The Board of Education of Montgomery County held a business meeting at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on February 28, 2011, at 6:45 p.m.

Present: Mr. Christopher Barclay, President in the Chair
Ms. Laura Berthiaume
Ms. Shirley Brandman
Dr. Judy Docca
Mr. Michael Durso
Mr. Philip Kauffman
Mrs. Patricia O'Neill
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Alan Xie

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

RESOLUTION NO. 74-11 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 February 28, 2011, in Room 120 from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County dedicate part of the closed session on February 28, 2011, to acquit its administrative functions and receive legal advice to adjudicate and review appeals, which is a quasi-judicial function outside the purview of the Open Meetings Act under Section 10-508(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. 75-11  Re:  APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for February 28, 2011.

** Ms. Berthiaume temporarily left the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-11  Re:  WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

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, In 1978, a designated week in March was selected as a time to honor American women; the commemoration was expanded in 1987 to include the full month of March; and

WHEREAS, Our nation has been inspired by the quiet fortitude, courage, and determination of American women who have advocated for our highest ideals, advanced our common well-being, and strengthened our nation; and

WHEREAS, The National Women’s History Project has selected the theme, “Our History is Our Strength,” to commemorate Women’s History Month in 2011; and

WHEREAS, American women have demonstrated their tenacity in America’s industrial plants; in her board rooms creating policies; on her battlefields fighting for ideals and protecting us from our nation’s enemies. In addition, America’s women have established themselves as leaders in politics, law, education, family life, medicine, science, business, community service, and the arts; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and the superintendent of schools hereby declare the month of March 2011 to be “Women’s History Month”; and be it further

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and the superintendent of schools ask staff and schools to observe the month of March 2011 as Women’s History Month and celebrate with activities that honor American women, their accomplishments, and contributions to our country and Montgomery County.

** Ms. Berthiaume rejoined the meeting.
RESOLUTION NO. 77-11  Re:  RECOGNITION OF EDUCATORS WHO EARNED CERTIFICATION FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS IN 2010

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 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has established a voluntary certification program to recognize outstanding teacher competency; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland State Department of Education and Montgomery County Public Schools have participated in financial aid programs to encourage educators to engage in the rigorous process of becoming a National Board Certified Teacher; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools provides a variety of supports to assist candidates as they work through the process of National Board Certification; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools has identified the skills, competencies, and rigor of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards’ Five Core Propositions as the foundation for the Montgomery County Public Schools Teachers’ Professional Growth System; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports increasing the number of National Board Certified Educators; and be it further

Resolved, That Montgomery County Public Schools recognizes and appreciates the leadership skills and abilities of National Board Certified Educators that benefit our staff, students, and communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools urge all Montgomery County residents to join in recognizing and expressing their appreciation for these educators and the skills they bring to the students of Montgomery County Public Schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby recognizes the educators for completing the National Board Certification process and receiving the certificate in November 2010.

Re:  PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people commented before the Board of Education:

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<td>1. Ms. Laura Brown</td>
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<td>2. Ms. Heather Carias</td>
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<td>3. Mr. T.J. Gleason</td>
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Re: BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Ms. Berthiaume thanked the people for making comments, and she appreciated their patience since the Board meeting started late.

Dr. Docca commented that Watkins Mill High School won It’s Academic last week and Walter Johnson High School won the competition this week.

Mr. Barclay stated that the Board has heard many comments about Wheaton/Edison.

Dr. Weast thanked everyone for testifying. He stated that MCPS continues to set new records in Advanced Placement performance of students; Montgomery Blair High School won a state award for Gifted and Talented Education; the 2011 Champions for Children winners were announced; and MCPS launched a new wellness program for employees.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-11  Re: CONTRACTS OF $25,000 OR MORE

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

WHEREAS, It is recommended that Bid 9318.5, Public Address Replacements at Various Locations, be rejected due to change in item specifications and requirements; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Bid No. 9318.5, Public Address Replacements at Various Locations, be rejected due to change in item specifications and requirements; 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>On-Call Painting Contractors—Extension**</td>
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4061.4 Modular Computer Furniture—Extension

Awardees
Douron, Inc.* $166,513
Glover Sales Group, LLC 86,608
Spectrum Industries, Inc. 4,038
Total $257,159

