APPROVED 41-1986		Rockville, Maryland October 14, 1986	
The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, October 14, 1986, at 10:10 a.m.			
ROLL CALL	Present:	<pre>Dr. James E. Cronin, President in the Chair Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo Mr. Blair G. Ewing Dr. Jeremiah Floyd Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye Mr. Eric Steinberg</pre>	
	Absent:	None	
Others	Present:	Dr. Wilmer S. Cody, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian	

RESOLUTION NO. 528-86 Re: BOARD AGENDA - OCTOBER 14, 1986

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Floyd seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt its agenda for October 14, 1986, with the addition of an item on the reorganization of the Department of Personnel prior to personnel appointments.

Re: RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY RECRUITMENT TEAM

In recognition of the outstanding job they had done in recruiting minority candidates, Dr. Cody presented ABCD awards to Lucy Hayes, Kwang Ja Lee, and Alberto Reluzco.

RESOLUTION NO. 529-86 Re: REPLACEMENT OF ALL PRESTANDARD (1977) SCHOOL BUSES

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Shoenberg, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, There have been a number of discussions with the Board of Education on the safety of children in school buses; and

WHEREAS, It was noted during these discussions that 230 school buses, in the current fleet, were purchased prior to 1977 safety standards as established by the federal government; and WHEREAS, These 230 school buses will have to be replaced over the next three years as required by Maryland state law; and

WHEREAS, Transportation safety of the children will be enhanced, and cost avoidance in excess of \$700,000 will be achieved if all 230 pre-1977 buses are replaced in FY 88; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorize the superintendent of schools to proceed with the replacement of all 230 pre-1977 buses to be delivered in time for the school year beginning September, 1987; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the county executive and the County Council be informed of this action.

Re: OFF-SITE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE/MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Dr. Cronin noted that the item before the Board was an analysis of options with a recommendation from the superintendent for the third option. Dr. Cody explained that Board action at this time was not appropriate. The action would occur as part of budget considerations. He said that staff tried to bring new items with budgetary implications to the attention of the Board before the actual budget was presented.

Dr. Richard Towers, director of the Department of Interagency, Alternative, and Supplementary Programs, stated that the first option would be a centralized alternative program to serve about 60 students. The second option would be smaller programs in each of the three areas with each program serving about 21 students. The third option would consist of an all-day centralized program for a small number of students with part-day alternative programs in the areas. Students would attend academic programs in the morning and spend the afternoon at a site away from the school. At the site the students would work on their behavior and learn coping skills. The program in regard to academic subjects. Youngsters might stay in the program for one marking period to one year. He pointed out that a similar model was already in use.

Dr. Cody remarked that in studying programs to fulfill this need there was one theme that occurred in all programs and that was the personalization of the instructional program. The program needed to provide a sense of emotional comfort that came from close personal relationships between the staff and the students. He noted that many children could not cope in the helter-skelter of a big school.

Dr. Towers stated that the Area 1 program at Cloverly had been in existence for 10 or 12 years. In that program they worked on behavioral problems and tried to give students a sense of responsibility. There were no more than seven or eight students involved, and afterschool they spent time reviewing real or imagined problems and worked on study skills. After their meeting, there was some type of physical activity which emphasized cooperation among students and appropriate behaviors. Each student had a contract for his or her behavior in the school and in the center. The contract was developed by the teacher, the counselor, the youngster, and the parents. The contract covered behavior and school attendance. He said that the program also encouraged parents to get involved and use the County Health Department counseling services.

Dr. Cronin asked about substance abuse and the youngsters in the Area 1 program. Dr. Towers replied that only a few were involved with substance abuse and they were counseled into county programs. The program did no formal monitoring of substance abuse.

Mr. Ewing commented that he had several questions to raise, and he hoped that he would not be misunderstood. For over ten years he had strongly supported programs for students with special needs. He noted that the program proposed was expensive and would cost up to three times as much per student as they spent for "regular" students. He asked if this was the best way to go and if this was the only way to deal with problems and issues at this level. He also asked if they were supporting this approach in order to remove troublesome students from the regular classes. He pointed out that \$1 million was a lot of money and would buy 40 to 50 teachers for the J/I/M level. He suggested that the Board needed to discuss this before they came to some resolution.

