The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, February 1, 1995, at 7:35 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
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET

Dr. Cheung moved and Mr. Felton seconded the adoption of the superintendent's FY 1996 Operating Budget in the amount of $818,207,919, excluding grant funds and enterprise programs.

Re: SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Ewing moved and Mrs. King seconded the following motion:

Resolved, That the following revisions be added to the superintendent's proposed FY 1996 Operating Budget:

1. Local Travel Mileage Reimbursement - $35,102
2. Funding to Implement ESOL Work Group Recommendations - $490,327
3. Extended School Year for Special Education Students - $716,612
4. Increased Cost of Paper - $250,000

Re: ACTIONS ON FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET

Mrs. Gordon explained that it would take a motion and a second and five votes to put an amendment to the budget on the tentative list for final budget consideration.
A motion by Mr. Ewing to allocate funds adequate to expand all-day kindergarten in Monocacy Elementary School in FY 1996 in the amount of $37,636 failed with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams and Mr. Felton voting in the negative; Mrs. Gordon abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 42-95 Re: TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - QIE

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted with Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams voting in the negative; Dr. Cheung abstaining:

Resolved, That the FY 1996 Operating Budget be amended to add 10 additional positions to QIE staffing in the amount of $376,360 to be allocated in accordance with the educational load formulas as reflected in the answer to Question 36.

*Ms. Gutierrez joined the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-95 Re: TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams and Ms. Converse voting in the negative; Ms. Gutierrez abstaining:

Resolved, That the FY 1996 Operating Budget be amended to add 10 instructional aide positions in the amount of $223,780 for grades K-3.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - ART TEACHERS (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding five art teacher positions at the elementary level in the amount of $188,108 failed with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.
Re: A MOTION BY DR. CHEUNG TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - ART TEACHERS (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Cheung to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding three art teacher positions at the elementary level in the amount of $112,908 failed with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - ART TEACHERS (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding 1.5 art teacher positions at the elementary level in the amount of $56,454 failed with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - GIFTED AND TALENTED (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding three specialist positions for the gifted and talented to train and disseminate information in elementary and middle schools in the amount of $160,000 failed with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, and Mr. Felton voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-95 Re: TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - GIFTED AND TALENTED

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, and Mrs. Gordon voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. King voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the FY 1996 Operating Budget be amended by adding $80,000 for positions for the gifted and talented to train and disseminate information in elementary and middle schools.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding $8,500 for the support for the fourth grade local history program sponsored by the Montgomery County Historical Society failed for lack of a second.

Re: A MOTION BY DR. CHEUNG TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - ELEMENTARY GENERAL MUSIC (FAILED)
A motion by Dr. Cheung to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding five additional positions for elementary general music in the amount of $188,180 failed with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY DR. CHEUNG TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - ELEMENTARY GENERAL MUSIC (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Cheung to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding two additional positions for elementary general music in the amount of $75,272 failed with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

RESOLUTION NO. 45-95 Re: TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUSES

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Ms. Converse, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Gordon abstaining:

Resolved, That the FY 1996 Operating Budget be amended to add $202,212 for afterschool buses to expand middle school participation in intramural sports.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - EINSTEIN HIGH SCHOOL (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding $95,000 for Einstein High School's special program to fund a coordinator position, EYE, and supplies failed with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-95 Re: TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - B-CC HIGH SCHOOL

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton and Mrs. Gordon voting in the negative; Mr. Abrams abstaining:

Resolved, That the FY 1996 Operating Budget be amended to add $95,000 (use of funds to be flexible) for the B-CC High School plan contingent upon its completion and the Board's approval of the plan.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (FAILED)
A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding two teacher positions in the amount of $75,272 for Rockville High School to allow greater flexibility in course offerings failed for lack of a second.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - POOLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding two teacher positions (one regular program and one Global Ecology) in the amount of $75,272 at Poolesville High School failed with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - POOLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding one teacher position in the amount of $37,636 at Poolesville High School failed with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton and Mrs. Gordon voting in the negative; Mr. Abrams and Mrs. King being temporarily absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-95 Re: TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - SECONDARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Dr. Cheung seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the FY 1996 Operating Budget be amended by adding $50,000 to fund the development of innovative models at the secondary level.

For the record, Ms. Gutierrez stated that she recommended that the high school funds for innovation not be limited so that they could not be used for schools interested in site-based management.

RESOLUTION NO. 48-95 Re: TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET - HIGH SCHOOLS

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, and Mrs. Gordon voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the FY 1996 Operating Budget be amended by the addition of five teacher positions for class size in the amount of $188,180.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING ON ESOL

Mr. Ewing moved and Mr. Felton seconded the following:
Resolved, That the FY 1996 Operating Budget be amended to add $163,259 for ESOL transition teachers and aides for high schools.

Ms. Gutierrez asked staff to comment on whether or not the ESOL transition teachers and aides were being used by the ESOL departments in the high schools or whether the principals were using these positions to support other populations.

