The Board of Education of Montgomery County met at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on August 21, 2008, at 1:15 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Nancy Navarro, President in the Chair
         Mr. Steve Abrams
         Mr. Christopher Barclay
         Ms. Shirley Brandman
         Ms. Quratul-Ann Malik
         Mrs. Patricia O'Neill
         Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Ms. Sharon Cox
        Dr. Judy Docca

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

RESOLUTION NO. 307-08 Re: RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Brandman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by the Education Article and State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to conduct certain meetings or portions of its meetings in closed sessions; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County conduct a closed session on August 21, 2008, in Room 120 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County do the following:

1. Discuss the Human Resources Monthly Report and Appointments, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the State Government Article

2. Receive legal advice, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(7) of the State Government Article

and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County dedicate part of the closed session on August 21, 2008, to acquit its administrative functions and adjudicate and review appeals, which is a quasi-judicial function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act under Section 10-503(a) of the State Government Article; and be it further
Resolved, That the meeting continue in closed session until the completion of business.

Re: **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

RESOLUTION NO. 308-08 Re: **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for August 21, 2008

Re: **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

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<td>Rosanne Hurwitz</td>
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Re: **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Mr. Barclay commented that summer school graduation was spirited and rewarding.

Ms. Malik welcomed the students for the coming year, and she hoped that the year will be productive and rewarding. Also, she stated that the Back-to-School Fair was amazing.

Mrs. O’Neill noted that athletes were getting ready for the season. She thanked all of her daughters’ teachers in MCPS, since her youngest daughter is in college.

Mr. Abrams remarked that College Gardens Elementary School and Richard Montgomery High School are community gems and the school will be accepted at this meeting. Also, he was impressed by the work at Maryvale Elementary School, with the improved media center and age-appropriate equipment.

Ms. Navarro stated that she was looking forward to the new school year, and she complimented the Department of Communications on the Back-to-School Fair.
Dr. Weast commented that MCPS hosted an amazingly successful, first-ever “back-to-school fair” here at the Board of Education headquarters. Approximately 5,000 attendees with information booths with representation from MCPS departments across the board, and from other local agencies. Kudos to the hundreds who volunteered to make it such an incredible success. The Department of Communications is already getting started on the debrief and looking ahead to next year’s event. Led by Aggie Alvez and her Communications team… and Eric Davis, who heads our Family and Community Partnerships division.

Dr. Weast remarked about the TerraNova exam results and End-of-year Reading Benchmarks. He noted the press briefing earlier this week to address some very powerful data that is showing the great progress being made on reading, language, and math in our early grades.

Dr. Weast highlighted the following figures for AYP progress:
- 95 percent of elementary schools made AYP
- 86 percent of middle schools—up from 71 percent the previous year. Now 33 of the 38 schools; up from 27 last year.
- Emphasis on middle school reform paying off.
- None of the 23 elementary schools with the highest poverty rates were among those on the list.

Finally, Dr. Weast noted the results on ACT exams:
- This past week, the results were also released on how students did on the ACT exams.
- Participation is way up on the ACT—2,355 students took the exam this year, up from a little over 1,000 in 2004… and about 1700 just last year.
- Average composite score of 23.8—compared with state average of 22.

RESOLUTION NO. 309-08 Re: CONTRACTS OF $25,000 OR MORE

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education procurement resolution, approved on February 5, 2008, to acquire new school buses through Bid No. 7055.10 needs to be amended to clarify that the acquisition is through a lease/purchase for a seven-year term, under the Master Lease/Purchase Agreement with First Southwest Leasing Company; and

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of other equipment, supplies, and contractual services; and

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted and/or identified for the lease/purchase of off-the-lot, new vehicles through Montgomery County Bid 7507000445; and
WHEREAS, The acquisition of off-the-lot, new vehicles and new school buses through the Lease/Purchase Agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the acquisition of new school buses through Bid No. 7055.10 in the amount of $5,686,374 be through a lease/purchase agreement for a seven-year term, under the Master Lease/Purchase Agreement with First Southwest Leasing Company; and be it further

Resolved, That off-the-lot, new vehicles in the amount of $156,826 be lease/purchased for a five-year term, under the Master Lease/Purchase Agreement with First Southwest Leasing Company; and be it further

Resolved, That the proceeds from the financing be used to reimburse Montgomery County Public Schools’ accounts to the extent that such equipment will be acquired before closing; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board president and superintendent of schools be authorized to execute the documents necessary for these transactions; and be it further