Dr. Cody replied that the program did respond to a need and had to be viewed in the context of the entire budget. For this reason, he was not asking for Board action at this time. He said that they had J/I/M students who were still not succeeding despite efforts at the school level. Dr. Cronin pointed out that in terms of costs, virtually half the cost was transportation. He asked about sites for the program and whether it would be housed in a junior high school. Dr. Hiawatha Fountain, associate superintendent, reported that there were a few students that principals believed could not be programmed for in the school house. However, if principals had special resources they could do something in the school house. A few students were drug involved and truant, which would have to be discussed with the superintendent and J/I/M principals. Some youngsters would never be successful in school even with additional resources. He said that they were talking about the hard core and others who could not be handled in the school house. While it was a costly proposition, he said it was difficult to equate money with the saving of a child.

Dr. Pitt reported that the staff had raised questions similar to those raised by Mr. Ewing. Their long-term goal was to bring the youngster back into the junior high school program and into the mainstream of school. They did not see students graduating from this program. Dr. Towers added that they would like a setting removed from an operating school building, similar to the Phoenix situation. Mrs. DiFonzo asked how the cost of this program compared to the cost of other alternative programs. Dr. Towers replied that the cost per student was comparable to the cost of educating a special education student. It was a little more costly than the Phoenix program. He said that he had visited the Frederick and the Fairfax programs, and those programs had better staffing ratios. Mrs. DiFonzo said she had been stunned when she saw the cost sheet on this program, and she thought the other alternative programs were less costly. She remarked that when she visited schools, many principals had raised the issue of the hard core of students who were not in school frequently but caused disturbances when they attended. She saw this problem not as a dumping ground for students but rather as a program for a selected group of troubled and troubling youngsters. The program would put these youngsters in an environment where they could succeed and restore them to the regular classroom where they could be productive. The problem was weighing the cost of the program versus the cost in human lives.

Dr. Shoenberg stated his preference for the combined program. He asked about the relationship of the program to the home situation. He inquired about the percentage of the students having problems that began in the home, as opposed to situations where they had the cooperation of a parent or parents. Dr. Towers replied that the majority of these youngsters came from families in some kind of turmoil; however, schools had been criticized for attempting to blame everything on the family. While they had no statistics, he believed that their success was greater when they were able to work with the families. He noted that there were support groups and MCPS had a good working relationship with Family Services. He remarked that in general staff had strong feelings about wanting families involved in these programs.

Mrs. Slye asked about whether the program was large enough to meet the needs of that one percent of the J/I/M population. She also said the descriptions were not clear about how students would be referred to the program and how they would be sent back to the schools. She also asked about what would happen if the transition back to the home school was not successful. Dr. Towers replied that with a part-day program they could be turning students around in as little as nine weeks, and even if students were there for half a year this would bring them closer to serving that one percent. The intent of the program was to get the students back to the regular school as quickly as possible; however, support in that home school was an important part of the program. Part of the staffing was looked at in terms of working with people back at the home school. With a part-day program, the staff would be able to work with the home school in the morning. In the full-day program, the counselor would be able to work with the schools.

As far as getting students into the program, Dr. Towers said they would have to exhaust all available options before considering students for admission. In reaching this stage, a number of people would be involved along the way and these same people would participate when the youngster was returned to the school setting. An important component of the program was case management throughout the program with commitments on the part of all involved. Mrs. Slye asked who would make the decision that all local resources had been exhausted. Dr. Towers replied that the decision would be made by the principal and the EMT. Dr. Pitt pointed out that part of the cost of the program had to be exit and entry and the liaison work with the local school. Dr. Cody suggested that while it was appropriate for the EMT to say that resources were exhausted, the case would have to be reviewed by someone in the area office.

Mrs. DiFonzo commented that there was tremendous movement in and out of alternative programs, and she asked about the number of students having access to this program. Dr. Towers replied that there would not be much turnover in the full-day program. In the part-day program he would expect students to say for two or three marking periods. Students might be in the full-day program for the full year.

Dr. Cody reported that the program would be reviewed in the context of the budget. He suggested that it might be possible to phase in the half-day program with the centralized program starting the following year. Dr. Cronin asked Board members to submit additional questions to staff. Mrs. Praisner noted that this was a "special program," and she assumed that staff would follow the guidelines for the establishment of special programs which had been adopted by the Board. She asked that the Board receive specific information on this when the Board next discussed the program.