RESOLUTION NO. 49-95 Re: POSTPONEMENT OF PROPOSED MOTION ON ESOL

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That Mr. Ewing's proposed motion on ESOL transition teachers and aides be postponed.

RESOLUTION NO. 50-95 Re: TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams and Mrs. Gordon voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the FY 1996 Operating Budget, Department of Educational Accountability, be amended to add $50,000 in contractual or part-time funds for the initiation of an effort to develop and implement a new and approved teacher evaluation system.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. FELTON TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Mr. Felton moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded the following:

Resolved, That the FY 1996 Operating Budget, Department of Educational Accountability, be amended to add $50,000 in contractual or part-time funds to support other research areas.

RESOLUTION NO. 51-95 Re: POSTPONEMENT OF MR. FELTON'S PROPOSED MOTION ON DEA

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That Mr. Felton's proposed motion on DEA be postponed until the Board dealt with other motions having to do with DEA.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET,
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding $30,000 to the DEA budget to undertake research of a kind that would lead to action to reduce the isolation of minority students in the middle and high schools failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Ms. Converse, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding $100,000 to the DEA budget for an intensive evaluation of how MCPS ought to manage its special and alternative programs failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Ms. Converse, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding one position and contractual services up to $90,000 to support interdisciplinary and multicultural materials development and dissemination and two 10-month employees to train and disseminate curriculum in the amount of $75,272 for a total of $165,272 failed for lack of a second.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding $75,272 for full-time employees or contractual part-time to support interdisciplinary and multicultural education failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Ms. Converse, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

RESOLUTION NO. 52-95 Re: TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET, CURRICULUM

On motion of Dr. Cheung seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Gordon, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams and Mrs. King voting in the negative; Mr. Felton abstaining:

Resolved, That the FY 1996 Operating Budget, Curriculum, be amended by adding $37,626 for a full-time employee or contractual part-time to support interdisciplinary and multicultural education.
A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding $5,000 for the purpose of supporting a conference with universities on math and science education, teacher training, and curriculum and what the universities and MCPS could do together in the way of teacher training and curriculum development failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Gordon, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Ms. Converse, Mr. Felton, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Mr. Ewing asked that on February 2, 1995, he received information on the scheduling of his proposed item on a two-year program on world history and culture and the timing of the approval of the Modern History curriculum.
A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget, Chapter 1, by adding $485,000 to include all services eligible for Chapter 1 failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Ms. Converse, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

RESOLUTION NO. 53-95

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Ms. Converse, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the FY 1996 Operating Budget be amended to add $242,500 to Chapter 1 to serve additional students and schools.

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding $317,824 for four additional classes for three-year olds in Head Start with a plan to include all three-year olds by 2001 failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative; Ms. Converse being temporarily absent.

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding $158,912 for two additional classes for three-year olds in Head Start failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative; Ms. Converse being temporarily absent.

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget by adding $46,800 to expand the PADI program failed for lack of a second.

Ms. Gutierrez requested information on how the increased state funding for ESOL had been used and whether or not it was targeted and only to be used for ESOL students.
She asked for a breakdown of the basis of allocation and what the dollars were used for in MCPS.

Mr. Ewing requested the following information regarding staff development. He planned to propose a motion adding $400,000 additional funding for staff development and training to be used for Success for Every Student, Global Access, math and science education and training for elementary teachers, training for teachers who need assistance in being effective in educating the gifted and talented, training for principals and other staff in meeting the requirements of special education law and regulations, and training in new curriculum. He asked which of the two units should receive this $400,000. Dr. Cheung asked for information on an additional $100,000 for the training of other staff and A&S.

Ms. Gutierrez requested information from staff on what the Summer Search Program would look like if half of the funding were restored or if all of the items deleted were retained at a reduced cost. In other words, what would make sense to restore if they wanted to maintain the core functions of the program.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET, SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA PROGRAMS (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget, School Library Media Programs, by adding $112,516 for four office assistants to free school-based media specialists to provide support to global access failed with Dr. Cheung and Mr. Ewing voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Ms. Converse, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MS. GUTIERREZ TO AMEND THE FY 1996 OPERATING BUDGET, OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (FAILED)

A motion by Ms. Gutierrez to amend the FY 1996 Operating Budget, Office of the Board of Education, by adding $5,000 for consultants for strategic planning failed for lack of a second.

RESOLUTION NO. 54-95 Re: CLOSED SESSION - FEBRUARY 7, 1995

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Title 10 of the State Government Article to conduct certain meetings or portions of its meetings in closed session; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County hereby conduct a closed session on February 7, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations and be it further
Resolved, That this meeting be conducted in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, as permitted under Section 4-106, Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and State Government Article 10-501; and be it further

Resolved, That such meeting shall continue in closed session until the completion of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 55-95 Re: ADJOURNMENT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Felton seconded by Ms. Converse, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 12:05 a.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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