Resolved, That having been duly advertised, the following contracts will be awarded to the low bidders meeting specifications as shown below:

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<td>Motor Oils, Lubricants and Greases—Extension</td>
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<td>702-23</td>
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<td>BP Lubricants</td>
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<td>Lindsay Ford of Wheaton</td>
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<td>Criswell Chevrolet</td>
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<td>Duron, Inc.</td>
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4175.1  Web-based Parent Outreach Application—Extension

Awardee
Edline

$ 190,000

4231.1  Discovery Education Site Licenses

Awardee
Discovery Education

$ 192,819

7085.2  Information Technology Support and Integration Services—Extension

Awardees  (See note )
Computer Technology and Support
Data Networks
Ease Technologies, Inc.
Net Results, Inc.
Total

$2,000,000

7112.3  Lawn Maintenance Equipment—Extension

Awardees
Gaithersburg Equipment Company $ 66,821
Lawn and Power Equipment $ 62,050
Total $ 128,871

7113.4  Bus Wash Chemicals

Awardee
The Myco Companies

$ 31,200

9006.4  Shade/Upholstery Material

Awardees
Crown Shade Company $ 155,156
Frankel Associates, Inc. 31,900
Mileham and King, Inc. 1,130
Tedco Industries, Inc. $ 29,346
Total $ 217,532

9014.5  Ceiling Board and Grid System Materials

Awardees
B&B Concepts* $ 55,945
Capitol Building Supply $ 56,366
Total $ 112,311

9028.3 Tree Removal Service

Awardees (See note)
Mead Tree and Turf Care, Inc.
Takoma Tree Experts, Inc.
Total $ 300,000

9054.4 Playground Equipment—Extension

Awardees
Playground Specialist $ 149,471
West Recreation, Inc. 144,173
Total $ 293,644

9101.11 Processed Meats and Refrigerated and Frozen Foods—Extension

Awardees
Dori Foods Inc. $ 407,895
East Side Entrees 45,296
Foodco USA* 17,164
Foodpro 3 6,135
Hadley Farms, Inc. 233,530
Karetas Foods, Inc. 69,525
PFG-Carroll County Foods, Inc.* 497,580
H. Schrier & Company, Inc. 179,710
Sysco Food Services of Baltimore, LLC 96,983
The JM Smucker Company 959,040
Total $2,542,858

9153.4 Industrial Hygiene and Laboratory Services

Awardee
Yoti N N &Associates, Inc.* $ 100,000

9415.1 Energy Management Automation System

Awardee
Boland Services, Inc. $ 40,739

9537.2 Frozen Foods Supplement
Awardees
Dori Foods, Inc. $61,370
Feesers, Inc. 1,416,469
Integrated Food Service 154,990
Karetas Foods, Inc. 26,710
Jr Simplot Company 42,801
Summers Food Brokers* 178,650
Total $1,880,990

TOTAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS OVER $25,000 $8,640,616

* Denotes Minority-, Female-, or Disabled-owned Business

Note: Contract amounts will be based on individual requirements.

RESOLUTION NO. 310-08  Re: ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT—FAIRLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services during the design and construction phases for the Fairland Elementary School addition project; and

WHEREAS, The preliminary construction cost estimate for this work is approximately $4,100,000; and

WHEREAS, Funds for architectural planning were programmed as part of the FY 2009 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, An Architect Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education on April 20, 2006, identified Rubeling & Associates as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional architectural and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Staff has negotiated a fee for these architectural services that include a Maryland Department of Transportation-certified minority business consultant; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of Rubeling & Associates to provide professional architectural and engineering services for the Fairland Elementary School addition project,
RESOLUTION NO. 311-08  Re: ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT—GARRETT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services during the design and construction phases for the Garrett Park Elementary School modernization project; and

WHEREAS, The preliminary construction cost estimate for this work is approximately $20,200,000; and

WHEREAS, Funds for architectural planning were programmed as part of the FY 2009 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, An Architect Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education on April 20, 2006, identified Grieves, Worrall, Wright & O'Hatnick, Inc. as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional architectural and engineering services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of Grieves, Worrall, Wright & O'Hatnick, Inc. to provide professional architectural and engineering services for the Garrett Park Elementary School modernization project, for a fee of $1,365,575.

