NUMBER: 22-1991
STATUS: APPROVED
PLACE: ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
DATE: MARCH 12, 1991
TEXT:
The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, March 12, 1991, at 10:10 a.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.

RESOLUTION NO. 224-91  Re: BOARD AGENDA - MARCH 12, 1991

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for March 12, 1991, with the movement of the resolution on Lois Bell from item 11.5 to item 1.2.

*Mr. Chang joined the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 225-91  Re: COMMENDATION OF LOIS BELL, PRINCIPAL OF SUMMIT HALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, Lois Bell, principal of Summit Hall Elementary, recently received "The One and Only 9" award from W*USA-TV, for her community service and activities as president of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bell has also received an American Jefferson Award from the American Institute for Public Service and is a nominee for a national Jefferson award; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Bell has given her time and energy to bring scouting activities to homeless and low-income girls in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bell has also instituted an array of afterschool activities for students at Summit Hall Elementary including programs for latchkey children, Spanish-speaking children, and children needing help with school; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools are proud of the accomplishments of Lois Bell; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That on behalf of the staff and students of the Montgomery County Public Schools, the Board of Education and superintendent of schools extend congratulations to Lois Bell for her achievements and awards.

Re: A MOTION BY MRS. DIFONZO ON HB 886 - MARYLAND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM - ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTING

Mrs. DiFonzo moved and Mrs. Fanconi seconded the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education support HB 886 - Maryland School Performance Program - Accountability Reporting.

RESOLUTION NO. 226-91 Re: A SUBSTITUTE MOTION ON HB 886 - MARYLAND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM - ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTING

On motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education oppose HB 886 - Maryland School Performance Program - Accountability Reporting because this bill took authority away from the local education agencies.

RESOLUTION NO. 227-91 Re: HB 917 - ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education strongly oppose HB 917 - Elementary and Secondary Education - Administrative Reform.
RESOLUTION NO. 228-91  Re:  SB 757 - STATE CONTRIBUTIONS - RETIREMENT AND PENSIONS - SOCIAL SECURITY

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education strongly oppose SB 757 - State Contributions - Retirement and Pensions - Social Security.

RESOLUTION NO. 229-91  Re:  HB 798 - PUBLIC SCHOOLS - CURRICULUM MATERIALS - AVAILABILITY IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education oppose HB 798 - Public Schools - Curriculum Materials - Availability in Public Libraries.

RESOLUTION NO. 230-91  Re:  HB 995 - EDUCATION - PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education strongly oppose HB 995 - Education - Placement of Students with Disabilities in Nonpublic Special Education Programs.

RESOLUTION NO. 231-91  Re:  HB 206 - THE BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT

On motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Mr. Chang, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Mrs. DiFonzo abstaining:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education support tax increases so that APEX can be fully funded.
RESOLUTION NO. 232-91  Re: TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF POLICY AEC - INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education give tentative approval to the following policy:

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

A. Purpose

To express Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) commitment to the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and other applicable laws as they relate to employees and applicants for employment and to reaffirm that present policies and regulations assure that the rights of individuals with disabilities will be upheld in MCPS.

B. Process and Content

1. Definitions

   a) The ADA defines a person with disabilities as one who has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is perceived as having such an impairment.

   b) The term "qualified individual with a disability" means an individual with a disability who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the employment position that such individual holds or desires.

2. MCPS will not discriminate against any qualified individual with a disability in regard to job application procedures; the hiring, advancement, or discharge of employees; employee compensation; job training and other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment.

3. MCPS will make reasonable accommodations as required for the employment of continued employment of persons with disabilities, unless such accommodations would impose undue hardship on the school system.
4. Procedures for implementing these goals will be set forth in administrative regulations.

C. Review and Reporting

This policy will be reviewed every three years in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.

For the record, Mr. Ewing stated that the Board was taking tentative action on this policy, and the policy would be sent out to various Board, MCPS, and county committees. The policy would be brought back for Board action at the evening meeting in April, and at that time the Board would be provided with copies of the law.

Re: DISCUSSION ON PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Mr. Ewing reported that the Dr. Pitt had provided the Board with a memorandum on personnel policies. These policies were for illustrative purposes only. It has been called to his attention that there might be in some cases differences in language, purpose, and intent in some of the policy areas as they related to contract issues. He thought it would be a good idea to have staff look at these policies and the contracts. He also suggested that the three employee organizations should be contacted to provide their views on these policies.

Dr. Pitt explained that the purpose of this discussion was to talk about personnel operations in general before a new director of personnel was selected. Dr. Carl Smith, associate superintendent for human services, introduced Dr. James Shinn, director of the Department of Personnel Services; Mr. Jess Graham, assistant director; Mrs. Nancy Perkins, director of the Division of Staffing; and Mr. Armando Gutierrez, director of the Division of Employment Standards. Dr. Pitt reported that Dr. Shinn would be leaving on March 15, and he had asked Mr. Graham to be acting director until they selected a new director.

Mr. Ewing stated that the resolution calling for this discussion came out of the Board's adoption of the Action Areas which came out of the Board's retreat. There was a lot of interest in personnel policies and procedures, and the Board listed a range of matters under that topic. He cautioned the Board about not addressing themselves to specific people or instances. The discussion should focus on what it was Board members thought was important from a policy perspective and from an operational perspective.

Dr. Cheung saw the personnel human resources as the most
important assets in MCPS. Therefore, their policies and procedures needed to reflect what they thought of their assets. In private corporations they talked about returns on invested capital or assets. Now they were looking at the "returns" of staff in MCPS. Therefore, staff had to be handled with care from the very beginning of recruitment, staff development, retention, and growth within the system. Their policies and procedures needed to reflect that. He felt that the Department of Personnel was a very important department within MCPS, and it needed to coordinate with Staff Development, Accountability, and other areas.

Mrs. Fanconi stated that there were a number of things she would like to see policies and procedures reflect. They were in the process of building what the school system would look like for the next 20 years because they were hiring a lot of people and had a lot of retirees. They had an opportunity to really build in the quality and stability needed by the system. However, because of lack of funds or focus of resources, they were unable to do some things. She needed to know the process for addressing that. For example, it might cost money to computerize, but in the long run it would save them money.

Mrs. Fanconi reported that she had attended an NSBA meeting in D.C., and she had talked to other boards about how they handled personnel and recruitment. At some point she would like to discuss how MCPS policies compared with those of other systems. It was important for MCPS to hire the best and the brightest new graduates, and they needed policies to allow them to do that. One of those might be their ability to offer open contracts to outstanding candidates, particularly minorities, as early as possible to be competitive with other school districts.