4079.10 Health Room Supplies

Awardees
BP Gamma Medical $1,463
Calico Industries, Inc. 57,587
Emergency Medical Products, Inc. 8,533
Fritz Capitol, LLC 19,258
Gentle Care Home Delivery, LLC 488
Henry Schein, Inc. 7,202
Medline Industries, Inc. 684
Moore Medical LLC 75,008
S. Freedman & Sons, Inc. 94,416
School Health Corporation* 22,020
Supreme Medical Fulfillment Systems, Inc. 3,920
Total $290,579

7149.2 Tires, Mounting, Balancing, and Alignment—Extension

Awardee
S&S Tire Service, Inc.* $31,000

9159.4 Metal Doors, Frames, Windows, and Accessories—Extension**

Awardee
Metro Metal Services, Inc. $700,000

9190.4 Restroom Partition Replacement at Various Locations—Extension**

Awardee
Steel Products, Inc.* $145,000

9302.4 Installation of Carpeting, Resilient Flooring, and Accessories—Extension**
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<td>Walker Willis/T/A Custom Masonry</td>
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<td>9431.1 Build A Box—Shoring Shield Systems</td>
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<td>Danse Equipment, Inc.</td>
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<td>9679.1 Portable Fire Extinguisher and Kitchen Hood Fire—Extension**</td>
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<td>BFPE International*</td>
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**TOTAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS OVER $25,000 $6,116,467

* Denotes Minority-, Female-, or Disabled-owned Business
** Planned Life-cycle Asset Replacement Bid (PLAR)

Note: Contract amounts will be based on individual requirements.
RESOLUTION NO. 79-11  Re:  CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR BID NO. 7067.4, COMPUTER NETWORK EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, AND SERVICES

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, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and contractual services; now therefore be it

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

7067.4 Computer Network Equipment, Software, and Services

Awardee
Digital Intelligence Systems Corp. $4,262,326

RESOLUTION NO. 80-11  Re:  CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR BID NO. 7021000879889-D, OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS—DATA

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, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and contractual services; now therefore be it

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

7021000 Other Telecommunications—Data
00879889-D

Awardee
Verizon Maryland, Inc. $1,243,378
Comcast 269,214
Total $1,512,592

RESOLUTION NO. 81-11  Re:  CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR BID NO. GS-35F-0765R, NETWORK WIRING INSTALLATION AND INTEGRATION—EXTENSION

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, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and contractual services; now therefore be it

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

GS-35F-0765R  Network Wiring Installation and Integration—Extension

Awardee
Netcom Technologies, Inc.  $1,174,500

RESOLUTION NO. 82-11  Re:  CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR BID NO. 2007-396585, LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICES—EXTENSION

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, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and contractual services; now therefore be it

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

2007-396585  Local Telephone Services

Awardee
Verizon Maryland, Inc.  $1,912,327

RESOLUTION NO. 83-11  Re:  ACCEPTANCE OF SHERWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT

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, On behalf of the Board of Education, Board member Michael A. Durso inspected the Sherwood Elementary School addition project on Tuesday, February 15, 2011; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education accept the Sherwood Elementary School addition 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. 84-11 Re: ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT—BROWN STATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

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, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services to perform a feasibility study for the Brown Station Elementary School modernization project; and

WHEREAS, Funds for conducting feasibility studies were programmed as part of the Fiscal Year 2011 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; and

WHEREAS, Staff in the Montgomery County Public Schools Department of Facilities Management has negotiated a fee for the necessary architectural services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enters into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of The Lukmire Partnership, Inc. to provide feasibility study services for the Brown Station Elementary School modernization project for a fee of $40,500.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-11 Re: ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT—SENeca VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

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, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services to perform a feasibility study for the Seneca Valley High School modernization; and

WHEREAS, Funds for conducting feasibility studies were programmed as part of the Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, An Architect Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education on April 20, 2006, identified Moseley Architects as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional architectural and engineering services; and
WHEREAS, Staff in the Montgomery County Public Schools Department of Facilities Management has negotiated a fee for the necessary architectural services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enters into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of Moseley Architects to provide feasibility study services for the Seneca Valley High School modernization for a fee of $99,900.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-11  Re: ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT—WHEATON WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

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, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services to perform a feasibility study for the Wheaton Woods Elementary School modernization; and

WHEREAS, Funds for conducting feasibility studies were programmed as part of the Fiscal Year 2011 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./Architects as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional architectural and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Staff in the Montgomery County Public Schools Department of Facilities Management has negotiated a fee for the necessary architectural services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enters into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of Grieves Worrall Wright & O’Hatnick, Inc./Architects to provide feasibility study services for the Wheaton Woods Elementary School modernization for a fee of $43,100.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-11  Re: AWARD OF CONTRACT—CLOVERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RE-ROOFING

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 following sealed bids were received on January 27, 2011, for the Cloverly Elementary School re-roofing project:
Bidder | Amount  
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Orndorff & Spaid, Inc. | $634,493  
R.D. Bean, Inc. | 637,075  
J. E. Wood & Sons Co., Inc. | 695,807  
Cole Roofing, Inc. | 769,318  
Interstate Corporation | 880,000  

and

WHEREAS, The goal for Maryland Department of Transportation-certified Minority Business Enterprise participation established for this project was 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, The low bidder, Orndorff & Spaid, Inc., has submitted 20 percent Maryland Department of Transportation-certified Minority Business Enterprise participation, of which 18 percent is African American, and 2 percent is other minority-owned; and

WHEREAS, Orndorff & Spaid, Inc. has completed similar work successfully for Montgomery County Public Schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a $634,493 contract be awarded to Orndorff & Spaid, Inc. for the Cloverly Elementary School re-roofing project, in accordance with drawings and specifications.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-11  Re: AWARD OF CONTRACT—EMERGENCY GENERATOR INSTALLATION AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS

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 following sealed bids were received on February 15, 2011, for the installation of emergency generators at Stone Mill Elementary School and the Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center:

Bidder | Amount  
---|---  
Tex/Am Construction Co., Inc. | $180,417  
1st Electric, Inc. | 212,800  

and

WHEREAS, The low bidder, Tex/Am Construction Co., Inc., is a Maryland Department of Transportation-certified Minority Business Enterprise firm; and

WHEREAS, Tex/Am Construction Co., Inc. has completed similar work successfully for Montgomery County Public Schools; now therefore be it
Resolved, That a $180,417 contract be awarded to Tex/Am Construction Co., Inc. for the installation of emergency generators at Stone Mill Elementary School and the Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center, in accordance with relevant drawings and specifications.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-11  Re:  AWARD OF CONTRACT—PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY

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, In 2007, the Board of Education authorized the transition to a wholesale portfolio method of procuring electric supply; and

WHEREAS, This wholesale portfolio procurement method for electric supply has proved very beneficial, providing an average annual savings of approximately $1 million; and

WHEREAS, Staff in the Department of Facilities Management recommends a continuation of this portfolio method of purchasing electric supply; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia has competitively procured wholesale portfolio management services that are bridgeable in accordance with procurement laws for local education agencies within the state of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, PPL EnergyPlus, LLC was selected by the City of Philadelphia as the successful electric supply portfolio manager; and

WHEREAS, PPL EnergyPlus, LLC is offering to extend to Montgomery County Public Schools the same terms and conditions contained in the City of Philadelphia contract at a favorable rate similar to our current contractual rate; and

WHEREAS, EnerNOC, Inc., the energy supply consultant for Montgomery County Public Schools, recommends the award of this contract based on past performance of similar contracts elsewhere by PPL EnergyPlus, LLC; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a contract be awarded to PPL EnergyPlus, LLC for electric supply portfolio management services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the City of Philadelphia contract of December 2010 for the negotiated fee not to exceed $260,000 per year.
RESOLUTION NO. 90-11  Re:  DOWNCOUNTY CONSORTIUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #29—GRANT OF EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY

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 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has requested a grant of easement and right-of-way at the future Downcounty Consortium Elementary School #29, located at 2600 Hayden Drive in Silver Spring; and

WHEREAS, The proposed grant of easement and right-of-way, consisting of 1,425 square feet, is needed for the installation of a water main and appurtenances as a part of the school construction project; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education will assume responsibility for the initial expense and liability for damages or injury resulting from the installation as a part of the school construction project; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission will assume responsibility for the expense and liability for all future maintenance and repair activities; and

WHEREAS, The proposed easement and 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 of the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools be authorized to execute a permanent grant of easement and right-of-way of 1,425 square feet to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission at the future Downcounty Consortium Elementary School #29.

RESOLUTION NO. 91-11  Re:  DOWNCOUNTY CONSORTIUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #29—GRANT OF FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT

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

WHEREAS, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has requested a Conservation Easement Agreement at the future Downcounty Consortium Elementary School #29, located at 2600 Hayden Drive in Silver Spring, in connection with the school construction project; and

WHEREAS, The proposed conservation easement will protect and prevent any alteration, construction, or destruction of sensitive environmental areas consisting of forest, wetlands, and stream valley buffers contained in five separate parcels totaling 7.69 acres within the school site; and
WHEREAS, The proposed conservation easement will not affect any land that could be used for school programming or recreational activities and will benefit both the school site and the community by preserving sensitive environmental areas; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the president of the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools be authorized to execute a conservation easement agreement consisting of 7.69 acres with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission at the future Downcounty Consortium Elementary School #29.

Re: WORK SESSION: RECOMMENDATION FOR THOMAS EDISON HIGH SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AND WHEATON HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION

Dr. Weast invited the following people to the table: Mr. Martin Creel, director II of the Department of Enriched and Innovative Programs; Ms. Deborah Szyfer, senior planner of the Division of Long-Range Planning; Mr. Sean Bulson, community superintendent of the Office of School Performance; and Mr. Erick Lang, associate superintendent for the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs.

The Thomas Edison High School of Technology (Edison) and Wheaton High School (Wheaton) are located on the same site and share one facility. The facility is scheduled for modernization with a completion date of August 2015 for the building and August 2016 for the site. Given the significant cost and long-term implications involved in modernizing this facility, the superintendent directed staff to gather stakeholder input through the Roundtable Advisory Committee process regarding the relationship between Edison and Wheaton. In addition, staff in the Office of School Performance, the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs, and the Department of Facilities Management reviewed the relationship between Edison and Wheaton to determine the most effective use of buildings, programs, and staff before moving into the feasibility study phase in April 2011 and the design process phase in September 2011.

In addition to their facility and commitment to serve students, Wheaton and Edison share an intersection between Career and Technology Education (CTE) programs (Board of Education Policy IGK, Career and Technology Education) and the Downcounty Consortium (DCC) (formed as a result of the Board Resolution of October 16, 2001). The growth of signature and additional programs in high schools throughout the county offers students options for staying in their local high school program instead of losing a period of instruction to travel to Edison. Enrollment at Edison has fluctuated for the last 20 years and has remained consistently below its capacity. The creation of the DCC has expanded program options for students and involved families in the school choice process. Today, more than 50 percent of DCC students choose a high school other than their base area high school as their first choice. However, the advent of choice has allowed Wheaton base-area students to choose a school other than their home school (Wheaton) at a greater rate than the other DCC schools, contributing to the school’s enrollment decline. If current choice trends
continue, total Wheaton enrollment could decline to below 1,000 students.

During the roundtable process, the communities of Edison and Wheaton, as well as Edison staff, expressed deep concerns regarding the creation of a comprehensive high school that would serve both programs. Some Wheaton staff acknowledged there may be benefits to a comprehensive high school. During deliberations, the superintendent believed it is important to evaluate all views expressed in regard to this issue. Although a comprehensive high school model would be the most economical and best long-term solution to provide students with the greatest opportunities for strong CTE programs, after considering the community’s sentiments, the superintendent believed that Edison and Wheaton each should maintain its unique identity. However, after reviewing the data, budget, and programs, he believed Edison and Wheaton would benefit from a closer relationship. Redefining this relationship will ensure future flexibility, improve programs, and provide fiscal sustainability.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Berthiaume inquired about a high school holding facility and the ability to construct the Wheaton facility on site. Staff replied that the feasibility study will develop a construction plan since there is no holding school.

Mr. Barclay and staff had a conversation about core courses and electives as they relate to comprehensive high schools and Edison. There is a disconnect in comparing Wheaton and Edison since Wheaton is a comprehensive high school and Edison is devoted to career education. Staff explained that there are additional requirements for CTE courses to have limited enrollment that is lower than the typical core course. Mr. Barclay thought that there was frustration for the Board and community because the facility/modernization issue has been combined with programs for both facilities.

Mr. Barclay concluded that the Board should have an in-depth discussion about CTE courses and offerings in Montgomery County Public Schools. Mrs. O’Neill agreed and thought the discussion should be modeled after the recent presentation on Adolescent Literacy. Also, a field trip to North Point High School might be instructive.

Mr. Kauffman asked for information on Edison CTE courses that are duplicated in the other local schools and the success of those students compared with Edison. Board and staff agreed to look at the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement (Perkins) data. Mrs. O’Neill pointed out that the CTE courses could be compared with high schools, such as automotive classes at Gaithersburg High School.

Dr. Docca was concerned that students were not enrolling in Edison because they believe the courses are available their home schools. She listed courses that were not available in other schools; students do not know about Edison and its unique courses. Dr. Weast agreed, and he did not know why enrollment was dropping.

Ms. Berthiaume associated herself with Mrs. O’Neill’s remarks in regard to a Board work
session on CTE. The paper has excellent points on the vision for Edison, plus there are other reports on CTE models. It is a deep and rich topic which the Board should explore in the next couple of months.

Mr. Durso noted the misperceptions in the report on whether Wheaton and Edison are helping each other. It is not fair to tie their identities together regardless of the budget and the physical site. Both schools are struggling with enrollment; however, that is not always in context since other schools have declining enrollment. When the system has made an effort to address an issue, it has been successful. With the facility issue, he thought there was more emphasis on Wheaton and Edison than was fair for them to be responsible for.

Dr. Docca commented on whether or not MCPS has supported CTE in the county. She noted that the concept of Seven Keys to College Readiness was foisted on the Board and community, and the brochure was printed in beautiful colors with charts. The Board did not know that CTE was not going to be included. Some of the CTE courses demand math and science skills, need writing skills, need reading skills, and require the history of career skills. MCPS has given the proper support for CTE. She also thought it was important to have two administrators at Edison. Finally, she was concerned about the word “recruiting” in the paper since MCPS schools do not recruit; they can advertise a program, which is as it should be.

Mrs. O’Neill stated that this meeting was to set the stage for the public hearing on March 15 with final action on March 28, 2011. She noted that people have asked why this was not put off until after the new superintendent is hired. However, this action is about the Wheaton modernization, and it is not fair to consider a delay. Whatever the Board does has budget implications.

Mr. Kauffman asked for the projected enrollment and planned capacity for the new Edison High School of Technology and the new Wheaton High School.

Re: ALTERNATIVES TO THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Barclay noted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Thomas Edison High School of Technology (TEHST) and Wheaton High School are located on the same site and share one facility; and

WHEREAS, The facilities located at Wheaton High School are scheduled for modernization with a completion date of August 2015 for the building and August 16 for the site; and

WHEREAS, Wheaton High School has suffered from low enrollment as detailed in the Superintendent’s February 20, 2011, recommendation to the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, The Superintendent has provided a recommendation to the Board of Education that in the future TEHST and Wheaton High School continue to have separate programs
but that they share a single facility with a single entrance; and

WHEREAS, Career and technology education is a particularly valuable and integral part of the range of offerings to Montgomery County Public Schools students at the high school level; and

WHEREAS, TEHST has been a particularly important learning pathway for students who want an opportunity to be ready for work immediately upon high school graduation and students who want to experience hands-on learning, as well as for students with special needs, students who do not thrive in a traditional comprehensive high school academic setting, students at risk of dropping out, and/or students who have at some point been placed in an alternative educational setting; and

WHEREAS, A student’s geographic location within Montgomery County should not limit his or her range of options in choosing a pathway through high school to career and/or college; and

WHEREAS, TEHST has been available to all students countywide, and its programs should remain available to all students throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, It is the goal of Montgomery County Public Schools to have a comprehensive and attractive range of high school programs available to every high school student within the base area of any single cluster; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education affirms its pride in Wheaton High School and supports enhancing the independent identity of Wheaton High School as a comprehensive high school the and bolstering of its programs; and

WHEREAS, The future of Wheaton High School and TEHST are of the utmost importance and deserve a full consideration of all reasonable options; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the following alternatives to the Superintendent’s recommendation be added for consideration by the Board of Education after appropriate public input at the hearing to be held on March 15, 2011, each alternative to be considered separately:

RESOLUTION NO. 92-11 Re:  ALTERNATIVES TO THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion of Mr. Barclay and seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following alternative was adopted unanimously by members present:#

Alternative 1. That the TEHST and Wheaton High School be constructed as separate buildings on the site of the current shared facility, with separate identifiable structures using education specifications that are appropriate to the separate and independent missions of the two schools.
Re: ALTERNATIVES TO THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

On Motion of Mr. Barclay and seconded by Ms. Berthiaume, the following alternative failed unanimously by members present:

Alternative 2. That the Wheaton High School modernization proceed as a single school on the current site and that TEHST be expanded to three or more appropriate locations within the county under a single administrative structure so as to provide a full range of career and technology half day programs within easy access of the vast majority of MCPS high school students.

Re: ALTERNATIVES TO THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

On Motion of Mr. Barclay and seconded by Ms. Berthiaume, the following alternative failed unanimously by members present:

Alternative 3. That the Wheaton High School modernization proceed as a single school on the current site and that TEHST be moved to an appropriate location within the county, with a new facility to be constructed or another facility to be rehabilitated or modernized to meet appropriate education specifications for the TEHST offerings.

RESOLUTION NO. 93-11 Re: ALTERNATIVES TO THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion of Mr. Barclay and seconded by Ms. Berthiaume, the following alternative was adopted as amended unanimously by members present:

Alternative 4. That a single facility be constructed so as to have a portion meet the educational specifications for Wheaton High School and a portion meet the education specifications for TEHST with shared facilities as appropriate but that the two schools have separate and identifiable spaces and entrances.

RESOLUTION NO. 94-11 Re: CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Brandman seconded by Mrs. O’Neill, 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, March 8, 2011, in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center to meet from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, as permitted
under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the *State Government Article* and Section 4-107(d) of the *Education Article*; review and adjudicate appeals in its quasi-judicial capacity; consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(7) of the *State Government Article*; and discuss matters of an administrative function outside the purview of the *Open Meetings Act* (Section 10-508(a) of the *State Government Article*); and be it further

Resolved, That all such meetings shall continue in closed session until the completion of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 95-11  Re:  REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

On February 8, 2011, the Board of Education voted unanimously to conduct closed sessions as permitted under the *Education Article* Section 4-107(d) and *State Government Article* §10-508(a), *et seq.*, of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

The Montgomery County Board of Education met in closed sessions on February 8, 2011, from 9:00 to 10:10 a.m. and 1:10 to 2:05 p.m. in Room 120 of the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, and:

1. Received legal advice and considered Appeals 2010-15, 2010-38, 2010-39, and 2010-42, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(7) of the *State Government Article* with a subsequent vote in open session in its quasi-judicial capacity outside the purview of the *Open Meetings Act* (Section 10-508(a) of the *State Government Article*).
2. Reviewed the Monthly Human Resources and Development Report with a subsequent vote in open session, as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the *State Government Article*.
3. Reviewed the Quarterly Sexual Harassment Report as permitted under Section 10-508(a)(1) of the *State Government Article*.
4. Discussed matters of an administrative function (strategies for pending legislation and the operating budget funding) which are outside the purview of the *Open Meetings Act* (Section 10-508(a) of the *State Government Article*).

In attendance at the 9:00 a.m. closed session were Chris Barclay, Laura Berthiaume, Shirley Brandman, Judy Docca, Michael Durso, Phil Kauffman, Patricia O’Neill, Alan Xie, Ikhide Roland Ikheloa, Suzann King, Glenda Rose, Laura Steinberg, and Patrick Clancy. At 9:40 a.m., Mr. Clancy left the meeting and the following staff joined the meeting: Larry Bowers, Frieda Lacey, Brian Edwards, Carole Goodman, Chris Richardson, James Song, Frank Stetson, Dana Tofig, and Jerry Weast.
RESOLUTION NO. 96-11  Re: APPEALS

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

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 10-508(a) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; 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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RESOLUTION NO. 97-11  Re: LEGISLATION

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:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports SB0609—Public Charter Schools - Occupation and Use of School Sites and Buildings which requires the Board of Education to inform all county public charter schools that a property is available for occupancy and use prior to the property being surplused. Currently, before any property is surplused, the Board must take public action asserting that the property is no longer needed for educational use. Advance notice of any such action is available through meeting agendas and notice of action is posted on the web.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-11  Re: LEGISLATION

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports with an amendment SB0610—Education - Public Charter Schools - Hiring of Certificated Employees, which sets forth that public charter school staff be hired through mutual consent between the Board of Education and the charter operator. However, sometimes it is necessary for the superintendent of schools to place staff members who have been involuntarily transferred into vacant positions that exist in schools. This is not done with mutual consent of the principal or staff. The superintendent of schools should maintain this same ability with charter schools.
RESOLUTION NO. 99-11  Re:  LEGISLATION

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports HB0528—Education - Open Space on Public School Property - Planting and Maintaining Gardens, which requires Boards of Education to permit the use of “open space” on public school property for planting and maintaining gardens. Currently, the planting of gardens must have the approval of the school principal and the Department of Facilities Management. The issues raised by this legislation are best handled at the local level by each school balancing the site limitations, interest, and other factors on a case-by-case basis in coordination with the school principal.