RESOLUTION NO. 312-08  Re: ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT—HARMONY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services during the design and construction phases for the Harmony Hills Elementary School addition project; and

WHEREAS, The preliminary construction cost estimate for this work is approximately $4,800,000; and
WHEREAS, Funds for architectural planning were programmed as part of the FY 2009 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, An Architect Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education on April 20, 2006, identified The Lukmire Partnership, Inc. as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional architectural and engineering services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of The Lukmire Partnership, Inc. to provide professional architectural and engineering services for the Harmony Hills Elementary School addition project, for a fee of $377,600.

RESOLUTION NO. 313-08  Re: ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT—WHETSTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services during the design and construction phases for the Whetstone Elementary School addition project; and

WHEREAS, The preliminary construction cost estimate for this work is approximately $5,440,000; and

WHEREAS, Funds for architectural planning were programmed as part of the FY 2009 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, An Architect Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education on April 20, 2006, identified Grimm + Parker Architects as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional architectural and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Staff has negotiated a fee for these architectural services that include a Maryland Department of Transportation-certified minority business consultant; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of Grimm + Parker Architects to provide professional architectural and engineering services for the Whetstone Elementary School Elementary School addition project, for a fee of $433,500.
RESOLUTION NO. 314-08  Re: ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENTS—VARIOUS SCHOOLS FEASIBILITY STUDIES

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint architectural firms to provide professional and technical services to conduct feasibility studies for various capital improvements projects; and

WHEREAS, Funds for these feasibility studies have been programmed as part of the FY 2009 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, Architect Selection Committees, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education on April 20, 2006, identified the following architects as the most qualified firms to provide the necessary professional architectural and engineering services:

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<td>Beverly Farms ES Modernization</td>
<td>Muse Architects, P.C.</td>
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<td>Bradley Hills ES Addition</td>
<td>Proffitt &amp; Associates, Architects</td>
<td>29,900</td>
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<td>Darnestown ES Addition</td>
<td>Gauthier, Alvarado &amp; Associates, Inc.</td>
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<td>Georgian Forest ES Modernization</td>
<td>Rubeling &amp; Associates, Inc.</td>
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<td>Herbert Hoover MS Modernization</td>
<td>Moseley Architects, P.C.</td>
<td>45,000</td>
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<td>Viers Mill ES Addition</td>
<td>BeeryRio Architecture + Interiors</td>
<td>30,000</td>
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<td>Watkins Mill HS School-based</td>
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<td>Wellness Center</td>
<td>Samaha Associates, P.C.</td>
<td>20,000</td>
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<td>Wyngate ES Addition</td>
<td>Rubeling &amp; Associates, Inc.</td>
<td>33,320</td>
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and

WHEREAS, Staff has negotiated fees for the architectural services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enter into contractual agreements with the architectural firms identified above for the projects and amounts listed to provide feasibility design services.
RESOLUTION NO. 315-08  Re:  OFFICE AND TRAINING SPACE LEASE AT FESTIVAL SHOPPING CENTER

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, Space is not available at Board of Education-owned facilities to accommodate staff and consultants delivering the Office of Organizational Development training schedule; and

WHEREAS, Other educational and public venues have been leased on an hourly basis to provide needed training and conferencing space; and

WHEREAS, A central location for training is needed, controlled, and operated by Montgomery County Public Schools staff; and

WHEREAS, Real estate management staff has negotiated favorable financial terms for a five-year lease to take occupancy of space at 283-287 Muddy Branch Road, starting November 1, 2008, while at the same time terminating its lease at 12627 C-D Wisteria Drive in Germantown; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent and president of the Board of Education be authorized to execute a lease agreement for 7,740 square feet of space at 283-287 Muddy Branch Road at an initial base rental rate of $18.00 per square foot, increasing 3 percent annually through the five-year term; and be it further

Resolved, That an on-call contractor be awarded a contract to construct the necessary tenant improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 316-08  Re:  CASHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has requested a grant of right-of-way at Cashell Elementary School, located at 17101 Cashell Road in Rockville; and

WHEREAS, The proposed grant of right-of-way, consisting of 1,050 square feet, with an additional 10-foot wide temporary construction easement, is needed for the installation of a water main and appurtenances as a part of the modernization of the school; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education will assume responsibility for the expense and liability
for damages or injury resulting from the installation as a part of the school construction project, and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission will assume responsibility for the expense and liability for all future maintenance and repair activities; and

WHEREAS, The proposed right-of-way will not affect any land that could be used for school programming and recreational activities; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the president and secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to execute a permanent grant of right-of-way of 1,050 square feet and a temporary grant of an adjacent 10-foot-wide construction easement to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission at Cashell Elementary School.