Dr. Floyd temporarily left the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 530-86 Re: APPROVAL OF ENTREPRENEURIAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The school laws of Maryland specify that the county superintendent shall prepare courses of study and recommend them for adoption by the county Board (The Public School Laws of Maryland, Section 4-205); and

WHEREAS, The school laws of Maryland also state that the county Board, on written recommendation of the county superintendent, shall establish courses of study for the schools under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Board of Education policy has resolved "that newly developed curriculum documents will be presented to the Board of Education for consideration approximately one month prior to the date on which approval will be sought..." (Board Resolution No. 400-73, June 18, 1973); and

WHEREAS, The PROGRAM OF STUDIES is the document which contains the prescribed curriculum elements, including instructional objectives, of all MCPS curriculum programs and courses (MCPS Regulation IFB-RA

Development and Approval of Curriculum and Supporting Materials); and

WHEREAS, Excellence in curriculum can be maintained by attention to the need for appropriate improvement and change; and

WHEREAS, The Council on Instruction, charged by the superintendent with considering recommendations for curriculum change, has expressed approval of an additional internship course; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommends that the Board approve this course; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the Entrepreneurial Internship Program for inclusion in the MCPS PROGRAM OF STUDIES as part of a countywide offering for Grades 11 and 12.

> Re: REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE E2 POLICY

Dr. Shoenberg, chair of the subcommittee, reported that the recommendations of the committee did not require Board action but were directions to the superintendent. The committee had met twice, and he and Mr. Steinberg felt there was a discrepancy between the grading policy and the discipline policy. Mrs. Praisner did not agree.

Dr. Shoenberg suggested that one way of bringing the two policies into harmony was to ask teachers to make clear the relationship between attendance and performance in the course and have some intermediary grades between the grade earned and the failure for five unexcused absences. This would indicate that missing more of a course was worse than missing less, and that being in the class was important to learning. However, the subcommittee realized that implementing such a regulation would be an administrative nightmare. Dr. Shoenberg suggested that another possibility was a return to the LC. It appeared that the LC or the E2 did not make much difference in student behavior. However, they had anecdotal information from the schools that student behavior had changed under E2, and a return to LC would put them back into the situation where a small number of students would take an LC deliberately to avoid getting a grade they did not want.

Dr. Shoenberg reported that the bottom line was that none of the solutions seemed better than the current situation. However, they were asking the superintendent to take some actions. The superintendent's committee had not addressed uniformity of definition and practice in granting excused absences, counseling, and the appeals procedure. The committee was asking the superintendent to take some action in that regard and also to pay close attention to the implementation of the recommendations of that committee dealing with appeals, counseling and information. He said that serious consideration had to be given to the large numbers of students losing credit for excessive unexcused absences. The subcommittee was asking the superintendent to develop some recommendations to deal with that

problem. He called attention to the issue of excusing absences for family travel and the need to have a uniform ruling from school to school.

Dr. Cody remarked that the committee's report was thoughtful and reasonable. He agreed that the problem was not with the policy but the interpretation of the policy. He said that staff was ready to move to address those issues.

Mrs. Praisner cautioned them about using the figures which had been collected about E2. There were many variables at work here such as the change in the way students earned credit, the number of students appealing the grade, etc. From her perspective, the numbers provided were soft.

Mr. Steinberg commented that he still had some conflicts about the policy, but he could not readily oppose the argument presented to him. He thought the recommendations were excellent and hoped that the student advocate program and the appeals process could improve students' perceptions of the E2 process.

Dr. Cronin noted that they had the subcommittee's recommendations as well as the early staff committee recommendations. Unless he heard to the contrary, he would expect the superintendent to get started on these recommendations and provide the Board with interim reports on changes being implemented. Mr. Ewing agreed that it was important that the Board be kept informed when regulations were developed. He hoped that they would also receive reports on how the policy was working in the schools. He remarked that while the recommendations were reasonable, they did not solve the problem. Dr. Cronin commended the subcommittee for their work.

Dr. Pitt agreed with Mrs. Praisner that the data was soft. He hoped that in the future they would be able to provide hard data about the effects of this policy.

Re: EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in executive session from noon to 1:40 p.m. on personnel matters. Dr. Floyd rejoined the meeting, and Mrs. Slye and Dr. Shoenberg left the meeting.

