The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, January 29, 1992, at 7:30 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. Mr. Ewing asked staff to provide a picture which showed trends regarding age, years of service, eligibility for retirement, and what the projections were for the next five to ten years.

2. In regard to the Early Retirement Program, Mr. Ewing asked staff to provide an estimate of savings under the ERIP.

3. Mr. Ewing requested staff to provide the Board with a paper on investment returns on the UAL fund showing past experiences with the fund and the status of the funds in conjunction with the personnel figures requested on eligibility for retirement.

4. In regard to payroll, Ms. Gutierrez asked what was it costing MCPS by delaying the connection of the 46 elementary schools and the six special schools into the mainframe.

5. Mrs. Fanconi asked about the impact on employees if MCPS were to charge them for fingerprinting.
6. Ms. Gutierrez inquired about the possibilities of staff writing an RFP and soliciting bids for contracting out the in-house computer processing. Dr. Rohr agreed to provide the Board with a paper on the ITCH committee and plans for county computer services operations.

7. Mr. Ewing asked that the Board be provided with estimates of savings if the Board were to mandate 66°F and 80°F for the full year.

8. Mrs. Fanconi asked staff to provide the work-up she requested on costs imposed by the county government on MCPS such as building permits.

9. Dr. Cheung and Ms. Gutierrez requested information about services MCPS provided to the county government at no cost such as delivering fuel oil and food to the detention center - include information on the impact on staff, the maintenance of vehicles, etc.

10. Mrs. Hobbs asked for information on the cost of car telephones.

11. Mr. Ewing suggested making a paper available to the public describing the joint procurement efforts with the county government, COG, and other school systems.

12. In regard to Supply and Property Management, Ms. Gutierrez suggested adding a description of services provided during the summer in moving schools in and out of buildings to the mission statement.

13. Mr. Ewing asked staff to provide an example of the cost to transport a student per student mile and include the cost of maintaining the buses. Eventually he would like to know the costs of maintaining and operating a bus and trends over time.

14. Mrs. Hobbs asked for a list of positions in the past four or five years that have been increased from 10-month to 12-month status.

15. Mr. Ewing requested staff to provide an exhibit showing all the enterprise funds including costs, rates, fees, and estimated revenues. Indicate how the fees are set.

17. Board members asked the superintendent to draft a resolution for the Board to act on at its next meeting regarding the Denny letter.
Re: ADJOURNMENT

The Board president adjourned the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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