In regard to retention, Mrs. Fanconi thought they needed to have policies and procedures to be able to give current employees the longest period of notice in terms of transfer from one school to another. She had heard people say that in August they did not know where they would be teaching. She thought this might have come about because of the shortage of staff in Personnel. She would like to see some vision of what a Personnel Department should look like. She wanted them to be an employer who was caring and responsive in terms of recruitment and retaining personnel. She complimented the Personnel Department in regard to the large numbers of applications they processed. While there was a size difference between Frederick and Montgomery county public schools, Frederick had a program of personal contact and follow ups for their applicants. She hoped that Montgomery County would be able to move toward that.

Ms. Gutierrez expressed her agreement with Mrs. Fanconi's
remarks. As she looked over the policies, she saw a major ingredient that was missing. They needed to have a clear statement that people were, indeed, their most important resource. They had to set a climate to guide the personnel policies and procedures. They needed a concept of total quality management including the recognition that the individual and people were the most important ingredients in an organization. The whole climate of an organization should be to support that. In addition to recruitment, they had to look at how they dealt with their staff. She would like to see their policies do more than provide guidelines. They should state a larger purpose. For example, she would like them to consider looking at evaluations in a larger framework of being supportive of encouraging continuous growth in all staff. She did not think that these policies went far enough.

Dr. Pitt explained that their purpose in evaluation was two-fold. The first was to determine whether a person was competent to continue working. The second was to help people to grow, develop, and improve. He thought they had emphasized the second more than the first. The general public believed that MCPS should emphasize the first purpose rather than the second. However, he disagreed and thought that the first priority ought to be improvement. Dr. Smith commented that evaluation was a broader function than the Department of Personnel Services. Evaluation involved principals and supervisors, but the Department of Personnel Services was the custodian of that process.

Ms. Gutierrez remarked that it was the Board's job to define and adopt policies. Dr. Pitt stated that one of his goals was to have a change in the evaluation process, but he had not been successful. He had hoped they would get agreement on a change which had not happened. This was an area they needed to revisit.

Mr. Ewing reported that the narrative in the Action Areas included statements about taking such actions as to increase the reality as well as the perception that the school system was a humane and caring employer. They were not suggesting that the school system was not, but they wanted to reaffirm this goal. When he had worked in personnel management in the federal government, they had set up a consultant service which was offered to federal agencies. However, the reaction of federal agencies was that it was a joke because people regarded personnel as regulatory and punitive. He believed that this was not a fair observation. It was his view that MCPS had to give emphasis to the supportive, cooperative, and nurturing aspects of personnel. While the regulatory issues needed to be addressed, they often did not find themselves able to apply their limited resources to those support efforts.
In regard to total quality management, Mr. Ewing stated that the most useful concept in that notion was defining their products, defining who the customer was, and defining to whom they provided what. He agreed that this should be done with their personnel operations so that employees and the public would recognize this.

It seemed to him that the personnel operation was both customer and provider. It was a provider of people to organizations and schools within MCPS, and its product was a qualified applicant for a position. At the same time, it was a customer itself. It had a product that it had to sell to the outside world, and that product was MCPS as a good place to work. The customer in that case was the prospective employee. If they thought of the relationships in those two terms, this would help them achieve the kind of focus on a supportive and cooperative operation as well as a regulatory and adversarial role.

Regarding policy, Mr. Ewing said that unfortunately their policies were not clear, articulate, and descriptive of purpose. This was something the Board could change if it wanted to. They needed to be articulate about what it was they cared about. He believed they needed to categorize their policies by chapters. They might have a chapter on personnel with an introductory statement on goals and purposes. He also thought they should change the name of the department to the "Department of Human Resources." This would convey the sense that they wanted to make the very best use of and offer the very best opportunities to their employees.

Mr. Ewing reported that the Board needed to come back to this issue at some juncture. They should come back to this when they had a new director of personnel. Dr. Pitt added that they were now in the process of selecting a new director, and it would be good to have an early discussion when they had a new director.

Dr. Smith pointed out that several specific issues had been raised during this discussion. It would be helpful for them to come back to some of those specifics so that the Board would have an idea of what the Personnel Department was doing. He felt that they were doing a number of things well, but there were a number of things they were not doing as well as they would like to do. Mrs. Fanconi suggested they compare MCPS with similar school systems. She would like to know about things they had tried and failed and things they wanted to do but did not have the resources for.

Dr. Cheung remarked that the Board needed to look at its policy on policysetting. As he looked at the personnel policies, he thought these related more to procedural aspects than policy. He thought that with the advice of the superintendent and staff they
could come up with good policies. He would like the staff to look at overall issues in the school system rather than just the work of one department. Problems were interrelated and cut across organizational lines, and what might be needed was restructuring and a change in their policies and thinking. He liked the proposed name change to human resources.

Dr. Shinn stated that five and a half years ago he had been selected to head Personnel Services. He had not heard much this morning that he could disagree with. He had never worked with a finer group of people or a harder-working crew. While efforts had been made to increase the staff, the minority recruitment team was now dropped, and the size of the unit was the same as when MCPS was decreasing in size. In regard to policies, he pointed out that the National School Boards Association had a policy collection they could examine. For five years, he had been the trainer for NSBA and had worked with new school board members in personnel policies. The content of MCPS policies did not differ that much with policies of other systems, but they could develop a mission for the Personnel Department to provide the best human resources possible.

In regard to the way they treated people, Dr. Shinn commented that for every applicant they hired they said no to approximately 11 to 18 people. Their standards in Montgomery County were higher than the standards for any teachers he had encountered in the four school systems in which he had served. Because of that, some excellent candidates were not hired. Once people joined MCPS, they did not leave. Their turnover rate was only 2.9 percent for teachers, but fortunately they were growing and were able to bring in new people. He believed they had a fine personnel staff, but they could always do better. He expressed his appreciation for the support of the Board.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Ewing thanked Dr. Shinn for the fine service he had given to the school system. He wished him well in his new position. Dr. Pitt added his appreciation to Dr. Shinn. Mrs. DiFonzo asked staff to contact NSBA per Dr. Shinn’s suggestion to get copies of their policies.

Re: EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in executive session from 12:10 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. to discuss legal issues, sites, appeals, and personnel issues.

