The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, January 10, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL  Present:  Mr. Reginald M. Felton, President
                    in the Chair
                    Mr. Kermit V. Burnett
                    Ms. Sharon Cox
                    Mrs. Nancy J. King
                    Mr. Walter Lange
                    Mrs. Patricia B. O'Neill
                    Mr. Dustin Jeter, Student Board Member
                    Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent:  Mr. Stephen Abrams

Re:  FY 2003 OPERATING BUDGET HEARING

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Jerry Klobukowski, Commissioner of Poolesville
2. Dale Ryan, Damascus Cluster
3. Linda Dutka, Gaithersburg Cluster
4. Karen Fritz, Magruder Cluster
5. Gabe Romero, Watkins Mill Cluster
6. Patty Rapp, Northwest Cluster
7. Link Hoewing, Poolesville Cluster
8. Barbara Fahey, Quince Orchard Cluster
9. Meredith Walters, Seneca Valley Cluster
10. Patti Gragnani, Sherwood Cluster
11. David Pena, Northeast Consortium
12. Mark Granger, Outdoor Education Association of Montgomery County
13. Joe Howard
14. Karen Craney, Montgomery County Pupil Personnel Workers Association
15. Jeff Hossman and Linda Posilkin, Montgomery County School Psychologists Association
16. Kathy Brake
17. Robin Monsheimer, Montgomery County Taxpayers League
18. Norma Brown, Montgomery County Community Action Board
The Board of Education asked the following questions:

24. Mr. Lange asked for a report on the state of the air system at Poolesville High School.

25. Mr. Lange asked for information on the cost of developing an upcounty middle school magnet program.

26. Ms. Cox asked for information from OGAT regarding Mr. Hoewing's suggestions on data available as MCPS moves forward with the new Information Management System.

27. Mrs. King asked for the plans for high functioning students with Autism and Asperger's after the elementary school program. What are the plans for middle and high school?

28. Mrs. O'Neill asked for the cost for one additional PPW and a supervisor of PPWs.

29. Mrs. King requested the cost to add one emergency employee assistant.

30. Mr. Lange asked for plans to develop and implement staff training that addresses racial, ethnic, and cultural issues as described in the NAACP testimony.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.