The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, January 15, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL  Present:  Mrs. Patricia B. O'Neill, President
in the Chair
Mr. Kermit V. Burnett
Ms. Sharon Cox
Mr. Reginald M. Felton
Dr. Charles Haughey
Mr. Walter Lange
Mr. Gabe Romero
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent:  Mr. Mihyar Alnifaidy, Student Board Member

Re:  FY 2004 OPERATING BUDGET HEARING

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Michelle Yu, President of MCCPTA
2. Patti Gragnani, Sherwood Cluster
3. David Peña, Northeast Consortium
4. Rosanne Hurwitz, Wootton Cluster
5. Lydia Taghavi, Rockville Cluster
6. Kate Savage, Richard Montgomery Cluster
7. Janis Sartucci, Churchill Cluster
8. Michelle Doan, Commission on Children and Youth
9. Merle Cuttitta, MCCSSE President
10. Jonathan Bishop, MCCSSE Representative
11. Janice Lindsay, MCCSSE Representative
12. Kathy Dearstine, MCCSSE Representative
13. Ed Shirley, MCAASP President
14. Adrienne Jackson and Jane Litchko, ESAA Co-Presidents
15. Beverly McAnulty, SSAA President
16. Mark Simon, MCEA President
17. Bob Monsheimer, Montgomery County Taxpayers League
18. Sara Pullen
19. John Surr, Maryland Community Association for the Education of Young Children
20. Nicholas Petrick
21. Ellen Liberman
22. Shonda Leonard
23. Larry Froelich, Action in Montgomery
24. Christine Rodick, The Outdoor Education Association

The Board of Education asked the following questions:

1. Mr. Romero asked for the timeline of the MCCPTA’s request for a report of budget cuts in context of the areas in its Compact.

2. Ms. Cox asked what the impact would be on overcrowded classes with the proposed cut of 60 teacher reserve positions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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