RESOLUTION NO. 100-11  Re:  LEGISLATION

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:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports with an amendment SB0626—Public School Construction Funding Reform Act of 2011, which would transfer the roles and responsibilities of the Interagency Committee on School Construction to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and allocate school construction dollars proportional to student enrollment. Allocation of construction dollars by formula would be more equitable, however, the Interagency Committee on School Construction is best equiped to provide the necessary supports for school construction.

RESOLUTION NO. 101-11  Re:  LEGISLATION

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:

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports with an amendment HB0869—Education - Maintenance of Effort – Penalty, which postpones any penalty of the loss of state aid due to noncompliance of a county with the state Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement until the succeeding fiscal year. Current law authorizes the Maryland State Board of Education to require the state comptroller to withhold any increase in state aid for the current fiscal year if a county fails to comply with MOE. This bill retains the penalty but delays its effective date until the succeeding fiscal year. School systems and students should be held harmless for MOE noncompliance by local governments by requiring the state to transfer from state disbursements or county state aid to school system state aid the amount by which a county failed to meet MOE.

RESOLUTION NO. 102-11  Re:  LEGISLATION

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:
Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes SB0683—*Equity in Education Funding Act of 2011*, which would change the date for calculating net taxable income for the purpose of determining state foundation aid for schools. Beginning for FY 2013, the date would change from before September 1 to on or before September 1 and November 1. Counties would receive the higher of the two calculations.

RESOLUTION NO. 103-11  Re:  LEGISLATION

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes SB0628—*State Health and Retirement Benefits - Public Employees and Retirees*, which creates significant changes to the State Teachers Pension Plan. It shifts a portion of the costs for the State Teachers Plan to local jurisdictions as of July 1, 2012. It changes the eligibility to retire to age 62 and ten years of eligibility service or at least 92 years of combined age and years of eligibility service for all employees hired as of July 1, 2006. Furthermore, it reintroduces a differentiation of the retirement benefit based on the Social Security Integration Level.

RESOLUTION NO. 104-11  Re:  LEGISLATION

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes SB0629—*Teachers’ Retirement and Pension Systems - Local Employer Contributions*, which requires the counties to pay a share of pension plan contributions for the Maryland State Teachers Pension Plan beginning on July 1, 2012. The amount to be paid is related to the excess amount that the local median salary exceeds the state median salary.

** Ms. Brandman temporarily left the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 105-11  Re:  LEGISLATION

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports HB0202—*Education - Discrimination Prohibited - Protected Classes*, which conforms provisions of law relating to discrimination in the employment of teachers to other provisions of the state law. The bill repeals and then reenacts with the amendments, Article—Education 6-104 the Annotated Code of Maryland. The recommended repeal of Article—Education 6-104 the Annotated Code of Maryland and the proposal HB0202 adds areas of nondiscrimination relating to assignment, compensation, promotion, transfer, dismissal, etc. to a protected class (teachers).
** Ms. Brandman rejoined the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 106-11  Re: LEGISLATION

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports **SB0608—Public School Personnel - Grounds for Suspension or Dismissal – Ineffectiveness**, which would add a sixth reason for dismissal and provide the option to dismiss teachers for being ineffective. Currently, a teacher who is dismissed through the Peer Assistance and Review process is dismissed for incompetence. “Ineffective” may be a more appropriate term.

** Mrs. O’Neill temporarily left the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 107-11  Re: LEGISLATION

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes **SB0492—Education - County School Board Budgets – Transparency**, which would require county boards to develop and operate a certain website that includes certain information; specifying certain parameters of the website; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the development and operation of a searchable website by county boards.

RESOLUTION NO. 108-11  Re: LEGISLATION

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes **SB0676—County Boards of Education - Alien Students**, which would require each county board of education, on or before March 1 of each year, to make a good faith effort to provide the governing body of the county with the total number of students enrolled in the public school system of the county whose presence in the United States cannot be reasonably documented; and prohibiting a county board from associating a student’s race, appearance, language, or name with citizenship or immigration status.