RESOLUTION NO. 317-08 Re:  WASHINGTON GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has requested a grant of right-of-way at Washington Grove Elementary School, located at 8712 Oakmont Street in Washington Grove; and

WHEREAS, The proposed grant of right-of-way, consisting of 1,050 square feet, with an additional 10-foot-wide temporary construction easement, is needed for the installation of a water main and appurtenances as a part of the addition project at the school; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education will assume responsibility for the expense and liability for damages or injury resulting from the installation as a part of the school construction project, and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission will assume responsibility for the expense and liability for all future maintenance and repair activities; and

WHEREAS, The proposed right-of-way will not affect any land that could be used for school programming and recreational activities; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the president and secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to execute a permanent grant of right-of-way of 1,050 square feet and a temporary grant of an adjacent 10-foot-wide construction easement to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission at Washington Grove Elementary School.
RESOLUTION NO. 318-08  Re: ACCEPTANCE OF COLLEGE GARDENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, On behalf of the Board of Education, Board member Stephen Abrams inspected the College Gardens Elementary School modernization project on Tuesday, August 5, 2008; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education accept the College Gardens Elementary School modernization project and that the official date of completion is that date when formal notice is received from the architect that this project has been completed, in accordance with the drawings and specifications, and all contract requirements have been met.

RESOLUTION NO. 319-08  Re: ACCEPTANCE OF RICHARD MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECT (BUILDING)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, On behalf of the Board of Education, Board member Stephen Abrams inspected the Richard Montgomery High School modernization project (building) on Tuesday, August 12, 2008; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education accept the Richard Montgomery High School modernization project (building) and that the official date of completion is that date when formal notice is received from the architect that this project has been completed, in accordance with the drawings and specifications, and all contract requirements have been met.

RESOLUTION NO. 320-08  Re: UTILIZATION OF THE FY 2009 PROVISION FOR FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECTS FUNDS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The above-noted project qualifies for a transfer of appropriation from the Provision for Future Supported Projects, pursuant to the provisions of County Council Resolution No. 16-578, approved May 22, 2008; and
WHEREAS, The above-noted project does not require any present or future county funds; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient appropriation is available, within the FY 2009 Provision for Future Supported Projects, to permit the above-noted transfer within state categories; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend $28,839 within the FY 2009 Provision for Future Supported Projects, as specified below:

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Total $ 28,839

and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 321-08 Re: APPROVAL OF §403(B)/§457(B) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION COMMON REMITTER AND ADMINISTRATOR

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education, by Resolution 334-65, 365-65, 415-02, and 509-06 has offered a tax-sheltered savings plan for its employees since 1965 and a deferred compensation plan since 2003, in accordance with Sections §403(b) and §457(b), respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code as amended; and

WHEREAS, Existing vendors were asked to submit proposals for common remitting and administrative services; and

WHEREAS, Staff completed an evaluation of responses and held interviews; and

WHEREAS, It is recommended that AIG Retirement Services be retained to provide common remitting and administrative services to the tax-sheltered and deferred compensation plans effective immediately; and

WHEREAS, The recommendation was presented to and approved by members of the Board of Education Audit Committee; now therefore be it
Resolved, That AIG Retirement Services be retained to provide common remitting and administrative services to the tax-sheltered and deferred compensation plans, effective immediately; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the appropriate individuals to take such further actions and execute such documents as may be necessary or advisable to effect these resolutions.

RESOLUTION NO. 322-08 Re: HUMAN RESOURCES MONTHLY REPORT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the Human Resources Monthly Report, dated August 21, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 323-08 Re: ROSANA GATTI, BILINGUAL THERAPEUTIC COUNSELOR, DIVISION OF ESOL PROGRAMS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The death on June 17, 2008, of Ms. Rosana M. Gatti, bilingual therapeutic counselor in the Division of ESOL Programs, has deeply saddened the staff, students, and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gatti had been a bilingual therapeutic counselor in Montgomery County Public Schools for 17 years, where she demonstrated commitment and dedication to the ESOL students and their families; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gatti’s bilingual skills and her expertise as a cross-cultural counselor made her an invaluable resource to the ESOL program; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools express their sorrow at the death of Ms. Rosana M. Gatti and extend deepest sympathy to her family; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Ms. Gatti’s family.