Re: BOARD/PRESS/VISITOR CONFERENCE

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

- 1. Suzie Brendler, Farmland PTA
- 2. Sam Joseloff, Winding Orchard Citizens Association
- 3. Carole Gelfeld, Luxmanor PTA
- 4. Betsy Grossman, Cabin John PTA

RESOLUTION NO. 531-86 Re: PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS OVER \$25,000

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo

seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:				
WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and contractual services; now therefore be it				
	D, That having been duly advertised, the low bidders meeting specifications as sh :			
	NAME OF VENDOR(S) DOI	LLAR VALUE OF CONTRACTS		
95-86	Frozen Baked Pizza Better Baked Foods, Inc.	\$242,411		
6-87	Custodial Equipment Baer Supply Company, Inc. Consolidated Maintenance & Supply, Inc District Supply, Inc. Eastern Supply, Inc.	\$ 8,877 c. 4,727 20,312 534		
	TOTAL	\$ 34,450		
14-87	Continuous Form Stock Tab McGregor Printing Corporation	\$ 48,843		
16-87	Science Equipment for Blair Magnet Curtis Matheson Scientific Gow Mac Instrument Company Ken-A-Vision Mfg. Company, Inc. Para Scientific Company Perkin-Elmer Shimadzu Scientific Instrument, Inc. Wards Natural Science Est., Inc. Wilkins-Anderson Company VWR Scientific TOTAL	<pre>\$ 13,799 5,550 1,405 1,000 5,740 16,343 318 853 174 \$ 45,282</pre>		
GRAND TOTAL \$370,986				
ктоппт	ION NO. 532-86 Re: AWARD OF CONSTRUCT LANDING ELEMENTARY			
On recon	mmendation of the superintendent and on	motion of Mr. Ewing		

seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted

Waters Landing Elementary School, as indicated below:

WHEREAS, Sealed bids were received on September 24, 1986, for the

BASE BID

\$5,848,800

5,900,000

unanimously:

BIDDER

1. Waynesboro Construction Co., Inc.

2. John C. Grimberg Company, Inc.

3.	Kimmel & Kimmel, Inc.	5,942,000
4.	Dustin Construction, Inc.	6,130,000
5.	The David Corporation	6,350,000

and

WHEREAS, Waynesboro Construction Co., Inc. has completed numerous projects of this type for other jurisdictions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a contract in the amount of \$5,848,8000, which constitutes acceptance of the base bid, be awarded to Waynesboro Construction Co., Inc., for the construction of Waters Landing Elementary School, in accordance with plans and specifications entitled, "Waters Landing Elementary School," dated August 25, 1986, prepared by Thomas Clark Associates, architects; and be it further

RESOLVED, That local appropriation authority of \$300,000 be transferred to the Local Unliquidated Surplus Account (project 997); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the county executive be requested to recommend approval of this transfer of funds to the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 533-86 Re: ROLLING TERRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT (AREA 1)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Sealed bids were received on October 2, 1986, for the Rolling Terrace Elementary School capital project as indicated below:

BIDDER		BASE BID
1.	Henley Construction Co., Inc.	\$7,489,000
2.	Dustin Construction, Inc.	7,598,500
3.	Kimmel & Kimmel, Inc.	7,932,000

and

WHEREAS, The low bid exceeds staff estimate for this project; and

WHEREAS, Staff and the project architect believe modifications can be made to the plans to reduce the cost without adversely affecting the program or the scheduled mid-year completion date; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That all of the current bids submitted for the Rolling Terrace Elementary School capital project be rejected because the low bid exceeds estimates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the project plans and specifications be modified, rebid, and submitted to the Board for consideration on November 11, 1986. RESOLUTION NO. 534-86 Re: POOLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (AREA 3) PARTIAL REROOFING

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Sealed bids were received on October 9, 1986, for partially reroofing the Poolesville High School, as indicated below:

	BIDDER	LUMP SUM
	Orndorff & Spaid, Inc. R. D. Bean, Inc.	\$146,256 154,994
3.	J. E. Wood & Sons Co., Inc.	166,347

and

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WHEREAS, The low bidder, Orndorff & Spaid, Inc., has performed satisfactorily on other MCPS projects; and

WHEREAS, Low bid is within staff estimate and sufficient funds are available in Account 999-42 to effect award; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a contract for \$146,256 be awarded to Orndorff & Spaid, Inc., for partially reroofing Poolesville High School, in accordance with plans and specifications entitled, "Poolesville High School Area 3 Partial Reroofing," dated September 24, 1986, prepared by the Department of School Facilities.

RESOLUTION NO. 535-86 Re: AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER STATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The IAC transferred funds for various capital projects to recognize approved capital project fund adjustments, thereby necessitating an amendment to the FY 1987 Capital Improvements Program; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the superintendent, subject to approval by the County Council, be authorized to disappropriate state residual funds previously reverted by state action on June 26 and July 25, 1986, as indicated below:

NO.	FROM	ТО	AMOUNT
986-06	Portable Classrooms	State Unliquidated Surplus Account	\$ 90,238

100-01	Clopper Mill ES	State Unliquidated Surplus Account	404
551-17	Gaithersburg HS	State Unliquidated Surplus Account	162
549-01	Flower Hill ES	State Unliquidated Surplus Account	136
968-04	Portable Classrooms	State Unliquidated Surplus Account	41,202
			 \$132,142

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the county executive be requested to recommend approval of these actions to the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 536-86 Re: AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT - GOSHEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (AREA 3)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Sealed bids were received on September 24, 1986, for the Goshen Elementary School, as indicated below:

	BIDDER	BASE BID
2. 3.	Kimmel & Kimmel, Inc. John C. Grimberg Company, Inc. Dustin Construction, Inc. The Davis Corporation	\$5,870,000 5,975,000 6,180,000 6,302,000

and

WHEREAS, Kimmel & Kimmel, Inc., has satisfactorily completed many schools for MCPS and is currently under contract for the Paint Branch High School addition; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a contract in the amount of \$5,870,000, which constitutes acceptance of the base bid, be awarded to Kimmel & Kimmel, Inc., for the construction of Goshen Elementary School, in accordance with plans and specifications entitled "Goshen Elementary School," dated August 25, 1986, prepared by Thomas Clark Associates, architects; and be it further

RESOLVED, That local appropriation authority of \$250,000 be transferred to the Local Unliquidated Surplus Account (project 997); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the county executive be requested to recommend approval of this transfer of funds to the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 537-86 Re: DEMOLITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ESTATES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (AREA 1)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Sealed bids were received on September 24, 1986, for the demolition of New Hampshire Estates Elementary School, as indicated below:

	BIDDER	LUMP SUM
1.	DMI, Inc.	\$95,400
2.	L.E.B., Inc.	97,000

and

WHEREAS, Low bid is within staff estimate and sufficient funds are available to effect award; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a contract for \$95,400 be awarded to DMI, Inc., for the demolition of New Hampshire Estates Elementary School, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Abrash, Eddy & Eckhardt Architects, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 538-86 Re: CREDIT CHANGE ORDER TO REROOFING CONTRACT - REDLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, A contract was approved by the Board of Education with Orndorff and Spaid, Inc. on April 15, 1986, in the amount of \$349,780 for the reroofing of Redland Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent to the contract award, the material supplier suggested that a foam insulation that costs less than the insulation specified could be substituted and still maintain the same roof guarantee; and

WHEREAS, Department of School Facilities staff recommends acceptance of a \$32,256 credit proposal from the contractor for substituting insulation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a credit change order for \$32,256 to Orndorff and Spaid, Inc., contractor for the Redland Middle School reroofing, be approved for accepting foam type insulation in lieu of specified fiberglass material.

RESOLUTION NO. 539-86 Re: PROPOSED NEW ROUTE 29 CORRIDOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (AREA 1) On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, A need exists to immediately begin planning for a new elementary school along the Route 29 corridor to open in September, 1988; and

WHEREAS, In order to meet this schedule, it is necessary to:

- o Obtain approval from the county executive and County Council to transfer existing capital funds for architectural planning
- Appoint an architect to modify existing school plans and administer the construction contract
- o Amend the FY 1987 CIP accordingly

now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That \$160,000 be transferred from the Local Unliquidated Surplus Account to the proposed New Route 29 Corridor Elementary School project; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with the firm of Thomas Clark Associates for the required design services and administration of the construction contract for the reuse of plans for the Waters Landing/Goshen Elementary Schools for the lump sum of \$192,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the county executive be requested to recommend an amendment to the FY 1987 CIP to approve a project titled "Route 29 Corridor Elementary School" and the fund transfer to the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 540-86 Re: WORKS OF ART FOR GUNNERS LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Authorization for the selection of artists to receive commissions to produce works of art is delineated in Article V, Section 1, Chapter 8, "Buildings," of the MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE; and

WHEREAS, Staff has employed selection procedures submitted by the superintendent to the Board of Education on February 10, 1984; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Arts Council has participated in the selection process as required by law; and

WHEREAS, Funds have been appropriated for this purpose in the FY 1987 Capital Improvements Program; and

WHEREAS, The law also requires County Council approval before the Board of Education can enter into contracts with said artists; now

therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education enter into contractual agreements, as indicated, subject to County Council approval:

ARTIST	WORK	COMMISSION
Hazel Rebold Julio Teichberg	Stained glass windows Sculpture in courtyard and compatible ceramic tile mural on facing corridor	\$ 6,000 30,000
	wall	

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Council be requested to expeditiously approve the above commissions to the indicated artists.

RESOLUTION NO. 541-86 Re: EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR RANDOLPH ROAD BUS DEPOT ENTRANCE

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, A need exists to move the current school bus exit and entrance at the Randolph Bus Facility from old Randolph Road to new Randolph Road; and

WHEREAS, Staff has worked with the community and the Montgomery County Department of Transportation to finalize the planning of the new entranceway to the site; and

WHEREAS, Funds have not been appropriated in the capital budget to complete this work; and

WHEREAS, The contract for this work should be bid as soon as possible in order that the construction work can begin in early March 1987; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the county executive be requested to recommend approval of an emergency appropriation to the County Council in the amount of \$600,000 to fund changes to the Randolph Bus Facility entrance.

RESOLUTION NO. 542-86 Re: SUBMISSION OF A GRANT PROPOSAL AND EXPENDITURE OF FY 1987 FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECT FUNDS ON CHILD ABUSE MATERIALS TO BE USED WITH CHILDREN AGES THREE TO EIGHT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to submit an FY 1987 grant proposal to H.E.L.P. Resource Project, Social Services Administration, State of Maryland, and expend an award for \$7,500 in Category 1, Administration, within the FY 1987 Provision for Future Supported Projects, for the development of materials on child sexual abuse prevention to be used with children ages three to eight; and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 543-86 Re: UTILIZATION OF FY 1987 FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECT FUNDS FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROJECT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend the \$8,000 grant award in the following categories within the FY 1987 Provision for Future Supported Projects from the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of CUSP, Disruptive Youth Funds for the FY 1987 Leadership Training Project:

	CATEGORY	AMOUNT
01 10	Administration Fixed Charges	\$7,644 356
	TOTAL	 \$8,000

and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 544-86 Re: FY 1987 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized, subject to County Council approval, to receive and expend in the following categories an \$118,204 grant award from the Montgomery County Department of Social Services, Division of Family Resources, under the Refugee Act of 1980 for the Intensive English Language Program:

	CATEGORY	AMOU	NT
01	Administration	\$	118

02	Instructional Salaries	106,473
03	Other Instructional Costs	2,375
08	Operation of Plant and Equipment	720
10	Fixed Charges	8,518
	TOTAL	\$118,204

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the county executive be requested to recommend approval of this resolution to the County Council and a copy be sent to the county executive and the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 545-86 Re: FY 1987 CATEGORICAL TRANSFER WITHIN THE PROVISION FOR FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECTS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized, subject to County Council approval, to effect the following categorical transfer within the FY 1987 Provision for Future Supported Projects:

	CATEGORY	FROM	ТО
01	Administration		\$30,000
04	Special Education	\$25,000	
07	Transportation	2,000	
10	Fixed Charges	3,000	
	TOTAL	\$30,000	\$30,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the county executive be requested to recommend approval of this resolution to the County Council and a copy be transmitted to the county executive and the County Council.

Mr. Ewing temporarily left the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 546-86 Re: MONTHLY PERSONNEL REPORT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the following appointments, resignations, and leaves of absence for professional and supporting services personnel be approved: (TO BE APPENDED TO THESE MINUTES).

RESOLUTION NO. 547-86 Re: PERSONNEL REASSIGNMENTS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the following personnel reassignments be approved:

NAME	FROM	ТО
Gerald Madigan	Classroom Teacher Washington Grove ES MEQ-18	Instructional Assistant School to be determined Effective: 11-1-86 Will maintain salary status
Donald Maxey	Classroom Teacher Einstein High M+30-18	Instructional Assistant School to be determined Effective: 11-1-86 Will maintain salary status up to 3 years

RESOLUTION NO. 548-86 Re: EXTENSION OF SICK LEAVE

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The employees listed below have suffered serious illness; and

WHEREAS, Due to the prolonged illness, the employees' accumulated sick leave has expired; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education grant an extension of sick leave with three-fourths pay covering the number of days indicated:

NAME	POSITION AND LOCATION	NO. OF DAYS
Munday, Patricia	Bus Operator Area 2	30
Turner, James	Building Service Worker Westland Intermediate	14

RESOLUTION NO. 549-86 Re: DEATH OF MRS. MARY I. KILE, SPECIAL EDUCATION BUS ATTENDANT ON PERSONAL ILLNESS LEAVE FROM AREA 3 TRANSPORTATION

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The death on September 19, 1986, of Mrs. Mary I. Kile, a special education bus attendance on personal illness leave from Area 3, has deeply saddened the staff and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kile was a loyal employee of Montgomery County Public Schools for three years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kile was a thoughtful employee, always willing to help where needed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Education express their sorrow at the death of Mrs. Mary I. Kile and extend deepest sympathy to her family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be made part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Mrs. Kile's family.

RESOLUTION NO. 550-86 Re: DEATH OF MR. WENDELL L. TAYLOR, MAINTENANCE CARPENTER II IN THE DIVISION OF MAINTENANCE

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The death on September 9, 1986, of Mr. Wendell L. Taylor, a maintenance carpenter II in the Division of Maintenance, has deeply saddened the staff and members of the Board of Education; and WHEREAS, For over twenty-six years Mr. Taylor was a valuable and dedicated employee of Montgomery County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor had done an excellent job as a carpenter and was an asset to MCPS; he had also assumed higher level assignments willingly and in a competent manner; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Education express their sorrow at the death of Mr. Wendell L. Taylor and extend deepest sympathy to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be made part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Mr. Taylor's family.

RESOLUTION NO. 551-86 Re: DEATH OF MR. DAVID T. WEIGER, CLASSROOM TEACHER ON PERSONAL ILLNESS LEAVE FROM BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The death on September 9, 1986, of Mr. David T. Weiger, a classroom teacher on personal illness leave from Montgomery Blair High School, has deeply saddened the staff and members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, In the eighteen years Mr. Weiger was a teacher in Montgomery County Public Schools he always approached his responsibilities in a professional and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weiger's leadership qualities were an asset to the staff and the school's overall operation; his thoughtful remarks and positive input were always appreciated; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Education express their sorrow at the death of Mr. David T. Weiger and extend deepest sympathy to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That his resolution be made part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to Mr. Weiger's family.

Mr. Ewing rejoined the meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 552-86 Re: REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL SERVICES

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Floyd seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Department of Personnel Services has been assigned major responsibility for the recruitment, selection and assignment of staff and other human resource related needs of the system; and

WHEREAS, The department should be reorganized to better utilize staff to meet the staffing or other human resource needs of the system and to improve communications with the clientele of the department; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a Division of Staffing be created to be principally responsible for recruitment, selection and assignment of staff, that a Division of Employment Standards be created to be primarily responsible for certification, classification and testing, and other employment standards functions, and that a personnel information processing unit be created to adequately meet the information needs of the entire department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the above action shall become effective October 15, 1986.

RESOLUTION NO. 553-86 Re: PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the following personnel appointments and transfers be approved:

APPOINTMENT PRESENT POSITION AS

Anthony J. Paul Acting Asst. Principal Principal

	Wheaton Woods ES	Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents (RICA) Effective: 10-15-86
Charles E. D'Aiutola	Teacher Specialist Dept. of Interagency and Alternative Programs	Supervisor of Interagency and Alternative Programs Dept. of Interagency and Alternative Programs Grade N Effective: 10-15-86
TRANSFER	FROM	ТО
Jess R. Graham, Jr.	Director, Division of Salary, Admin. and Records	Assistant Director Dept. of Personnel Services Effective: 10-15-86
Armando Gutierrez,Jr	.Director of Staffing Division of Staffing	Director Division of Employment Standards Effective: 10-15-86