Re: PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Richard Helgeson, Stratford Woods Civic Association
RESOLUTION NO. 233-91  Re: PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS MORE THAN $25,000

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

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

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

113-89  Fresh Produce - Extension  
AWARDEE  
Lexington Produce Company  $ 280,000

138-90  Computer Carts - Extension  
AWARDEE  
Banner Metals, Inc.  $ 41,738

86-91  Art Supplies  
AWARDEES  
Dick Blick East  $ 248  
Chaselle, Inc.  132,003  
Elgin School Supply Company, Inc.  676  
Interstate Office Supply Company  397*  
Latta, Inc./Division of Myer's  1,736  
Pyramid School Products  74,245  
S & S Arts and Crafts  922  
Service Reproduction Company  2,727  
Standard Stationery Supply Company  7,886  
Windtree Enterprises, Inc.  5,370  

Total  $ 226,210

88-91  Ceramic Supplies  
AWARDEES  
Chaselle, Inc.  $ 24,103  
Windtree Enterprises, Inc.  2,863
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$ 26,966
89-91  Art Tools
AWARDEES
Chaselle, Inc.   $   22,093
Elgin School Supply Company, Inc.  2,083
Interstate Office Supply Company  9,999*
Magnaplan Corporation  4,609*
National Office and School Supplies Corp.  4,328
P & L Products, Inc.  4,092
Pyramid School Products  51,383
Windtree Enterprises, Inc.  121,477
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Total  $   220,964

101-91  Processed Meats
AWARDEES
Carroll County Foods $   28,320
J. P. Foodservice T/A Monarch/Baltimore  9,350
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Total  $   37,670

103-91  Frozen Foods
AWARDEES
Baer Foods, Inc.  $   17,118
Bagel Brands Distributors, Inc.  3,100
Carroll County Foods  33,888
Granny's Kitchen  9,150
J. P. Foodservice T/A Monarch/Baltimore  1,889
Kraft/Feldman Foodservice  948
Smelkinson/Sysco  6,953
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Total  $   73,046

106-91  Industrial Education General Shop Equipment
AWARDEES
Graves-Humphreys, Inc.   $   1,752
Ervin Layne Company  26,125
Noland Company  1,116
Satco, Division of Satterlee Company  62
Skarie, Inc.  7,846
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Total  $   36,901

107-91  Industrial Education General Shop Cabinetry and Benches
AWARDEES
Ervin Layne Company $   24,097
Satco, Division of Satterlee Company  1,109
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Total  $   25,206
112-91  Glass, Polished Wire
AWARDEE
Capitol City Glass Company, Inc.  $ 59,400

278-1  Drug and Alcohol Testing Services - Bus Driver Testing
AWARDEE
Maryland Medical Laboratory, Inc.  $ 39,050
(only laboratory in Maryland approved
by the National Institute on Drug Abuse)

MORE THAN $25,000  $1,066,251

*Denotes MFD vendors

RESOLUTION NO. 234-91  Re: CHANGE ORDER FOR JOHN F. KENNEDY
HIGH SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, The Department of School Facilities has received a
change order proposal for a new water service to John F. Kennedy
High School; and

WHEREAS, Staff and the project architect have reviewed this
change order and found it to be equitable; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve a $31,355 change
order to the contract with Columbia Construction Co., Inc., to
install a new water service for the auditorium addition at John
F. Kennedy High School.

RESOLUTION NO. 235-91  Re: REROOFING - SOUTH LAKE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL AND THE GERMANTOWN
ELEMENTARY GYMNASIUM

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

WHEREAS, The following sealed bids were received on February 21,
1991, for reroofing South Lake Elementary School and the
Germantown Elementary School gymnasium:
WHEREAS, The low bidder, John H. Cole & Sons, Inc., for South Lake Elementary School (Proposal A), has successfully completed similar projects in the Washington metropolitan area, and the low bid is below the staff estimate of $190,000; and

WHEREAS, The low bidder, J. E. Wood & Sons Co., Inc., for Germantown Elementary School gymnasium (Proposal B) has successfully completed similar projects for Montgomery County Public Schools, and the low bid is below the staff estimate of $25,000; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a $152,974 contract be awarded to John H. Cole & Sons, Inc., for reroofing the South Lake Elementary School, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Department of School Facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a $19,302 contract be awarded to J. E. Wood & Sons Co., Inc., for reroofing Germantown Elementary School gymnasium, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Department of School Facilities.

RESOLUTION NO. 236-91 Re: REROOFING - CRESTHAVEN AND STONEGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Mrs. Brenneman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously#: 
WHEREAS, The following sealed bids were received on February 28, 1991, for reroofing Cresthaven and portions of Stonegate Elementary Schools:

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<td>$108,061</td>
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<td>2. R. D. Bean, Inc.</td>
<td>122,060</td>
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<td>3. J. E. Wood &amp; Sons Co., Inc.</td>
<td>122,229</td>
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<td>4. Virginia Roofing Corporation</td>
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<td>5. John H. Cole &amp; Sons, Inc.</td>
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<td>7. Korb Roofers, Inc.</td>
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and

WHEREAS, The low bidder, Orndorff & Spaid, Inc., for Cresthaven Elementary School (Proposal A) has successfully completed similar projects for Montgomery County Public Schools, and the low bid is below the staff estimate of $125,000; and

WHEREAS, The low bidder, R. D. Bean, Inc., for Stonegate Elementary School (Proposal B) has successfully completed similar projects for Montgomery County Public Schools, and the low bid is below the staff estimate of $50,000; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a $108,061 contract be awarded to Orndorff & Spaid, Inc., for reroofing Cresthaven Elementary School, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Department of School Facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a $41,245 contract be awarded to R. D. Bean, Inc., for reroofing Stonegate Elementary School, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Department of School
RESOLUTION NO. 237-91  Re: ELEVATOR ADDITION - GAITHERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, The following sealed bids were received on February 21, 1991, for the elevator addition at Gaithersburg High School:

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<td>1. Henley Construction Co., Inc.</td>
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<td>2. J. A. Scheibel, Inc.</td>
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<td>3. Golden Construction, Inc.</td>
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<td>4. Ernest R. Sines, Inc.</td>
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<td>5. Northwood Contractors, Inc.</td>
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<td>6. C. M. Parker &amp; Co., Inc.</td>
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<td>7. Ruppert Brothers Construction Co., Inc.</td>
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<td>8. Heritage Builders, Inc.</td>
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<td>9. Smith &amp; Haines, Inc.</td>
<td>174,395</td>
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<td>10. Greater Potomac Associates</td>
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<td>11. Red Beard Construction Corporation</td>
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and

WHEREAS, The low bidder, Henley Construction Co., Inc., has successfully completed numerous projects for Montgomery County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, The low bid is below the staff estimate of $150,000; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a $136,785 contract be awarded to Henley Construction Co., Inc., for the construction of an elevator addition at Gaithersburg High School in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Arley J. Koran, Inc., Architect.

RESOLUTION NO. 238-91  Re: ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM INSTALLATION AT THE NEW SHERWOOD/MAGRUDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, Bids were received on January 9, 1991, for an energy
management system (EMS) installation at the new Sherwood/Magruder Middle School; and

WHEREAS, It is more efficient to have the project contractor coordinate and supervise the EMS installation; and

WHEREAS, The low bid is below the staff estimate of $120,000, and the recommended contractor has completed similar projects satisfactorily for Montgomery County Public Schools; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the following contract for an energy management system installation and assign it through a change order to the project general contractor for implementation and supervision.

