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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.

Re: PUBLIC COMMENTS

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	
	AWARDEES	
	G. L. Cornell Company	\$ 5,000
	Gaithersburg Ford Tractor	89,200
	Gaithersburg Kubota, Inc.	23,200
	Gladhill Brothers	27,000
	Harrington Outdoor Power Equipment	14,000
	Kohler Equipment, Inc.	8,000
	Lanham Cycle and Turf Equipment Company	23,000

	TOTAL	\$189,400
35-91	External CD ROM SCSI Drives	
	AWARDEES	
	Online Products Corporation	\$ 19,500
	Spectrum Computer and Business	16,166

	TOTAL	\$ 35,666

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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

	TOTAL	\$ 33,535
46-91	Tractors and Mowers	
	AWARDEES	
	Gaithersburg Ford Tractor	\$ 5,960
	Gladhill Brothers	3,350
	Yeager's, Inc.	22,751

	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, 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

Science Foundation through the University of Maryland, in the following categories:

CATEGORY	POSITIONS*	AMOUNT
2 Instructional Salaries	2.0	\$ 130,988
3 Other Instructional Costs		16,742
10 Fixed Charges		9,688
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TOTAL	2.0	\$ 157,418

* 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:

CATEGORY	POSITIONS*	AMOUNT
01 Administration	1.0	\$ 127,491
10 Fixed Charges		26,104
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TOTAL	1.0	\$ 153,595

* 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 715-90 Re: FY 1991 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
 FOR NON-PUBLIC TUITION ASSISTANCE -
 RETURN OF OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENTS

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:

	CATEGORY	AMOUNT
4	Special Education	\$78,110

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. 716-90 Re: SUBMISSION OF AN FY 1991 GRANT
 PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP INSTRUCTIONAL
 MATERIALS FOR INTEGRATING
 TECHNOLOGY WITH ADVANCED SECONDARY
 SCHOOL FOREIGN LANGUAGE CURRICULUM
 AND INSTRUCTION

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:

- o 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

- o 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,

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Jr. facility and the new Seneca Valley middle school facility;
and be it further

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:

- o An annual report published and distributed to the community (parents and employees through schools, and interested citizens and representative groups by mail)
- o A cable television broadcast of a live call-in program to review the annual report and answer telephone requests from viewers
- o 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:

- o 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

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.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

HP:mlw