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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, January 25, 1995, at 7:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Beatrice B. Gordon, President
in the Chair
Mr. Stephen Abrams
Dr. Alan Cheung
Ms. Wendy Converse
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mr. Reginald Felton
Ms. Ana Sol Gutierrez
Mrs. Nancy King

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Paul L. Vance, Superintendent
Mrs. Katheryn W. Gemberling, Deputy
Mr. Larry A. Bowers, Acting Deputy

Re: WORKSESSION ON FY 1996 OPERATING
BUDGET

Board members raised the following issues during the worksession:

1. In regard to textbooks and instructional materials, Mr. Ewing asked staff to look at comparable school districts to see how MCPS compared.
2. Mr. Ewing requested information on what it would take to return to a level of funding to keep average class size at the same level as 1991.
3. Mr. Ewing proposed that staff provide a more comprehensive explanation of professional part-time funds on I-46.
4. Ms. Gutierrez requested a further description of the realignment proposed for DEA -- positions being eliminated, downgraded, upgraded, etc.
5. Mr. Ewing asked staff to provide information on the governor's budget for EEEP.
6. Lois Bell agreed to provide Board members with projections on three-year olds who might be served by Head Start.
7. Page III-50, the text should read "three hours...**per day**."
8. Ms. Gutierrez suggested that they needed better write-ups on Chapter I and Head Start, especially the projected changes in financing and in services provided.
8. Staff agreed to provide information on the conversion of a teacher specialist position to an instructional specialist, III-59, Enriched and Innovative Instruction.

9. Mr. Ewing asked staff to look at John Hoven's testimony on his draft policy on gifted and talented education to see if they agreed with Mr. Hoven's cost estimates.
10. Mr. Ewing requested data showing total MCPS expenditures for staff training and development for the last several years to show trends beginning before 1991.
11. Ms. Gutierrez asked for a paper describing how staff intended to continue to provide the summer search program -- showing what staff would do what and who would assume responsibility for the program.
12. On global access, staff agreed to provide a break-out of the costs by fiscal year to explain the reduction in FY 1998.
13. Staff agreed to provide information on the position changes in the Division of School Library Media Programs. Mr. Ewing suggested adding to the narrative on III-135 to explain what the impact of these changes would be. Ms. Gutierrez thought they needed to highlight all of the issues related to technology because there was so much interest in this program.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

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

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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