Project

Sherwood/Magruder Middle School  Contractor: Coakley & Williams Construction Company, Inc.
Subcontractor: Barber Colman Pritchett, Inc.
Change Order: $114,935

RESOLUTION NO. 239-91  Re: CABLE TV/TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INSTALLATIONS AT REDLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL AND EAST SILVER SPRING AND SEVEN LOCKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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

WHEREAS, The following sealed bids for cable TV/telecommunications network installations were received on February 14, 1991:

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<td>Lite-Way Communications, Inc.</td>
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Lite-Way Communications, Inc.    6,194  
B & W Communications     6,600  
E. C. Decker Service, Inc.    8,490  

and

WHEREAS, The low bids are within the staff estimate of $34,000, and funds are available to award the contracts; and

WHEREAS, The low bidders have met all requirements of the specifications; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a $15,447 contract be awarded to Lite-Way Communications, Inc., a $7,300 contract be awarded to B & W Communications, and a $5,900 contract be awarded to B & L Services, Inc., for the installation of cable TV/telecommunications networks at Redland Middle School and East Silver Spring and Seven Locks elementary schools, respectively.

RESOLUTION NO. 240-91  Re: DISPOSITION OF SPLINTER PARCEL AT TAKOMA PARK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, A splinter parcel of land was severed from the Takoma Park Intermediate School site when a street dedication plat was recorded on September 6, 1940, dedicating the right-of-way for Grant Avenue and Travis Drive, as shown on the exhibit; and

WHEREAS, This splinter parcel, consisting of approximately 6,419 square feet of land, located at the intersection of Grant and Chestnut Avenues, has no utility for school purposes and is a maintenance burden to the school; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, with approval of the state superintendent of schools, is required by law to transfer school sites or portions of sites no longer needed for school purposes to the Montgomery County Government; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the splinter parcel of land at Takoma Park Intermediate School site, described above and shown on Street Dedication Plat No. 1288 in Plat Book 21, recorded on September 6, 1940, is no longer needed for school purposes and is hereby declared surplus and, with the approval of the state superintendent of schools, shall be conveyed to the Montgomery County Government.
RESOLUTION NO. 241-91  Re: GRANT OF TEMPORARY SLOPE EASEMENT
TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT AT
THE FUTURE DAMASCUS AREA ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL SITE LOCATED ON OAK DRIVE

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

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Government requires a temporary slope easement at the future Damascus Area Elementary School site, located on Oak Drive in Damascus, in order to improve the road shoulder and for temporary grading rights within 408 square feet of land along the frontage of the site; and

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

WHEREAS, The proposed road improvement will not adversely affect any land anticipated to be utilized for school purposes and would benefit the site by improving the road and providing better stormwater run-off; and

WHEREAS, All rights within the temporary construction area will be extinguished at the completion of construction of the road; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the president and secretary be authorized to execute a Slope Easement Agreement to make appropriate grade transition along Oak Drive at the future Damascus Area Elementary School site.

RESOLUTION NO. 242-91  Re: UTILIZATION OF FY 1991 FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECT FUNDS TO EXPAND THE MARYLAND'S TOMORROW PROGRAM

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Fanconi being temporarily absent:

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend within the FY 1991 Provision for Future Supported Projects, in Category 3--Other Instructional Costs, a $2,000 grant award from Montgomery College, administrative entity for the Montgomery County Private Industry Council (PIC) under
the Maryland's Tomorrow Program funded by the federal Job
Training Partnership Act (JTPA);
RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to submit an FY 1991 grant proposal for a three-year project for approximately $530,000 to the National Endowment for the Humanities to implement a project to improve the teaching of culture in K-8 foreign language programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 245-91 Re: SUBMISSION OF AN FY 1991 GRANT PROPOSAL FOR THE STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Fanconi being temporarily absent:

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to submit an FY 1991 grant proposal for a three-year project for $30,000 to ACTION for Student Community Services grants, authorized by Section 114 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended, to develop training seminars that encourage students to undertake volunteer service in their communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 246-91 Re: APPROVAL OF ADVANCED APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAM OF STUDIES

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education on December 13, 1983, approved the policy on Instructional Uses of Computers (Resolution No. 995-83); and

WHEREAS, The above policy mandates that computer science curricula be described in the MCPS PROGRAM OF STUDIES; and

WHEREAS, Staff has prepared the course description and objectives for the Advanced Applications semester course and has conducted a pilot in three schools for one school year; and

WHEREAS, The Advanced Applications course has been recommended by
the Council on Instruction and the superintendent based on pilot results; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve this course; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the Advanced Applications course for inclusion in the MCPS Grades 9-12 Computer Science PROGRAM OF STUDIES as a basic core category 2 course with Certificate of Merit status effective September, 1991.

RESOLUTION NO. 247-91 Re: PERSONNEL MONTHLY REPORT

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

RESOLVED, That the following appointments, resignations, and leaves of absence for professional and supporting services personnel be approved: (TO BE APPENDED TO THESE MINUTES).

RESOLUTION NO. 248-91 Re: DEATH OF MR. JOHN A. HOWARD, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT KENNEDY LEARNING CENTER

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

WHEREAS, The death on March 3, 1991, of Mr. John A. Howard, a special education teacher at the Kennedy Learning Center, has deeply saddened the staff and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, In over sixteen years of teaching, Mr. Howard had a calm, organized approach to learning that was evident in his classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard communicated a caring for each student and a willingness to help them achieve, and he maintained a positive value system and imparted to students the importance of education; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Education express their sorrow at the death of Mr. John A. Howard and extend deepest sympathy to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be made part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Mr. Howard's family.
RESOLUTION NO. 249-91  Re:  DEATH OF MR. BRUCE W. LEWIS,
TEACHER SPECIALIST IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF QUALITY INTEGRATED
EDUCATION

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

WHEREAS, The death on February 23, 1991, of Mr. Bruce W. Lewis, a teacher specialist in the Department of Quality Integrated Education, has deeply saddened the staff and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis was a dedicated member of the Montgomery County Public Schools staff for over thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis was recognized for his intelligence, his own vast fund of knowledge, and his awareness of the needs of adolescents; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Education express their sorrow at the death of Mr. Bruce W. Lewis and extend deepest sympathy to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be made part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Mr. Lewis's family.

RESOLUTION NO. 250-91  Re:  DEATH OF MR. JOHN W. McCOY,
BUILDING SERVICE MANAGER III ON
LONG TERM PERSONAL ILLNESS LEAVE
FROM HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY

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

WHEREAS, The death on February 12, 1991, of Mr. John W. McCoy, a building service manager III on long-term leave from Highland Elementary, has deeply saddened the staff and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCoy had been a loyal employee of the Montgomery County Public Schools and a member of the building service staff for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCoy's pride in his work and his dedication to duty were recognized by staff and associates alike; now therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Education express their sorrow at the death of Mr. John W. McCoy and extend deepest sympathy to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be made part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Mr. McCoy's family.

Re: MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. Pitt reported that in order to make up the deficit of $1 million they had to take further action. This consisted of not allowing schools to transfer unused textbook funds to materials of instruction accounts, cutting off all purchase orders on April 1, adding instructional assistant positions except special education to the position freeze, freezing all vacant secondary building service worker positions, freezing all building service overtime except for weekend community use of schools, freezing all maintenance overtime except for emergencies, and discontinuing the use of MCPS buses for field trips on April 1. He hoped these measures would enable them to come out without a deficit at the end of the fiscal year. He commented that staff handling of the fuel situation in the past six months had been exemplary and had helped save money.

Mr. Ewing believed that the county executive's proposed budget for FY 1992 was based on the expectation that there would be a surplus of $1.5 million. Dr. Pitt reported that the county executive had been told that this was not possible, and he did not think there would be any kind of a surplus. He explained that in normal years they had generated surpluses. This year on July 1 in order to include modified pay increases in their budget they had to find the funds to do that. Mr. Larry Bowers, director of management and budget, added that in past years they had been able to generate about $1 million on the revenue side, but it was a little too early to tell, especially in regard to impact aid.

Re: RELIEF FOR OVERUTILIZATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND ARTICULATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO THREE MIDDLE SCHOOLS IN THE BLAIR CLUSTER

Mrs. Hobbs moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded the following:

WHEREAS, A Montgomery Blair Cluster K-8 Advisory Group with representatives from all the elementary and mid-level schools in the cluster met in December, 1990 and January, 1991 to consider solutions to elementary school space needs in the cluster and to recommend elementary school articulation to three middle schools;
and

WHEREAS, The superintendent considered the recommendations in the committee report as part of a long-term comprehensive K-12 plan for the cluster; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended changes to the elementary schools to accommodate projected space needs in this cluster in accord with the committee report; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended elementary articulation for three middle schools in accord with the committee report; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education requested that alternatives to the superintendent's recommendations be developed for consideration; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing March 6, 1991, on the superintendent's recommendations and alternatives; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That East Silver Spring Elementary School will reorganize for Grades K-5 beginning no later than September, 1995, and that Takoma Park Elementary School receive two all-day kindergarten positions from East Silver Spring beginning September, 1995; and be it further

RESOLVED, That boundaries for East Silver Spring and Takoma Park/Piney Branch be adjusted for Grades K-5 as follows:

Reassign the area south of Sligo Avenue, west of Ritchie Avenue (inclusive), north of Takoma Avenue and east of the railroad tracks from East Silver Spring to Takoma Park/Piney Branch beginning no later than September, 1995

and be it further

RESOLVED, That if the Javitz grant program at Montgomery Knolls is renewed for operation in 1995 that it and one classroom of preschool students be considered for relocation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That transfer activity in Montgomery Knolls, Rolling Terrace and Takoma Park elementary schools, while governed by the transfer policy, also would be constrained as follows:

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Takoma Park  no more than 25 transfer-in students per grade beginning with Grade 1

and be it further

RESOLVED, That elementary schools be assigned for September, 1995, to middle schools as follows:

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Mrs. Brenneman asked that the last RESOLVED clause be separated from the others.

RESOLUTION NO. 251-91  Re:  RELIEF FOR OVERUTILIZATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE BLAIR CLUSTER

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

WHEREAS, A Montgomery Blair Cluster K-8 Advisory Group with representatives from all the elementary and mid-level schools in the cluster met in December, 1990 and January, 1991 to consider solutions to elementary space needs in the cluster and to recommend elementary school articulation to three middle schools; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent considered the recommendations in the committee report as part of a long-term comprehensive K-12 plan for the cluster; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended changes to the elementary schools to accommodate projected space needs in this cluster in accord with the committee report; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended elementary articulation for three middle schools in accord with the committee report; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education requested that alternatives to the superintendent's recommendations be developed for consideration; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing March
RESOLVED, That East Silver Spring Elementary School will reorganize for Grades K-5 beginning no later than September, 1995, and that Takoma Park Elementary School receive two all-day kindergarten positions from East Silver Spring beginning September, 1995; and be it further

RESOLVED, That boundaries for East Silver Spring and Takoma Park/Piney Branch be adjusted for Grades K-5 as follows:

Reassign the area south of Sligo Avenue, west of Ritchie Avenue (inclusive), north of Takoma Avenue and east of the railroad tracks from East Silver Spring to Takoma Park/Piney Branch beginning no later than September, 1995

and be it further

RESOLVED, That if the Javitz grant program at Montgomery Knolls is renewed for operation in 1995 that it and one classroom of preschool students be considered for relocation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That transfer activity in Montgomery Knolls, Rolling Terrace and Takoma Park elementary schools, while governed by the transfer policy, also would be constrained as follows:

Montgomery Knolls  no more than 30 transfer-in students per grade
Rolling Terrace  no more than 25 transfer-in students per grade
Takoma Park  no more than 25 transfer-in students per grade beginning with Grade 1

RESOLUTION NO. 252-91  Re:  BLAIR CLUSTER MIDDLE SCHOOLS

On motion of Mrs. Hobbs seconded by Mrs. Brenneman, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Mrs. DiFonzo and Mrs. Fanconi abstaining#:

RESOLVED, That in September, 1995 there will be three middle schools in the Blair Cluster: Northwood, Eastern, and Takoma Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education will make a decision about
the assignment of elementary schools to the middle schools prior to September, 1995.

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

"I would have voted for the three middle schools, but I felt we ought to assign the elementary schools now."

RESOLUTION NO. 253-91  Re: ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL FOR FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS AND PROGRAM AT TWO CLASSES PER GRADE

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education acted on December 11, 1990, to allow the French immersion program to grow to two classes per grade beginning September, 1993; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education voted to relocate the program at that time from Oak View Elementary School to another location; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent, after analyzing alternative locations, recommended that the French Immersion program be relocated as a separate elementary school within the Northwood facility; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent also recommended that the program expand to two classes per grade beginning with only the kindergarten in September, 1991; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education requested that an alternative to the superintendent's recommendation be developed for consideration; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on both the superintendent's recommendation and the alternative on March 6, 1991; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the French Immersion program continue as part of the Blair Cluster; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the French Immersion program be relocated within the Northwood facility as a separate school beginning September, 1993; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the French Immersion program be expanded to two classes per grade beginning with the kindergarten only in
September, 1991; and be it further

RESOLVED, That if the Northwood facility is not available for September, 1993, the Board of Education will consider this reassignment as part of the FY93 CIP planning process.

Ms. Gutierrez made the following statement for the record:

"I would want to ensure that the last RESOLVED is clear that when you consider the reassignment it is to a school other than Oak View."

