The Board of Education of Montgomery County met at Rockville High School, Rockville, Maryland, on May 18, 2009, at 7:20 p.m.

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

Absent: Ms. Laura Berthiaume

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

RESOLUTION NO. 243-09Re: RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by the 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 May 18, 2009, in the Choral Room at Rockville High School from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. to discuss a matter related to procurement negotiation strategy and participation in competitive bidding and proposal process as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(14) of the State Government Article with a subsequent vote in open session; as well as to acquit its administrative functions (budget strategy), which is outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act under Section 10-503(c) of the State Government Article; and be it further

Resolved, That this closed session will continue until the completion of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 244-09Re: 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 May 18, 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 245-09 Re: FY 2010 APPROPRIATION FOR PAINT BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION

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

WHEREAS, The construction market has become more favorable in recent months and construction bid awards for two high schools in Virginia came in approximately 20 percent lower than anticipated; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools staff was asked to review all construction projects scheduled to bid in FY 2011 but could be bid in FY 2010 to take advantage of the current construction market; and

WHEREAS, In order for Montgomery County Public Schools to accelerate the bid for any construction project, the design of the project must already be complete and the permit process must be ready to begin; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools has only one construction project, the modernization of Paint Branch High School, where the design is already complete and the permit process can begin in FY 2010; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education request that the County Council increase the FY 2010 appropriation for the modernization of Paint Branch High School from $20 million to $87.5 million to allow Montgomery County Public Schools to accelerate the construction bid for this project to take advantage of the present market conditions; and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 246-09 Re: ADJOURNMENT

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting of May 18, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

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PRESIDENT
SECRETARY

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