RESOLUTION NO. 109-11  Re: LEGISLATION

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Berthiaume seconded by Dr. Docca, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes **HB0364—Student Participation in High**
School Sports - Academic Requirements, which would require the State Board of Education to adopt regulations to establish certain academic performance standards that students in public high schools in the state must meet in order to participate in certain high school athletic competitions; requiring the regulations to include certain provisions; requiring county boards of education to allow certain students to participate in certain high school athletic competitions only in accordance with the regulations of the State Board; and generally relating to academic requirements for student participation in high school sports.

** Mrs. O'Neill rejoined the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 110-11  Re:  LEGISLATION

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Brandman seconded by Dr. Docca, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Barclay, Ms. Brandman, Dr. Docca, Mr. Durso, Mr. Kauffman, and Mrs. O'Neill voting in the affirmative; Ms. Berthiaume voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes HB0168—Student Health and Fitness Act, which would require a public school student in elementary school to be provided a certain minimum level of a program of physical activity each week; requiring that the program of physical activity for a certain category of student be consistent with a certain plan for the student; requiring public elementary schools to designate a certain group to plan and coordinate certain activities.

RESOLUTION NO. 111-11  Re:  LEGISLATION

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:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes HB0386—Education - Tween/Teen Dating Violence (Kristin Marie Mitchell Law), which would require the State Board of Education to adopt in the public schools a program to educate students about dating violence on or before a certain date; requiring the program to include education on services provided to victims of dating violence; requiring the program to be started in each public school before a certain grade; altering the definition of “victim of domestic violence” for purposes of certain provisions of law to include a certain person; requiring the Governor to proclaim the first week in February each year “Tween/Teen Dating Violence Education and Awareness Week”; and generally relating to dating violence.

RESOLUTION NO. 112-11  Re:  LEGISLATION

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports SB0549—Education - Bullying Safety Risks and Health Problems - Parental Information, which would require the State
Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to provide certain information by a certain date to county boards of education relating to certain safety risks and health problems; requiring certain public schools to send certain information to certain parents and guardians; and generally relating to the dissemination of information on the safety risks and health problems associated with bullying.

RESOLUTION NO. 113-11  Re: LEGISLATION

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Brandman, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Barclay, Ms. Berthiaume, Ms. Brandman, Mr. Durso, Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. O'Neill voting in the affirmative; Dr. Docca voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the Board of Education opposes SB0617—Public Schools - Dating Violence - Policy and Disciplinary Standards, which would require adding dating violence to provisions of law requiring the reporting of incidents of certain other conduct by a county board of education; altering the content of a certain form and report, policies, and educational programs to include incidents of dating violence; requiring the State Board of Education to develop, by a certain date, a certain model policy that includes a prohibition on dating violence.

RESOLUTION NO. 114-11  Re: LEGISLATION

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports SB0754—Permanent Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program - Establishment and Operation, which would establish a permanent Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program in the State Department of Education; providing for the staffing of the program; establishing the purpose of the program; requiring the program to establish a Hearing Aid Loan Bank.

RESOLUTION NO. 115-11  Re: LEGISLATION

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 opposes HB0500—Public Schools - Extracurricular Activities - Students in Home Instruction Programs, which would authorize a public school to allow certain students to participate in certain extracurricular activities under certain circumstances; requiring public schools to give placement priority to certain students over certain students if certain limitations exist; defining a certain term; and generally relating to allowing students in home instruction programs to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored by public schools.
RESOLUTION NO. 116-11  Re:  LEGISLATION

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports with an amendment HB0191—Public Schools - Student Attendance - Preventing Chronic Absenteeism, which would require certain schools to maintain a record of the daily attendance of certain students using a certain identifier, calculate and maintain a certain record of certain student attendance information, and submit a certain report to the county board of education that includes certain student attendance information at certain times each year; requiring each county board of education to calculate and maintain a certain record of certain attendance information; requiring each county board to report certain information to the State Board of Education at least a certain number of times each year; requiring each county board to develop and implement a certain attendance incentive action plan that includes certain information; defining certain terms; and generally relating to tracking and reporting student attendance in public schools.

Re:  NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-11  Re:  ADJOURNMENT

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting of February 28, 2011, at 11:00 p.m.

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