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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, February 4, 1991, at 7:35 p.m.

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

Absent: Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo

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: BUDGET WORKSESSION ON FY 1992
OPERATING BUDGET

Board members requested the following information:

1. Mrs. Fanconi asked about fees for finding and copying student records. She wondered about what an appropriate fee structure would be if it were more in line with actual costs.
2. Mr. Ewing asked that the Board be provided with the most recent version of on-going DEA studies showing which had been completed during the year. Dr. Cheung asked that this information include the staff resources required for the studies.
3. Ms. Gutierrez said that at some point it might be useful to have information on the projected turnover in MCPS. Dr. Pitt asked Mr. Bowers to provide the Board with projected costs on lapse funds and projected turnovers.
4. Staff was requested to provide copies of the recent study on legal issues and hiring an in-house attorney.
5. Mrs. Hobbs requested an actual breakdown of the salaries of the director, part-time coordinator, and office manager for Interages. Mr. Ewing suggested that new Board members be provided with the Interages brochure and some background information about the program.

6. Mrs. Fanconi inquired about the most cost-effective way of delivering employee assistance services. Dr. Cheung asked about smoking cessation classes. Dr. Pitt suggested that Board members might want to sit down with Mrs. Cameron to discuss the program, and Mrs. Fanconi agreed that they could look at this after the budget.

7. Mrs. Fanconi requested a comparison of MCPS personnel services in terms of employees with those of other large school systems such as Fairfax.

8. Dr. Cheung requested an estimate of the time the minority recruitment team actually spent on minority recruitment versus other personnel duties. Mr. Ewing suggested that a future discussion might include looking at the range of responsibilities expected from the team.

9. Board members requested a break-out of costs on improvements to the centralized substitute calling system and the "intelligent responsive" phone system. Mrs. Fanconi asked about the cost of hiring a person rather than installing an automated phone system.

10. Dr. Cheung asked for maintenance costs for all equipment. Mr. Bowers suggested that they would have to look at transportation, air-conditioning, heating, computers, copiers, etc.

11. The use of "magnet" to describe the Page Center for the Arts should be changed to "special program."

12. Mr. Ewing suggested that it would be useful for Board members to see a visual description of the procurement and payment processes.

13. Mr. Ewing asked that the Board be provided with a description of the materials management/logistics system and a year by year dollar amount from the time it started to when they expected it to be completed.

14. Ms. Gutierrez asked that she be provided with the five-year study on computer services.

15. Mrs. Fanconi requested staff to check into what the county government was doing with its scrap paper.

16. Mr. Ewing suggested that staff point out to the county government and to the public the services that were provided by MCPS to other agencies and what it would cost to obtain these

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services if MCPS did not provide them.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

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

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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