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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, January 20, 1999, at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Patricia O'Neill, Vice President
 in the Chair
 Mr. Stephen Abrams
 Mr. Kermit V. Burnett
 Mrs. Beatrice B. Gordon
 Mrs. Nancy J. King
 Ms. Mona M. Signer
 Dr. Paul L. Vance, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Reginald M. Felton
 Mr. Geonard F. Butler, Jr.

Re: FY 2000 OPERATING BUDGET HEARING

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Tom Schick, MCCPTA Area 7
2. Joann Zuecher, Whitman Cluster
3. Jan Geier, Walter Johnson Cluster
4. Karin Chenoweth, MCCPTA Area 6
5. Michelle Turner, Einstein Cluster
6. Marilyn Shoenfeld, Blair Cluster
7. Bill Waller, Kennedy Cluster
8. Lucie Campbell, MCCPTA Area 4
9. Georgia Johnson, Churchill Cluster
10. Karen Askin, Wootton Cluster
11. Abby Rogers, Richard Montgomery Cluster
12. Mr. Wayne Whigham, President of MCAASP
13. Dr. Frank Stetson, SSAA
14. Ms. Jennie Jones, ESAA
15. John Rynn, MC Counselors Association
16. John Dillon, Workforce Development Corporation
17. David Phillips, Greater Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce
18. Janis Yarde, Greater Gaithersburg Chamber of Commerce
19. Carolyn Snowden, Community Action Board
20. Michele Fain, Gifted and Talented/Learning Disabled
21. Michele Gleason, Individual

22. Jean Aseph, Individual
23. Joan Simons, Individual
24. Albert Nunez, Individual
25. Mary Allnutt, Individual
26. Geoffrey Konopka, Commission on Children & Youth
27. John Tyner, Arts Council of Montgomery County
28. Barbara Selbset, Montgomery County Chapter of Autism Society of America
29. Jim Klein, Hazara Kawah, Josh Roadman, Sandhya Nakhasi, and Jennifer Klein
30. Debbie VanBrunt, Individual

The Board of Education made the following requests:

1. Ms. Signer asked which elementary schools do not have full-time counselors, and what the cost would be to place full-time counselors in those schools.
2. Ms. Signer wanted to know the ratio of students to guidance counselors in all high schools, and the cost of an additional guidance counselor for Walter Johnson High School, as well as the school that has the worst ratio.
3. Ms. Signer would like staff to explore contracting out bus service for athletics.
4. Mr. Abrams referred to Ms. Zuercher's testimony on staff training outside of class time. He asked if there had been discussions with the teachers and MCCPTA, as well as MCEA, in terms of a joint proposal to take to the Council. He asked if a joint position could be developed through the Board, the cluster, and MCEA, the Board could then look at the budgetary implications.
5. Ms. Signer asked for the cost of improvements that Mrs. Turner requested for the International Studies and Technology program.
6. Ms. Signer requested the cost and some comparisons with other high schools for the improvements requested by Mrs. Schoenfeld's testimony for Montgomery Blair High School related to the secretaries, two registrars, and the increase in building service workers.
7. Regarding the testimony on the change in educational load, Ms. Signer reported that the Board's Research and Evaluation Subcommittee would begin to look at an alternative using FARMs data to calculate educational load. The subcommittee would look at weighted head count, where the student's abilities compelled the school system to allocated funding.
8. Mr. Burnett asked how many signature programs currently have full-time

coordinators, if any, and the cost associated with that.

9. Mr. Abrams asked if using educational load with a broad definition, what would be the cost of the implementation of a program similar to the Star Program, K-3, within impacted schools.
10. In testimony, Potomac, College Gardens, and Ritchie Park elementary schools raised the need for reading specialists, secretaries, or counselors. Ms. Signer asked for the ratio of students to reading specialists and secretaries.
11. Ms. Signer requested information on construction projects that have had on-site coordinators.
12. Mr. Abrams asked staff to prepare a three- and five-year implementation cost on the security cameras in MCAASP's testimony.
13. Mrs. King requested the costs to add six high school coordinators for internships.
14. Regarding the testimony from the Community Action Board, Mrs. Gordon asked for information on how staff plans to address the restructuring to ensure that there was not a loss in services.
15. In the Community Action Board's testimony on training in classroom management (Mr. Paul's model), Mrs. Gordon asked for an update on how many schools had been trained.
16. Ms. Signer requested a response regarding the issues raised about the need for a GT/LD coordinator and the cost for such a position.
17. Mrs. Gordon asked for an update on the dissemination of the handbook, "State of the Art - Success for Every Student."
18. Ms. Signer wanted information on adding a day to outdoor education, including the cost and the ability of the school system to schedule the Smith Center.
19. Currently the cost for outdoor education was borne by the students. Mrs. Gordon requested information regarding additional costs for students, and at what point it would become a discouraging factor for student participation.
20. Mrs. King and Mr. Abrams asked if there were other facilities available for the outdoor education program.

The hearing was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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