chair to be selected from among committee membership failed with Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mr. Chang, Dr. Cronin, Mrs. Hobbs, and Mrs. Praisner voting in the negative; Mrs. DiFonzo abstaining.
Re: A MOTION BY DR. CRONIN TO AMEND THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON A TASK FORCE ON NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTIES (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Cronin to amend the proposed resolution on a task force on noninstructional duties to have the reporting date established as December 1, 1991, failed with Dr. Cronin voting in the affirmative; Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative; Mr. Chang abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 729-90 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON A TASK FORCE ON NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTIES

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed resolution on a task force on noninstructional duties be amended by adding the following to the third Resolved:

an additional member to be named by the superintendent

RESOLUTION NO. 730-90 Re: TASK FORCE ON NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTIES

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education met recently with the Executive Board of the Montgomery County Education Association (MCEA) to discuss matters of mutual concern; and

WHEREAS, One of the issues raised by the Executive Board of MCEA concerned the assignment of noninstructional duties to teachers; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education stands ready to consider any issue that affects teachers and other professional staff in planning for instruction and working with children in the educational setting; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a broad-based task force be created to examine the issue of noninstructional duties, their importance to the operation of the schools, and alternative approaches to accomplishing them to help ensure that schools function
efficiently and effectively in meeting the educational and related needs of children; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools develop a charge to the task force consistent with the Board of Education's intent to seek advice on all aspects of the issue of noninstructional duties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force be composed of representatives from the following: Montgomery County Education Association, Montgomery County Council of Supporting Services Employees, Montgomery County Association of Administrative and Supervisory Personnel, and the Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations, and an additional member to be named by the superintendent and chaired by an individual to be named by the superintendent of schools; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force submit its report and recommendations to the Board of Education on or before July 1, 1991.

RESOLUTION NO. 731-90 Re: SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TO TAKE UP A POLICY MATTER

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

RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Education suspend the rules of the Board of Education to take up and vote on a policy issue.

RESOLUTION NO. 732-90 Re: AMENDMENTS TO POLICY BNA AND POLICY BNB

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

WHEREAS, The Office of the Ombudsman and Staff Assistant to the Board of Education was originally established with the intent of maintaining the confidentiality of those persons availing themselves of the services of the Ombudsman's office; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that the Ombudsman maintains confidentiality in the performance of his work; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to make more specific that confidentiality; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Policy BNA be amended to add a new paragraph B.4. to following immediately after existing paragraph B.3., and with
the existing paragraphs B.4., B.5., and B.6. renumbered, respectively, as paragraphs B.5., B.6., and B.7. and would read as follows:

B.4. It is essential to the functioning of the position of Ombudsman/staff assistant to the Board of Education that information be furnished to the Ombudsman/staff assistant on a confidential basis and that such confidences be preserved. To this end, procedures to assure confidentiality of information received by the Ombudsman/staff assistant shall be established by the Board.

and be it further

RESOLVED, That Policy BNB be amended so that existing paragraph B.1.a. be redesignated as paragraph B.1.a.(1), with a new paragraph B.1.a.(2) to read as follows:

(2) In order for the Ombudsman/staff assistant to be able to carry out the responsibility of that position, it is essential that information furnished in confidence remain confidential. The Ombudsman/staff assistant, therefore, shall not offer testimony concerning such confidences in any adversarial proceedings, except where the release of such information is required by virtue of a subpoena or court order in a judicial proceeding. Except in a judicial proceeding, as described in the preceding sentence, the Ombudsman/staff assistant shall not divulge any information furnished to him in confidence, nor shall any person utilizing the services of the office or furnishing information to it authorize, or seek, the release of any confidential information so furnished.

For the record, Mrs. DiFonzo made the following statement:

"My colleagues felt strongly that they wished to vote on this item this evening, that it was important to Mr. Fess that it be passed by the Board that was knowledgeable about the difficulties that have been faced over the past few years vis-a-vis the appropriate amendments here. I agreed as a courtesy to them to vote to suspend the rules; however, I abstained because I feel strongly that since this is a policy issue I would have preferred to have it wait on the table for the appropriate period of time. Had this been laid on the table and brought up in the appropriate, normal timeframe without suspending the rules, I would like the record to reflect that I would have supported it."

RESOLUTION NO. 733-90 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. 1990-13

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in BOE Appeal No. 1990-13 (a student suspension); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the record reflect that had Mrs. DiFonzo participated in the decision she would have voted with the majority.

RESOLUTION NO. 734-90 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. 1990-59

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in BOE Appeal No. 1990-59 (a student transfer).

For the record, Mr. Goldensohn made the following statement:

"There not being a majority vote, the superintendent's decisions is affirmed as stated in the written Decision and Order."

RESOLUTION NO. 735-90 Re: FY 1991-92 OPERATING BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

RESOLVED, That in response to the request from MCCPTA, the Board of Education will conduct its operating budget hearings in the same format as last year.

Re: ITEM OF INFORMATION

Board members received the Resource Conservation Plan as an item of information.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:35 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY