The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on November 27, 1995, at 8:45 p.m.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 785-95 Re: BOARD AGENDA -November 27, 1995

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for November 27, 1995.

RESOLUTION NO. 786-95 Re: FIRST NIGHT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, DECEMBER 31, 1995

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Felton seconded by Mrs. King the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education recognizes that First Night Celebrations are innovative festivals to welcome the New Year and have enjoyed increasing support in communities throughout the nation since their inception in 1980; and

WHEREAS, First Night Montgomery County is created by and for the citizens of our community to provide the opportunity for safe and enjoyable celebration of New Year's Eve for children and youth, families, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, First Night Montgomery County will be a shared cultural experience that will broaden the public's appreciation of the visual and performing arts; and
WHEREAS, The Board of Education recognizes that a diverse and wide range of individuals, civic groups, government agencies, and businesses within our community are collaboratively planning the First Night Montgomery County celebration; and

WHEREAS, First Night Montgomery County will be held in Silver Spring, Maryland on Sunday, December 31, 1995, from 3:00 p.m. until midnight; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education endorse and support the mission and objectives of the First Night Montgomery County festival; and be it further

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

Re: MC 605-96 MONTGOMERY COUNTY - TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL CHOICE

On motion of Ms. Gutierrez and seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was introduced

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education reaffirms its opposition to MC 605-96 - Montgomery County - Task Force on School Choice.

RESOLUTION NO. 787-95 Re: AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION ON MC 605-96 - MONTGOMERY COUNTY - TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL CHOICE

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Dr. Cheung the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education would also be strongly oppose this measure as statewide legislation.

RESOLUTION NO. 788-95 Re: MC 605-96 - MONTGOMERY COUNTY - TASK FORCE ON SCHOOLS CHOICE

The following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education reaffirms its strong opposition to MC 605-96 - Montgomery County - Task Force on School Choice, and be it further

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education would also strongly oppose this measure as statewide legislation.
RESOLUTION NO. 789-95  Re:  MC 612-96 - MONTGOMERY COUNTY - MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - BUS SERVICE

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

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education opposes MC 612-96 - Montgomery County - Maryland School for the Deaf.

RESOLUTION NO. 790-95  Re:  MC 614-96 - EDUCATION - STATE FUNDING - MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTIES - CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

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

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education reaffirms its support for MC 614-96 - Education - State Funding - Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties - City of Takoma Park.

Re:  PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Steve Naron
2. Kathy Elliott
3. Lawrence deBivot
4. Carol Jarvis
5. Kathleen McCarthy
6. Connie Bishop
7. Gay Riggs
8. Howard Henderson
9. Martha Strombotne, President, Montgomery County Council for Supporting Services Employees

RESOLUTION NO. 791-95  Re:  TAX-DEFERRED ANNUITY CARRIER RECOMMENDATION

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. King seconded by Mr. Abrams the follow resolution was adopted unanimously:
WHEREAS, The Board of Education by Resolutions 335-65 and 365-65 has offered the benefits of a tax-deferred annuity program for its employees since 1965 in accordance with Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended; and

WHEREAS, Board of Education Policy EID requires a review of the performance and service of tax-deferred annuity companies be made every two years to determine if they should continue in the program; and

WHEREAS, Staff has completed such a review; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the following 13 companies previously approved by the Board of Education be continued as tax-deferred annuity providers for Montgomery County Public Schools employees:

Aetna Life and Casualty, Hartford, Connecticut
American Express Financial Advisors (formerly IDS Life Insurance Company), Minneapolis, Minnesota
The Copeland Companies, Columbia, Maryland
Fidelity Investments, Boston, Massachusetts
Hartford Life Insurance Companies, Hartford, Connecticut
Lincoln Investment Planning, Inc., Wyncote, Pennsylvania
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York, New York
Nationwide Life Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio
Prudential Insurance Company of America, Moosic, Pennsylvania
QUADS, Frederick, Maryland
T. Rowe Price Funds, Baltimore, Maryland
The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company, Houston, Texas

and be it further

Resolved, That UNUM Life Insurance Company of America, Portland, Maine, be terminated as a tax-deferred annuity provider at Montgomery County Public Schools, effective January 1, 1996.

