The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, January 28, 1992, at 7:40 p.m.

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

Absent:  None

Others Present:  Dr. Paul L. Vance, Superintendent
Mrs. Katheryn W. Gemberling, Deputy
Dr. H. Philip Rohr, Deputy
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

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

Re:  WORKSESSION ON FY 1993 OPERATING BUDGET

Board members requested the following information on the FY 1993 Operating Budget:

1. Mrs. Fanconi requested a legal opinion on charging fees for evening high school.

2. Ms. Gutierrez asked for information on what PPWs and psychologists did during the summer months and how assigning them to schools would impact their duties. Mrs. Fanconi asked about how the day-to-day administration for this staff would be handled -- where is their space, who supervised them, where were supplies budgeted, and would they keep their voice-mail, etc.

3. Mr. Ewing noted that he had written a memo proposing a restructuring of resources in the area offices. He asked for a rough estimate of cost savings.

4. Mr. Ewing requested a discussion on the use of all staff development funds.

5. Mrs. Hobbs asked about the cost savings of reducing the assistant supervisors of special education services from 6 positions to 3 positions.
6. Mrs. Fanconi requested an evaluation of the legal expenses for special education and a discussion of a plan for reorganizing services or increasing services so that resources would go into services instead of legal fees.

7. Mrs. Hobbs asked whether there was money budgeted for part-time psychologists and 6 psychologist positions. She asked why it was budgeted on page II-18 and what services did these people provide.

8. Mrs. Fanconi suggested that staff rethink the service delivery model for the central placement unit.

9. Mr. Ewing asked how much of the increased home instruction was due to SED students.

10. Mrs. Hobbs asked about the number of special education students served by the swimming program.

11. Mrs. Hobbs inquired about the number of students served in EEEP for FY 1992. She asked about the projected enrollment for FY 1993 as well as how many would be minorities or disadvantaged students.

12. Mrs. Fanconi asked how the recession had affected Head Start eligibility - what was the gap between the number eligible and the number served compared to their past experience.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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