The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, January 31, 1996, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Re: WORKSESSION ON FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET

Board members raised the following issues during the worksession:

1. What is required to fully implement the Middle School Policy?

2. What would be the cost of a modified interscholastic program that would offer one boys' and one girls' activity per season and would include a reduced number of games/activities? What was the least expensive interscholastic program model previously provided?

3. What are the duties and responsibilities of the middle school director position?

4. What has been the annual inflationary increases for textbooks over the past three years?

5. What is the cost of implementing distance learning at the 12th Grade? What courses would be appropriate for this approach?

6. Provide a four-year history of funding for evening high school.
7. What is the cost of adding all-day kindergarten to ten more schools?

8. What would it take to serve all eligible Head Start students? What is the cost of one class?

9. How much could be saved by charging a fee for the Richard Montgomery IB exam? How could the savings be redirected?

10. What is the per pupil rate from the state for the Limited English Proficiency grant?

11. Are there other communities experiencing a need for ESOL parent outreach resources beyond the three clusters currently being addressed?

12. What efforts are being undertaken to reduce special education legal costs?

13. What resources are in the budget to eliminate the current deficit in special education?

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

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