RESOLUTION NO. 793-95 Re: ACCEPTANCE OF JULIUS WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Felton seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:
Resolved. That having been duly inspected on November 16, 1995, the addition/modernization of Julius West Middle School now be formally accepted; and be it further

Resolved, That the official date of completion be established as that date upon which formal notice is received from the architect that the building has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and all contract requirements have been met.

RESOLUTION NO. 793-95 Re: PROPOSED NEW POOLESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL - COST REDUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS

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

WHEREAS, As part of the approved FY 1996-2001 Capital Improvements Program, the County Council placed a ceiling on construction cost increases for MCPS projects; and

WHEREAS, The ceiling that the County Council has mandated is less than the average construction industry cost increases that occurred in the Washington metropolitan area during the past two years; and

WHEREAS, The County Council's action has created a budget shortfall of $480,000 for the Poolesville Middle School project; and

WHEREAS, Staff and the community leadership have recommended changes to the building design that will offset the $480,000 shortfall; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the proposed design changes to the Poolesville Middle School project that have been recommended by staff and the community leadership.

RESOLUTION NO. 794-95 Re: AWARD OF CONTRACT - WESTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND FY 1996 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE CURRENT MODERNIZATION PROJECT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Felton seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:
WHEREAS, The following bids were received on November 9, 1995, for the modernization of Westland Middle School, with work to begin immediately and be completed by July 1, 1997:

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<th>Bidder</th>
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<td>Dustin Construction, Inc.</td>
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<td>Hess Construction Company</td>
<td>10,901,641</td>
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<td>Henley Construction Co., Inc.</td>
<td>10,957,300</td>
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<td>Kimmel &amp; Kimmel, Inc.</td>
<td>11,074,500</td>
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<td>The R. R. Gregory Corporation</td>
<td>11,359,800</td>
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<td>Donohoe Construction Company</td>
<td>11,797,000</td>
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and

WHEREAS, Dustin Construction, Inc., has completed similar projects successfully for Montgomery County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Staff and the project architect have identified items that can be eliminated from the Westland Middle School modernization project in accordance with action by the County Council Education Committee for FY 1996 construction projects; and

WHEREAS, Even after making all possible modifications/eliminations to reduce the budget to within the amount approved by the County Council, the low bid exceeds the approved FY 1996 budget by approximately 2.5 percent; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a $10,885,000 contract be awarded to Dustin Construction, Inc., for the modernization of Westland Middle School, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Robert J. Glaser Associates, Architects, contingent upon County Council approval of a $1,493,000 FY 1996 emergency supplemental appropriation for the current modernization project; and be it further

Resolved, That an FY 1996 emergency supplemental appropriation be requested in the amount of $1,493,000 for the current modernization project; and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive be requested to recommend that the County Council approve the emergency supplemental appropriation request.
RESOLUTION NO. 795-95  Re: AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

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

WHEREAS, Sealed bids for various maintenance projects to be funded from FY 1996 Clean Air Act and HVAC Replacement Capital Project Funds, were received on October 25 and November 6, 1995, in accordance with MCPS procurement practices, with work to begin November 28, 1995, and to be completed by May 15, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Details of the bid activity are available in the Department of Facilities Management; and

WHEREAS, The low bids are within staff estimates, and the low bidders meeting specifications have completed similar work successfully for Montgomery County Public Schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That contracts be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications for the projects and amounts listed below:

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<td><strong>Chiller and Cooling Tower Replacement</strong></td>
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<td>Robert Frost Middle School</td>
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<td>Low Bidder: Warner Mechanical, Inc.</td>
<td>$187,500.00</td>
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<td><strong>Boiler, Domestic Hot Water and Pumps Replacement</strong></td>
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<td>Eastern Middle School</td>
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<td>Low Bidder: G. W. Mechanical Specialists</td>
<td>217,369.00</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$404,869.00</td>
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RESOLUTION NO. 796-95  Re:  UTILIZATION OF FY 1996 FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECT FUNDS FOR THE HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM

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

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend within the FY 1996 Provision for Future Supported Projects a grant award of $59,600 from the Maryland State Department of Education, under the federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, for the Homeless Children and Youth program, in the following categories:

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>2 Instructional Salaries</td>
<td>$38,612</td>
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<td>3 Other Instructional Costs</td>
<td>6,982</td>
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<td>7 Student Transportation</td>
<td>10,277</td>
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<td>10 Fixed Charges</td>
<td>3,729</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$59,600</strong></td>
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and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 797-95  Re:  RECOMMENDED FY 1996 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOREIGN LANGUAGES PROJECT

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

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized, subject to County Council approval, to receive and expend an FY 1996 supplemental appropriation of $186,239 from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs, under the Elementary School Foreign Language Incentive Program, to strengthen existing elementary school foreign language programs in the following categories:
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<td>2 Instructional Salaries</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>$48,166</td>
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<td>3 Other Instructional Costs</td>
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<td>130,402</td>
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<tr>
<td>10 Fixed Charges</td>
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<td>7,671</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>0.5</strong></td>
<td><strong>$186,239</strong></td>
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* .5 Secretary, Grade 12 (12-month)

and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive be requested to recommend approval of this resolution to the County Council, and a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the county executive and the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 798-95 Re: RECOMMENDATION TO SUBMIT A FY 1996 GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS/GOALS 2000 PROJECT FOR A CONSORTIUM OF MARYLAND COUNTIES ON THE WEB

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

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to submit a FY 1996 grant proposal in the amount of $155,568 on behalf of a consortium of 10 local education agencies to the U.S. Department of Education via the Maryland State Department of Education, Schools for Success/Goals 2000: Educate America Act, to support the development of problem-based interdisciplinary curricular activities for fourth grade students; and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 799-95 Re: RECOMMENDED FY 1996 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR PARENTING RESOURCE AND SUPPORT PARTNERSHIP

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Gutierrez seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:
Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized, subject to County Council approval, to receive and expend an FY 1996 supplemental appropriation of $324,464 from the U.S. Department of Education via the Montgomery County Child Care Connection, the recipient agency for a Parental Assistance Program grant authorized under Title IV of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, P.L 103-227 for the Parenting Resource and Support Partnership, in the following categories:

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<td>1 Administration</td>
<td>$15,451</td>
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<td>2 Instructional Salaries</td>
<td>279,180</td>
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<td>3 Other Instructional Costs</td>
<td>7,500</td>
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<td>10 Fixed Charges</td>
<td>22,333</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$324,464</strong></td>
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and be it further

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

Re: PILOT FOR CONTRACTING CUSTODIAL SERVICES

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Mrs. King, the following motion was put on the table:

WHEREAS, As a result of the County Council's action on the FY 1996 Operating Budget, funds were reduced in Category 8, Plant Operations, in anticipation of savings resulting from a pilot project to contract out custodial services; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education's final action on the FY 1996 Operating Budget included anticipated savings of $102,281 from a pilot project to contract out custodial services; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the Board of Education's action, the superintendent initiated a process to determine if custodial services at schools could be provided more efficiently and at less cost by an outside contractor; and

WHEREAS, In order to avoid potential personnel reductions, staff chose to implement the pilot at the new Forest Oak and Rocky Hill middle schools; and
WHEREAS, The total cost to provide custodial services to the two new middle schools in 1996 using MCPS staff is $535,098; and

WHEREAS, The Division of School Plant Operations, in conjunction with the Procurement Unit, and with input from school principals, representatives from the community, and other appropriate MCPS staff, developed detailed specifications and a request for proposals for the pilot; and

WHEREAS, The following proposals were received and reviewed by a screening committee:

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<th>VENDOR</th>
<th>1st YEAR</th>
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<td>Marotta Enterprises, Inc.</td>
<td>$352,205</td>
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<td>$1,056,615</td>
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<td>*Quality Building Services, Inc.</td>
<td>340,970</td>
<td>341,470</td>
<td>341,970</td>
<td>1,024,410</td>
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<td>**P&amp;P Properties, Incorporated</td>
<td>705,806</td>
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<td>2,117,418</td>
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<td>**Capitol Maintenance Company</td>
<td>286,027</td>
<td>294,607</td>
<td>303,446</td>
<td>884,080</td>
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<td>**City Wide Janitorial Service</td>
<td>511,000</td>
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<td>511,000</td>
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*Withdraw proposal
**Did not satisfy requirements

MCPS contract administrative expense is estimated at $57,778, $59,511, and $61,296 for each of the three years; and

WHEREAS, Interviews were scheduled with Quality Building Services, Inc., and Marotta Enterprises, Inc., the two vendors submitting the most complete proposals; and

WHEREAS, Quality Building Services, Inc., withdrew its proposal; and

WHEREAS, Negotiation with Marotta Enterprises, Inc., resulted in the final total proposed annual cost of $352,205 for an anticipated savings of $125,000 in the first year; and

WHEREAS, Marotta Enterprises, Inc., meets the procurement specifications; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Facilities Management will evaluate the work of the contractor to ensure the performance standards established in the RFP are met and the estimated savings are realized; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent also has directed facilities management staff to work cooperatively with representatives of MCCSSE to determine if there are mutually acceptable steps to reduce costs and increase efficiencies in the custodial services that are being provided to our existing facilities; now therefore be it
Resolved, That the Board of Education authorize the superintendent to sign the contract with Marotta Enterprises, Inc., to provide custodial services to Forest Oak and Rocky Hill middle schools for the first year of the pilot, at a cost of $352,205.

RESOLUTION NO. 800-95  Re: SUBSTITUTE MOTION FOR PILOT FOR CONTRACTING OF CUSTODIAL SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, There is before the Board of Education a proposal by the superintendent to launch a pilot project to contract out custodial services at two new middle schools; and

WHEREAS, This proposal is estimated by the superintendent to save $125,000 in the first year of operation, and additional amounts in out years; and

WHEREAS, The County Council reduced the Montgomery County Public Schools’ budget in Category 8 by $656,574, including a recommended amount of $142,857 for a project to test contracting out of custodial services; and

WHEREAS, The MCCSSE has proposed an alternative approach to savings, involving a joint effort by MCPS and MCCSSE to identify cost-saving strategies; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education postpone action on Item 3.0 for three months, and engage in intensive efforts jointly with MCCSSE to arrive at cost-savings that would equal those proposed by the superintendent or a target of $125,000; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent would prepare a proposal for a structure that would allow employees to set up a cost center approach to allow identification of further reductions for the future in regard to building services; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent report to the Board at the end of 90 days the results of the joint effort.

* Mr. Abrams left the meeting at this point.
Re:  MSDE HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

Dr. Vance turned the discussion over to Ms. Gutierrez, chair of the Research and Evaluation Subcommittee, and invited the following staff to the table: Dr. Hartzman, acting director of the Department of Education Accountability, Mr. Jay Headman, principal of Winston Churchill High School, Ms. Joy Odom, Curriculum Coordination and Implementation, Dr. Myriam Met, coordinator of Foreign Language, and Dr. Mary Helen Smith, acting associate superintendent for Instruction and Program Development.

Ms. Gutierrez briefly summarized the incredible efforts of staff on this complex issue. The Research and Evaluation Subcommittee met with staff on several occasions to study the implications for MCPS and to develop recommendations to forward to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). MSDE proposed a series of core learning goals as a criterion for the high school diploma. MSDE has asked local education agencies (LEAs) to review the proposal and give them feedback. The MCPS white paper summarizes the background and recommendations.

Mr. Headman highlighted the work of dedicated staff in the program of studies and the impact that the proposed high school assessment will have on MCPS. With mathematics, MCPS covers more than the core learning goals, and there is concern about what will happen to those areas covered by MCPS but MSDE assessments will only cover the core learning goals. There is a need for modules so that students can be assessed at the time they are being taught these skills. The sequence in social studies is different but MCPS covers the core learning goals. In science the core learning goals are more than covered but there is a concern that the state might assess what are MCPS electives.

Dr. Met stated that English was an area that was difficult to compare because the curriculum is undergoing extensive revision but the core learning goals will definitely be included in that change. One issue of concern is that the special education students and students limited in English proficiency (LEP) have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma to the fullest extent possible. There are four overarching concerns: (1) MCPS curriculum is broader in scope, more challenging, and more far reaching than the core learning goals; (2) MCPS teachers might teach the curriculum and focus on the aspects of the curriculum that will be assessed; (3) the format in which the assessments will be administered; and (4) the assessments be incorporated into existing final examination structure. The Committee on Assessment Design and Implementation (CADI) expressed strong concerns about the cost involved in the development of the program beyond the assessments that might include curriculum revision and staff development.

Mr. Ewing acknowledged the effort of staff and the subcommittee in bringing forth the recommendations on the assessment design and implementation as reflected in the proposal. The major thrusts were to propose to the state the need for modular
assessment tools; students with special needs and LEP students participating; and the need to build a partnership with the state to accomplish this. In regard to English, MCPS teaches grammar and mechanics in the context of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Teaching grammar in the context of writing does not give students the kind of broad-based understanding of grammatical rules that they ought to have, and MCPS should have a way of assessing grammar. In regard to social studies, Mr. Ewing was concerned about the MCPS statement that MSDE core learning goals include ancient and medieval history (a period of approximately 4,500 years) is covered in MCPS, grades 6 through elective high school courses. High school students should not graduate from high school without some understanding of pre-history to 1500 A.D. The MCPS paper states that American history is taught in three places. Mr. Ewing observed that the history curriculum appears to be fragmented. There should be a debate on the depth of the English and history curriculum.

Mr. Felton replied that the Subcommittee had discussions on the direction for MCPS’ response and the decision was to stress flexibility and not lock in all the school systems in the state with a single approach.

Ms. Gutierrez pointed out specifics that the Subcommittee discussed. There is no doubt that the state’s proposal is rigorous and based on national standards. This is an opportunity for MCPS to examine the curriculum and make improvements. MCPS must point out those areas where there are serious implications for Montgomery County. There must be flexibility and a partnership that goes both ways between the state and Montgomery County. As MCPS goes forward with the assessment proposal, it is important to be deliberate in considering the impact, and there is an opportunity to reconsider some curriculum. There is value in what is being proposed and MCPS must work closely with the state and help guide it in a leadership role.

Dr. Cheung remarked that there are two interrelated issues: (1) responding to the state’s core learning goals, and (2) improving the MCPS curriculum. The standards are rigorous and MCPS students must be prepared to meet those standards with the flexibility of MCPS to teach beyond these standards. By improving the MCPS curriculum, MCPS will be taking the lead in setting the standards which in turn the state could adopt and make the core learning goals highly rigorous.

RESOLUTION NO. 801-95 Re: MSDE HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopted the Research and Evaluations Subcommittee’s recommendations and that the position paper to be forwarded to the
Maryland State Department of Education along with the discipline reports and supporting documentation from our teachers and staff.

Re: BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

After this evening’s discussion, Mr. Ewing suggested that there be a seminar for grammar enthusiasts in which the day is spent on subjects such as the subjunctive and its uses; the pluperfect as a device superior, present and past; and exercises in diagraming sentences as well as use the Oxford English Dictionary to look up word histories and evolution.

Mr. McCullough commended the Board in its continuing efforts to reach out to students and get their input. On December 7, there is a meeting with student leadership at 7:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 802-95 Re: CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION - DECEMBER 12, 1995

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. King seconded by Mr. Felton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

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 conduct a portion of its meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 1995, at 9:00 a.m. and noon to discuss personnel matters, matters protected from public disclosure by law, and other issues including consultation with counsel to obtain legal advice; and be it further

Resolved, That these meetings 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 meetings shall continue in closed session until the completion of business.

Re: REPORT OF CLOSED SESSIONS

On November 6, 1995, the Board of Education announced to the public that they would conduct a closed session on Wednesday, November 8, 1995, as permitted under Section
The Montgomery County Board of Education met in closed session on November 8, 1995, from 8:55 to 9:35 p.m. The meeting took place in Room 127, Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland. Board members discussed a legal issue with its attorneys.

In attendance at the closed session were Steve Abrams, Larry Bowers, Alan Cheung, Patrick Clancy, Blair Ewing, Reggie Felton, Kathy Gemberling, Bea Gordon, Ana Sol Gutierrez, Nancy King, George Margolies, Elfreda Massie, Charles McCullough, Glenda Rose, and Paul Vance.

On October 23, 1995, by the unanimous vote of members present, the Board of Education voted to conduct a closed session on Tuesday, November 14, 1995, as permitted under Section 4-106, Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and State Government Article 10-501.

The Montgomery County Board of Education met in closed session on November 14, 1995, from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. and 12:50 to 1:35 p.m. The meeting took place in Room 120, Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland.

The Board met to discuss a personnel appointment (assistant to the Associate Superintendent for the Office of Pupil and Community Services). Votes taken in closed session were confirmed in open session. Board members discussed a legal issue with its attorneys.


In attendance at the closed session were Steve Abrams, Larry Bowers, Alan Cheung, Blair Ewing, David Fischer, Phinnize Fisher, Hiawatha Fountain, Kathy Gemberling, Bea Gordon, Roland Ikhetoa, Nancy King, Elfreda Massie, George Margolies, Elfreda Massie, Charles McCullough, Brian Porter, Roger Titus, Glenda Rose, Ruby Rubens, and Paul Vance.

RESOLUTION NO. 803-95 Re: MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 1995

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

Resolved, That the minutes of September 26, 1995, be approved.
RESOLUTION NO. 804-95  Re:  MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 1995

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

Resolved, That the minutes of October 2, 1995, be approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 804-95  Re:  MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 1995

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. McCullough seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the minutes of October 5, 1995, be approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 806-95  Re:  BYLAW AND MEMBERSHIP CHANGES FOR THE MCPS TELEVISION FOUNDATIONS, INC.

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education adopted a resolution expanding the membership of the Montgomery County Public Schools Television Foundation, Inc., from seven to 15; and

WHEREAS, The Board of education also adopted a resolution requesting the Television Foundation Board of Directors to expand its vision and plans for meeting the educational needs of Montgomery County Public Schools’ students and to raise the funds to address those needs; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Television Foundation has approved proposed amendments to the foundations’ bylaws; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the revision to the bylaws of the Montgomery County Public Schools Television Foundation, Inc., that have been approved and recommended by the Montgomery County Public Schools Television Foundation Board of Directors.

RESOLUTION NO. 807-95  Re:  BOE APPEAL NO. 1995-28

On motion of Ms. Gutierrez and seconded by Mr. McCullough the following resolution was adopted unanimously:*
Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in BOE Appeal No. 1995-28, an admission matter.

* Mr. Felton and Mrs. King were absent and did not participate in this Decision and Order.

RESOLUTION NO. 808-95  Re:  BOE APPEAL NO. 1995-30

On motion of Ms. Gutierrez and seconded by Dr. Cheung the following resolution was adopted unanimously:* 

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in BOE Appeal No. 1995-30, an admission matter.

* Mr. Felton and Mrs. King were absent and did not participate in this Decision and Order.

RESOLUTION NO. 809-95  Re:  BOE APPEAL NO. 1995-35

On motion of Ms. Gutierrez and seconded by Mr. McCullough the following resolution was adopted unanimously:* 

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in BOE Appeal No. 1995-35, an admission matter.

* Mr. Felton and Mrs. King were absent and did not participate in this Decision and Order.

RESOLUTION NO. 810-95  Re:  BOE APPEAL NO. 1995-37

On motion of Ms. Gutierrez and seconded by Mr. McCullough the following resolution was adopted unanimously:* 

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in BOE Appeal No. 1995-37, an admission matter.

* Mr. Felton and Mrs. King were absent and did not participate in this Decision and Order.

RESOLUTION NO. 811-95  Re:  BOE APPEAL NO. 1995-39

On motion of Ms. Gutierrez and seconded by Mr. McCullough the following resolution was adopted unanimously:* 

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in BOE Appeal No. 1995-39, an admission matter.
* Mr. Felton and Mrs. King were absent and did not participate in this Decision and Order.

RESOLUTION NO. 812-95    Re:  ENHANCING INTEGRATION

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education schedule a discussion related to further issues surrounding the QIE and transfer policies. The Board should review among other matters (1) the value and use of the ethnic and racial categories used in these policies; (2) strategies beyond the transfer policy for incentives and positive inducements to achieve integrated schools and improve the level of integration; and (3) options for achieving improved integration within MCPS schools.

Re: MR. EWING’S MOTION ON RELEASE OF STUDENT DATA (FAILED)

Mr. Ewing’s motion to schedule a time to discuss the need in policy for an assurance that parents are given access to test and other data in the possession of the school the child attends failed with Dr. Cheung and Mr. Ewing voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. King, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mr. McCullough voting in the negative.

Re: ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1.  FY 1996 Summer School

RESOLUTION NO.813-95    Re:  ADJOURNMENT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. McCullough seconded by Mrs. King, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 11:10 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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