RESOLUTION NO. 324-08 Re: DEATH OF MR. S. SOUNDARARAJAN,
TRANSPORTATION FUELING ASSISTANT,
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

WHEREAS, The death on July 13, 2008, of Mr. S. Soundararajan, transportation fueling assistant in the Department of Transportation, has deeply saddened the staff, students, and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, In the 26 years that Mr. Soundararajan had been employed by Montgomery County Public Schools, he demonstrated competence and pride in his position as a film and video inspector and, more recently, a transportation fueling assistant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Soundararajan was a very congenial and cooperative employee and was always willing to help others when needed; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools express their sorrow at the death of Mr. S. Soundararajan and extend deepest sympathy to his family; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Mr. Soundararajan’s family.

RESOLUTION NO. 325-08 Re: HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved, effective August 22, 2008:

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<td>Kyle Heatwole</td>
<td>Acting Principal, Rock View ES</td>
<td>Principal, Rock View ES</td>
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RESOLUTION NO. 326-08 Re: HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved, effective August 22, 2008:

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RESOLUTION NO. 327-08    Re:  HUMAN RESOURCES APPOINTMENT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the following personnel appointment be approved, effective August 22, 2008:

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<td>Rosanna Thomas</td>
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Re: READINESS FOR OPENING SCHOOLS (ORAL)

Mr. Larry A. Bowers, chief operating officer, mentioned the following areas where staff has been working this summer:

1. Enrollment and allocation of staff
2. Teacher recruitment and hiring
3. Construction projects
4. Maintenance projects
5. Work orders
6. Safety and security / cameras
7. Visitor management system
8. Emergency management system
9. FARMS applications
10. Menu enhancements
11. Transportation/drivers hired
12. Technology installed/Promethean boards and computer
13. Professional development

The Board members inquired about the following areas:

1. Mr. Barclay asked about the enrollment growth and where the students were coming from and into what grade levels. Mr. Bowers explained that most students are coming into elementary and middle schools in the Bethesda and Silver Spring areas.
2. Mr. Barclay inquired about the applications for FARMS. Mr. Bowers stated that there is one form for the whole family that is sent to the youngest in the
family.

3. Mrs. O’Neill asked if there were energy-saving procedures, such as bus idling, temperatures, etc. Mr. Bowers explained that there are no new procedures, but staff will monitor the current practice more closely.

4. Ms. Brandman noted the visitor management system, and she asked if this would have a potential to discourage parents from feeling welcome in the schools. Mr. Bowers explained that it was tied to a database and would provide a visitors badge. It is important to know who is in the building at any given time. Staff will be sensitive to the issue since schools need to be welcoming, but safe.

Dr. Frieda K. Lacey, deputy superintendent, presented the areas of work for staff this summer:

1. Summer school for 17,000 students
2. Bridge Plan pilot in two schools
3. More work and fewer positions in central office
4. New assignments in the Office of School Performance
5. High School Plus expanded to 11th grade
6. Master schedules
7. Training of staff equaling 32,000 hours
8. Middle School Reform monitor and support
9. Mark Twain phase out
10. Hours-based staffing extended to three more schools
11. Curriculum documents digitally archived
12. Electronics grade book
13. Kindergarten reading benchmark
14. Professional library moved to Shady Grove/University of Maryland

Re: ORGANIZING FOR INNOVATION: SUPPORTING INSTRUCTION THROUGH AN ONLINE LEARNING COMMUNITY

Dr. Weast invited the following people to the table: Mr. Erick J. Lang, associate superintendent for curriculum and instructional programs; Mr. Sherwin A. Collette, chief technology officer; Mr. James J. Virga, Jr., associate superintendent for organizational development; and Ms. Linda King, principal at Goshen Elementary School.

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Board of Education with preliminary information about an innovative collaboration to move the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) curriculum into the electronic age and create a state-of-the-art online venue that will provide teachers with a wealth of curricular resources to instruct students and foster professional development. This innovative environment will ultimately give teachers the 21st century tools to access information, collaborate, and communicate within
the MCPS learning community. This effort, a joint project of the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs (OCIP) the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO), and the Office of Organizational Development (OOD), in conjunction with stakeholders, is an example of how we can collaborate within our offices to increase productivity in a more efficient way and provide schools with exemplary products. In an era of ever-tightening budgets, we must organize for innovation so that we can continue to accomplish our ultimate goals with fewer resources. This project is an excellent example of how MCPS can marry organizing principles with the creativity and innovation that are at work within our school system as we strive to enhance student learning.