Re: BOUNDARY CHANGES IN WOOTTON AND CHURCHILL CLUSTERS

Mrs. Fanconi moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded the following:

WHEREAS, The superintendent in the fall of 1990 recommended assigning two future developments (The "Willows of Potomac" and "Piney Glen Village") from the Wootton cluster of schools to the Churchill cluster of schools; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education deferred action on the superintendent's recommendation and directed staff to work with Wootton cluster representatives on a comprehensive analysis of facility space needs in the cluster, and this analysis was to factor in reorganization to middle school and better utilization of schools in the available space in the Wootton and Churchill clusters; and

WHEREAS, An advisory committee of Wootton cluster school representatives met in December, 1990 and January, 1991 and discussed alternative proposals and recommended a plan on January 24, 1991; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent considered the community plan and incorporated many elements of it in his recommendations to the Board of Education on February 7, 1991; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education requested alternative plans be developed for consideration; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on March 6, 1991, on the superintendent's recommendations and Board of Education requested alternatives; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 1991, the following boundary changes and reassignments be implemented:

Travilah ES
Frost IS
Wootton HS  o  Reassign the future communities of Willows of Potomac and Piney Glen Village as follows:

Sections of these communities to be developed east of Piney Branch Stream to Lakewood Elementary School

Sections of these communities to be developed west of Piney Branch Stream to Wayside Elementary, Hoover Middle, and Churchill High Schools

o  Reassign residences north of Glen Road and east of Sandy Branch Stream to Wayside Elementary, Hoover Middle, and Churchill High Schools

o  Reassign residences south of Glen Road and east of Travilah Road to Potomac Elementary, Cabin John Middle, and Churchill High Schools. Below River Road, the communities retained in Travilah are Tobytown and Estates at River's Edge; all areas to the east of these are reassigned

o  Construct a two-room addition at Travilah Elementary as part of the modernization project, to open September, 1992

Potomac ES
Wayside ES
Cabin John MS
Hoover MS
Churchill HS  o  See Travilah/Frost/Wootton recommended reassignments to Churchill cluster

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the above reassignments be phased, and at the elementary and secondary level, the following phasing schedule and option, with transportation provided, be implemented:
CURRENT GRADE OF STUDENTS IN REASSIGNED AREAS

5th grade at Travilah

6th grade at Travilah
or
choice to attend Churchill cluster middle school of assignment (either Cabin John MS or Hoover MS)

6th grade at Travilah

7th grade at Frost IS
or
choice to attend 7th grade at assigned Churchill cluster middle school

7th grade at Frost

8th grade at Frost IS
or
choice to attend 8th grade at assigned Churchill cluster middle school

8th grade at Frost

9th grade at Churchill HS

9th, 10th, 11th grades at Wootton

10th, 11th, or 12th grades at Wootton HS
or
choice to attend 10th, 11th, or 12th grade at Churchill HS

and be it further

RESOLVED, That beginning in 1992, the Gifted and Talented program be reassigned from Lakewood ES to Cold Spring ES, and that this reassignment is phased with Grade 4 in 1992 and Grades 4-6 by 1994; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in spring 1991, staff convene a community advisory group consisting of representatives of DuFief ES, Fallsmead ES, and Stone Mill ES to develop a reassignment plan that adequately relieves Stone Mill ES of projected overutilization and takes advantage of space that is projected to be available at DuFief ES and Fallsmead ES, and this group is to complete its work by the end of the current school year so that the Board of Education may receive recommendations in the fall of 1991.
RESOLUTION NO. 254-91  Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON THE WOOTTON/CHURCHILL CLUSTERS

On motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Ms. Gutierrez voting in the negative:

RESOLVED, That the proposed resolution on the Wootton/Churchill Clusters be amended as follows:

Oakwood Apartments at Washingtonian Center from Stone Mill ES to Fallsmead ES

Potomac Hunt Run from Stone Mill ES to DuFief ES

Reassign the Balsam property from Stone Mill ES to Travilah ES

Retain the four houses on the corner of Travilah Road and Stoney Creek Road to Travilah ES

RESOLUTION NO. 255-91  Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON THE WOOTTON/CHURCHILL CLUSTERS

On motion of Mrs. Brenneman seconded by Mrs. Hobbs, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Mrs. DiFonzo voting in the negative:

RESOLVED, That the proposed resolution on the Wootton/Churchill Clusters be amended in the third Resolved clause to make the phasing in of the Gifted and Talented program begin in 1991.

RESOLUTION NO. 256-91  Re:  BOUNDARY CHANGES IN WOOTTON AND CHURCHILL CLUSTERS

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

WHEREAS, The superintendent in the fall of 1990 recommended assigning two future developments (The "Willows of Potomac" and "Piney Glen Village") from the Wootton cluster of schools to the Churchill cluster of schools; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education deferred action on the
superintendent's recommendation and directed staff to work with Wootton cluster representatives on a comprehensive analysis of facility space needs in the cluster, and this analysis was to factor in reorganization to middle school and better utilization of schools in the available space in the Wootton and Churchill clusters; and

WHEREAS, An advisory committee of Wootton cluster school representatives met in December, 1990 and January, 1991 and discussed alternative proposals and recommended a plan on January 24, 1991; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent considered the community plan and incorporated many elements of it in his recommendations to the Board of Education on February 7, 1991; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education requested alternative plans be developed for consideration; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on March 6, 1991, on the superintendent's recommendations and Board of Education requested alternatives; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 1991, the following boundary changes and reassignments be implemented:

    Travilah ES
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    Wootton HS  o Reassign the future communities of Willows of Potomac and Piney Glen Village as follows:

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                       Sections of these communities to be developed west of Piney Branch Stream to Wayside Elementary, Hoover Middle, and Churchill High Schools

    o Reassign the Oakwood Apartments at the Washingtonian Center from Stone Mill Elementary to Fallsmead Elementary

    o Reassign Potomac Hunt Run from Stone Mill Elementary to DuFief Elementary
o Reassign residences north of Glen Road and east of Sandy Branch Stream to Wayside Elementary, Hoover Middle, and Churchill High Schools

o Maintain four houses on corner of Travilah Road and Stoney Creek Road in Travilah service area

o Reassign residences south of Glen Road and east of Travilah Road to Potomac Elementary, Cabin John Middle, and Churchill High Schools. Below River Road, the communities retained in Travilah are Tobytown and Estates at River's Edge; all areas to the east of these are reassigned

o Reassign the Balsam property from Stone Mill ES to Travilah ES

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Potomac ES
Wayside ES
Cabin John MS
Hoover MS
Churchill HS o See Travilah/Frost/Wootton recommended reassignments to Churchill cluster

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the above reassignments be phased, and at the elementary and secondary level, the following phasing schedule and option, with transportation provided, be implemented:

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  or
choice to attend 8th grade at assigned Churchill cluster middle school

8th grade at Frost  9th grade at Churchill HS

9th, 10th, 11th grades at Wootton  10th, 11th, or 12th grades at Wootton HS
  or
choice to attend 10th, 11th, or 12th grade at Churchill HS

and be it further

RESOLVED, That beginning in 1991, the Gifted and Talented program be reassigned from Lakewood ES to Cold Spring ES, and that this reassignment is phased with Grade 4 in 1991 and Grades 4-6 by 1993; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in spring 1991, staff convene a community advisory group consisting of representatives of DuFief ES and Stone Mill ES to develop a reassignment plan that adequately relieves Stone Mill ES of projected overutilization and takes advantage of space that is projected to be available at DuFief ES, and this group is to complete its work by the end of the current school year so that the Board of Education may receive recommendations in the fall of 1991.

