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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, January 31, 1991, at 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mr. Blair G. Ewing, President
 in the Chair
 Mrs. Frances Brenneman
 Mr. David Chang
 Dr. Alan Cheung
 Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
 Mrs. Carol Fanconi
 Ms. Ana Sol Gutierrez
 Mrs. Catherine E. Hobbs

Absent: None

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

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

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Ewing announced that at the request of the superintendent, the Board officers had agreed to call a special action meeting to deal with one item of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 64-91 Re: REJECTION OF BIDS -
 SHERWOOD/MAGRUDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, On December 20, 1990, bids were received for the construction of Sherwood/Magruder Middle School; and

WHEREAS, The three apparent lowest bidders did not provide the bid security as required in the project specifications; and

WHEREAS, The difference between the apparent low nonresponsive bidder and the apparent lowest responsive bidder meeting specifications is \$273,000; and

WHEREAS, Staff believes it is in the best interest of the school system to reject all bids and the project be readvertised; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That all bids received on the Sherwood/Magruder Middle School be rejected and the project be rebid as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION NO. 65-91

Re: ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL BUSINESS
MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adjourn its special business meeting.

Re: BUDGET WORKSESSION ON FY 1992
OPERATING BUDGET

Board members requested the following information:

1. In regard to the spending affordability bill, Mrs. DiFonzo asked the superintendent whether he would check with legal counsel about the applicability of all aspects of this bill to MCPS.
2. Mrs. Fanconi asked that the budget reflect that the ESOL Center at Gaithersburg HS would be delayed for one year.
3. Ms. Gutierrez asked that staff keep an eye on the effects of the new immigration reform act. She suggested they contact the community associations processing applications from Salvadorians.
4. Mrs. Fanconi asked whether it would be a good idea to have a supplemental document which pointed out that several areas depending on federal and state funding might be reduced. She cited the Perkins vocational funds and the EEEP program.
5. Mrs. Fanconi asked for a copy of the policy regarding the use of school space. She wanted to know whether changes had to be made in the policy to make sure that Head Start received top priority for space.
6. Mrs. DiFonzo asked staff to make sure that the "one" in Chapter One was consistent - either Arabic or Roman, but not a mixture.
7. Mrs. Fanconi suggested that they re-look at the guidelines for eligibility of schools for Chapter I services.
8. Mr. Ewing requested that staff provide information on where services were provided to other agencies such as Karma and Noyes. He asked for a breakdown of professional and supporting services part-time funds.
9. Mrs. Brenneman requested information on costs of extracurricular activities such as math league.
10. Mrs. DiFonzo asked for a list of the schools with the

Project DARE program (after budget).

11. Mrs. Gutierrez asked for information on computers and per pupil use (after budget).

12. Dr. Cheung requested actual costs incurred in the cable broadcasting and video taping the Board meetings.

13. Mrs. Hobbs suggested that staff look into the possibility of providing laminating services at Edison. Dr. Cheung asked that staff look into providing a program to train students to repair computers at Edison.

14. Dr. Cheung asked for the number of vacant and frozen positions in OIPD and the cost of these positions.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

HP:mlw