The MCPS Curriculum Archive, which houses all available current curricula, is now accessible to MCPS teachers. Through the collaborative efforts of OCIP, OCTO, and OOD, MCPS will launch a new, more accessible and efficient means to provide curriculum and associated resources that will invite teachers to collaborate in an MCPS online learning community. The project team will continue to seek input and feedback from all stakeholders to create the most flexible and responsive environment that is user friendly to ultimately focus on providing the best instruction for students. At the end of the process, I am confident we will have a product that delivers quality resources so teachers can access the instructional support they need to improve teaching and learning. With a clear vision of creating an interactive, innovative, online learning community, MCPS has initiated the first steps toward making this a reality.

Re: DISCUSSION

Mr. Abrams asked who has access to the curriculum archive. Mr. Lang responded that teachers and principals will have access when it is launched. Mr. Abrams wanted to know if a student companion piece was envisioned. Mr. Lang said that is in the plans and, in the interim, they will be taping model teachers and lessons. Mr. Abrams asked about feedback and validation of interaction with an online learning community. Staff stated that utilization and two-way communication will be built into the site to ascertain what consumers need and want.

Mr. Barclay asked how adding resources and lessons will they be vetted. Staff replied that quality models will be placed on the sites and all postings will be monitored.

Ms. Brandman noted the potential to build a foundation from peers. It is exciting to think about differentiation and universal design for learning. The content can be posted with six different reading levels in order for the class to progress together and keep students engaged. This a tremendous tool to support teachers in developing lessons.

Ms. Malik noted that students know computers and thrive on technology. She knows that it will save money, time, and paper. This is a format for teachers to communicate and help students. However, there needs to be a student counterpart.
Mrs. O’Neill said she thought it was important to support teachers as learners as well as instructors.

Mr. Abrams noted that there is a need to spend money to save money. The investment in contemporary education includes individual student profile and offering an institutional team approach. The investment in technology has to relate to the education of students in different formats. This approach can be applied differentiation within a school, grade, or any other range. He hoped that staff would aim higher with technology to improve efficiency.

Mr. Barclay encouraged staff to use technology, but not become dependent on it. The interaction of people is vital in education.

RESOLUTION NO. 328-08  Re: CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by the Education Article and State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to conduct certain meetings or portions of its meetings in closed sessions; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County conduct closed sessions on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center to meet from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the State Government Article; consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, as permitted by Section 10-508(a)(7) of the State Government Article; review and adjudicate appeals in its quasi-judicial capacity; and discuss matters of an administrative function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the State Government Article); and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 329-08  Re: REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

The Montgomery County Board of Education met in a closed session on July 28, 2008, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, and

1. Reviewed and considered the following appeals with a subsequent vote in

2. Discussed the Human Resources Appointments with a subsequent vote in open session, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the State Government Article.

3. Discussed matters of an administrative function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-503(a) of the State Government Article).

In attendance at the closed session were Steve Abrams, Aggie Alvez, Christopher Barclay, Larry Bowers, Shirley Brandman, Patrick Clancy, Sharon Cox, Judy Docca, Brian Edwards, Ursula Hermann, Roland Ikheloa, Suzann King, Frieda Lacey, Erick Lang, Susan Marks, Quratul-Ann Malik, Nancy Navarro, Patricia O’Neill, Glenda Rose, Steve Simon, Laura Steinberg, and Jerry Weast.

RESOLUTION NO. 330-08 Re: MINUTES

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its minutes for the April 28, 2008, meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 331-08 Re: APPEALS

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has met in closed session and deliberated on appeals brought before its members acting in its quasi-judicial capacity under Section 10-503(a) of the State Government Article; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby decides the following appeals reflective of the Board members’ votes in closed session, the disposition of which will be recorded in the minutes of today’s meeting:

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The Board of Education reviewed the report. The members serving on the committee over the past year, Mr. Abrams, Ms. Brandman, Mrs. O'Neill, and Mr. Moskowitz, actively pursued its charge in the conscientious performance of their responsibilities. The committee welcomes Ms. Quratul-Ann Malik, student member of the Board, and looks forward to working with her. The report covered the period since the committee's last annual report through June 30, 2008, and is a synopsis of the committee's activity in our three focus areas: reviewing and revising policy; evaluation of policy implementation and achievement of desired outcomes; and monitoring the implementation of major policy revisions.

There was no new business.

The following documents were available:

1. Legal Fees Report
2. Construction Progress Report
3. Minority-, Female-, or Disabled-owned Business Procurement Report for the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2008
RESOLUTION NO. 332-08    Re:  ADJOURNMENT

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Abrams seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting of August 21, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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