RESOLUTION NO. 257-91  Re: BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR SPRINGBROOK CLUSTER

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung voting in the negative:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education on March 14, 1989, deferred action until this time on one element of a complex series of elementary and mid-level boundary changes in the Springbrook Cluster, and this element was the recommended reassignment of the Stratford Woods community from Stonegate Elementary School to Westover Elementary School; and
WHEREAS, A review of current enrollment forecasts for Stonegate Elementary School and Westover Elementary School continues to show conditions which warrant the recommended reassignment, namely, the projected overutilization of Stonegate Elementary School and the projection of substantial space available at Westover Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent on February 7, 1991, reaffirmed his recommendation to reassign the Stratford Woods community from Stonegate Elementary School to Westover Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the recommended reassignment on March 6, 1991; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 1991, the boundaries for Stonegate Elementary School and Westover Elementary School be changed to assign the Stratford Woods community, south of Bonifant Road (with access to Bonifant from Pebblestone Drive), to Westover Elementary School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this reassignment be phased so that in September, 1991, students in Grades K-4 from the Stratford Woods community are assigned to Westover Elementary School while the fifth graders from this community have the option to complete elementary school at Stonegate or go to Westover.

Mr. Chang rejoined the meeting at this point.


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

WHEREAS, Based on the most recent information, there is a need to amend the FY 1992 Capital Budget and the FY 1992-97 Capital Improvements Program; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education amend its FY 1992 Capital Improvements Program as follows:

A $240,000 increase in expenditures in the FY 1992-97 CIP for Travilah Elementary School with a request for a $160,000 appropriation increase in FY 1992;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the county executive be requested to recommend
approval of this action to the County Council.
March 12, 1991

Re: PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF SPENDING AFFORDABILITY

Dr. Pitt reported that on March 5, 1991, the County Council had set spending affordability guidelines for the operating budget. This action established a property tax ceiling of $673 million, the level required to remain within the limited established by Question F. Their action also set a separate spending allocation for MCPS of $677.1 million, exclusive of the $20.3 million food services fund. If the Council determined by May 15 that they cannot stay within the $1.478 billion total for the entire county, a seven-vote majority would be required to exceed the ceiling. However, the $677.1 million spending allocation for MCPS could be exceeded by a simple majority of the Council. He explained that the county executive had recommended a $715.2 million budget for MCPS which recognized the fact that MCPS was growing by 5,000 students.

Dr. Pitt explained that the Council had said that in order to spend up to the ceiling and hold the property tax to no more than inflation, it would be necessary to find an additional $36 million in revenue from non-property tax sources. Four bills were introduced by the Council last week to increase revenues, and it is estimated they will raise $20 million. If the Council were to maintain the current property tax rate, rather than reduce it by 6 cents to the Question F level, an additional $16 million could be generated. He stressed that those numbers were very important.

Dr. Pitt indicated that the Council's spending allocation for MCPS based on the affordability limit was $64.6 million below the Board's request of $762 million. According to the spending affordability bill, if the Board's budget exceeds the Council's spending allocation, the Board must submit prioritized expenditure reductions as well as the impact of these reductions on the programs that will be affected. The Board has to provide this list by March 26. Dr. Pitt said this would be a terrible impact on their budget, but he believed the Board must supply a list of non-recommended budget cuts totalling $65 million.

Mr. Ewing commented that if they were held by the Council to the $677 million figure and if they were to decide they had to reopen negotiations with a view to not offering cost of living increases, this would reduce the budget by roughly $34 million. This would still leave them with another $31 million to cut. He said that if they raised class size by an average of five this would save about $30 million. Mr. Larry Bowers, budget director, explained that the savings would not be that much because they would have to RIF. It was probably about $22 to $23 million.
Dr. Pitt pointed out that if they did not have salary increases their savings would be reduced by that figure.

Mr. Ewing commented that even if they decided this was the remedy they would need further reductions beyond that as well. He asked about the numbers of teachers to be let go if they increased class size by five. Mr. Bowers replied that it would probably be about 800 teachers, but Dr. Pitt thought that they would not have to RIF that many. Dr. Pitt explained that even if they did away with the area offices, they would save slightly under $2 million. The elimination of the seven-period day would save about $4.5 million. As they looked at options, they saw that tremendous reductions were needed to get to the $65 million. He reported that just to maintain effort it would cost $732 million because of the increase of 5,000 students.

Mrs. Fanconi remarked that this was one of the most important things that the Board had to discuss. She had received many letters urging the Board not to go to a six-period day or don't cut this or that program. She said that as a society they had supported education because they knew that education worked. In order for people to be contributing members of society, they had to be educated. This would be a serious change in how they functioned as a county, and there was no way they could protect children from these kinds of cuts. The Board had unanimously approved a resolution supporting the need for more revenues including the override of Question F because they wanted to make it clear to people that there were choices. They did not need to pay less taxes this year than they paid last year when they had increased needs. People needed to understand what the losses were going to be, and she thought there was still a misunderstanding in the community about the losses. People still believed they could make those kinds of cuts and that it would not affect the quality of education, health and human services, or police. She hoped that the newspapers would continue to cover the things that were going to be cut.

Dr. Cheung reported that a survey was conducted of national leaders which showed education to be the first priority and the second was the economy. Yet, public school systems all over the United States were having problems in funding. He did not think they had a national will to try to do something about this. They were looking for leadership in their local government, and there were not strong leaders to say that education was their priority. If they damaged education in the county for a year, it would have lasting effects for many years to come. That message had to get to those responsible for funding the educational system.

Ms. Gutierrez underscored the seriousness of the matter. She felt that education was under an enormous attack, and the
community needed to be aware that this was happening. Unfortunately the people who could make a difference were not sitting at the Board table. They were the nine Council members who could make that difference. She urged the public to express their views to the County Council because they could prevent the cuts that Dr. Pitt had listed.

Mr. Ewing commented that this was clearly the worst crisis in Montgomery County education since the depression. Montgomery County prided itself on being a progressive place, and yet there was doubt about whether there was the will to provide the revenues and the resources to maintain a quality educational system. This would only change if the public spoke out. He pointed out that if Mr. Potter's proposals for tax increases were not approved, the Board would have to cut another $10 million. If there was not a commitment to education in Montgomery County and Maryland, the damages would be such that the middle class would lose confidence in Montgomery County because its schools which were its major claim to a quality style of life would decline in quality. People would no longer feel that Montgomery County was a place where their children could get a quality education. He would imagine that this would have a major effect on the county's economy, and he hoped that the Council, county executive, and the public understood this. It was up to the public to assure that there was not major damage to the school system.

Dr. Pitt remarked that a lot of people had said the school system could find this money by cutting administration and by being more efficient. They had cut and would cut administrators, but they were talking about $81 million under same services and $35 million under maintenance of effort. They were talking about severe impacts here. There was a difference between cutting the budget and making significant impacts on the schools.

Mrs. Fanconi pointed out that the Board had discussed S.B. 757 which changed the state contribution to the MCPS retirement fund which could kick about $7 million back to the Board and also H.B. 995 which was on special education and would change the state commitment. She thought that these bills and others were important because they sometimes forgot that the state was part of this equation. People should also talk to their state legislators.

Mr. Ewing reported that on March 25, 1991, the Board would be considering the list of nonrecommended reductions to submit to the County Council. At that meeting the Board would also receive some recommendations from its task force on efficiency and from the internal staff group.
A motion by Mr. Chang to exempt seniors with A's and B's from final exams failed for lack of a second.

RESOLUTION NO. 259-91

Re: TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF A RECOMMENDATION TO EXEMPT SENIORS WITH A'S FROM FINAL EXAMS

On motion of Mr. Chang seconded by Mrs. Brenneman, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Mr. Chang, Dr. Cheung, Mrs. DiFonzo, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the negative:

RESOLVED, That the Board tentatively approve a recommendation to exempt seniors with A's from final exams.

Mr. Ewing pointed out that this was a policy change which had to be sent out for public comment. Final action would be taken at a subsequent Board meeting.

Re: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Mrs. Brenneman reported that last weekend she had attended Sherwood High School's Rock and Roll Revival which was a terrific show. She commended the students and staff for an outstanding performance.

2. Mrs. Brenneman said that a few questions had been raised about a vote that had been taken when the Board cut the budget. This was a vote on the minigrant program, and she had not gone along with the rest of the Board. She voted against making that cut, and she would like to state the following for the record:

   "I felt that because the minigrant program emphasized Priority 2, the schools would have greater flexibility for implementation with the different grants provided by this program. In light of Dr. Gordon's report, minigrants would give more latitude to the different schools. I realized that we had to make cuts, but I thought this program was cut a little too severely. All programs had to be cut, but this was too severe a cut. I understood the Board's discussion on the accountability of the different programs, but I just thought the largeness of the cut did not justify the accountability part of it."

3. In regard to the superintendent search, Mrs. Brenneman said a
number of people had raised questions about the aggregate sum which the Board had not publicly reported. She had asked Mr. Fess about this, and she had been told that they could not report the aggregate sum to keep the confidentiality of the candidates. In light of sensitivity about the Sunshine Law, she was not sure why the aggregate sum could not be reported. She wondered if they had a legal opinion on this or whether they needed a legal opinion about releasing this information. She also asked about legal barriers for releasing a disaggregated accounting of the costs once the search was completed. Mr. Ewing stated that they had agreed as a Board not to release this information during the search, and they would release the data when the search was completed. Mrs. Brenneman requested a copy of the notes when the original decision to withhold this information had been made. She also requested a legal opinion on releasing or not releasing the information. Mr. Ewing said that Mrs. Brenneman could make a formal motion under new business to ask for a legal opinion if she so desired.

4. Mr. Ewing announced that Mr. Chang and Ms. Gutierrez had just left the meeting because of other obligations.

5. Mrs. Fanconi thanked her family for sending her balloons during the Board meeting in honor of her birthday. She also wished her daughter a happy birthday because it was her birthday as well.

6. Mr. Ewing noted that the Board had a proposed statement on plagiarism, and he still had the view they should have a policy that covered staff and students. When the matter came up for consideration, he would make a motion to have a policy.

7. Mr. Ewing reported that the Board had received a communication from the county's Commission on Efficiency asking the Board to comment on their RFP. He had personally responded to the original RFP, and he had not put it on the Board's agenda because the agenda was full. He did not know what the Board wanted to do with it. He thought that the issue was now with the County Council, and he was not sure it would be a productive process for the Board to comment on the RFP at this juncture.

RESOLUTION NO. 260-91 Re: EXECUTIVE SESSION - MARCH 25, 1991

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, 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 March 25, 1991, at 6:45 p.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.

RESOLUTION NO. 261-91  Re:  MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 1991

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Hobbs seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Mrs. DiFonzo abstaining because she had not attended the meeting:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of February 12, 1991, be approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 262-91  Re:  MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 1991

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of February 19, 1991, be approved as corrected.

RESOLUTION NO. 263-91  Re:  MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 1991

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of February 20, 1991, be approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 264-91  Re:  POLICY ON MODERNIZATION/RENOVATION

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Ms. Gutierrez (on February 25, 1991), the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board schedule time for discussion and possible action on the issue of a policy on modernization and
renovation of MCPS facilities.
RESOLUTION NO. 265-91  Re: RELEASE OF DATA FROM RESEARCH

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Ms. Gutierrez (on February 25, 1991), the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education schedule time for discussion and possible action on a policy on the prompt release of data from research and evaluation studies as well as the release of other school system data and information and statistics which are clearly in the public domain to the Board and to the public with specific attention to timelines for such releases and a process the public can follow for obtaining release of information.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING ON AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing that the Board of Education schedule time for discussion and action on a new set of awards to be sponsored by the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools for distinguished service to public education to be given to MCPS employees failed with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mrs. DiFonzo, and Mr. Ewing voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Fanconi and Mrs. Hobbs abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 267-91  Re: BOE APPEAL NO. 1990-65

On motion of Mrs. Hobbs seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Brenneman voting in the negative:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in BOE Appeal No. 1990-65, a student disciplinary matter.

Re: NEW BUSINESS

1. Mrs. Fanconi noted that the Board was going to discuss an item on student stress, and she would suggest that class rank be included in the student stress discussion.

2. Mrs. Brenneman said she would not ask for a legal opinion on the release of the costs of the superintendent selection process at this time. She would consider requesting the opinion after she looked at the notes on the Board actions in this matter.

Mrs. Hobbs assumed the chair.

3. Mr. Ewing moved and Dr. Cheung seconded the following:
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education schedule time for discussion and possible action on a new set of awards to be sponsored by the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools for distinguished service to public education to be given to MCPS employees.

Mr. Ewing assumed the chair.

4. Mr. Ewing asked if he need to make a motion to discuss the information item on plagiarism, and Dr. Pitt indicated that it would come to the Board for action.

Re: ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Board members received the following items of information:

1. Items in Process
2. Construction Progress Report
3. Update on Class Rank
4. Proposed Statement of Plagiarism
5. Pascal Plus and AP Computer Courses (for future consideration)
6. AP Art History (for future consideration)

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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