RESOLUTION NO. 554-86 Re: BOARD OF EDUCATION RESIDENCE DISTRICTS

On motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Floyd, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Section 3-701 of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, requires five of the seven elected Board members to reside in residence districts beginning with the 1988 elections; and

WHEREAS, The Board has determined certain desirable goals that should be met in establishing these residence districts and has reviewed a number of options designed to meet those goals; and

WHEREAS, The proposed legislation best meets the goals established by the Board, and will ensure the nonpartisanship and independence of the Board of Education; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Montgomery County Board of Education hereby endorses the draft legislation for introduction as a local bill in the 1987 session of the Maryland General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution and the draft bill be transmitted to the chairman of the Montgomery County Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly with the request that it be introduced as a local bill.

RESOLUTION NO. 555-86 Re: LOCAL LEGISLATION ON PURCHASES FROM SOUTH AFRICA

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The superintendent and Board of Education are appalled that the government of South Africa continues to deny equal political and social rights for its black citizens by persisting with its policy of apartheid; and

WHEREAS, The Board desires to join with approximately 80 other school boards and local government across the country in a tangible expression of its opposition to South Africa's oppressive policies; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Montgomery County Board of Education hereby endorses draft legislation for introduction as a local bill in the 1987 session of the Maryland General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution and the draft bill be transmitted to the chairman of the Montgomery County Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly with the request that it be introduced as a local bill.

Dr. Cronin temporarily left the meeting at this point, and Dr. Floyd assumed the chair.

RESOLUTION NO. 556-86 Re: LOCAL LEGISLATION ON MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, It has long been the desire of the Board of Education and superintendent to encourage minority businesses to participate fully in bidding for school system supplies and services; and

WHEREAS, The Board has expressed interest in assuring that responsible minority contractors, many of whom are small businesses, can become successful bidders; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Montgomery County Board of Education hereby endorses draft legislation for introduction as a local bill in the 1987 session of the Maryland General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution and the draft bill be transmitted to the chairman of the Montgomery County Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly with the request that it be introduced as a local bill.

Dr. Cronin rejoined the meeting at this point and assumed the chair.

RESOLUTION NO. 557-86 Re: PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY PLANS EINSTEIN HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM ADDITION (AREA 1) On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The architect for the Einstein High School Gymnasium Addition, Fox-Hanna Architects, has prepared the schematic design in accordance with the educational specifications; and

WHEREAS, The Einstein High School Planning Committee has approved the proposed schematic design; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Montgomery County Board of Education approve the schematic design report prepared by Fox-Hanna Architects.

RESOLUTION NO. 558-86 Re: PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY PLANS MOYER ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (AREA 3)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Floyd seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The architect for the new Moyer Road Elementary School, Smolen/Rushing + Associates, has prepared the schematic design in accordance with the educational specifications; and

WHEREAS, The Moyer Road Elementary School Planning Committee has approved the proposed schematic design; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Montgomery County Board of Education approve the schematic design report prepared by Smolen/Rushing + Associates.

RESOLUTION NO. 559-86 Re: PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY PLANS LUXMANOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION (AREA 2)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Floyd seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The architect for the Luxmanor Elementary School Addition, Garrison-Babarsky, has prepared the schematic design in accordance with the educational specifications; and

WHEREAS, The Luxmanor Elementary School Planning Committee has approved the proposed schematic design; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Montgomery County Board of Education approve the schematic design report prepared by Garrison-Babarsky.

RESOLUTION NO. 560-86 Re: PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY PLANS GAITHERSBURG JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION (AREA 3)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo

seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The architect for the Gaithersburg Junior High School Modernization, Eugene A. Delmar, FAIA, has prepared the schematic design in accordance with the educational specifications; and

WHEREAS, The Gaithersburg Junior High School Planning Committee has approved the proposed schematic design; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Montgomery County Board of Education approve the schematic design report prepared by Eugene A. Delmar, FAIA.

RESOLUTION NO. 561-86 Re: PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY PLANS AREA 3 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The architect for the Area 3 Administrative Office, James Soyejima, has prepared the schematic design in accordance with the specifications; and

WHEREAS, The Area 3 Administrative Office Planning Committee has approved the proposed schematic design; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Montgomery County Board of Education approve the schematic design report prepared by James Soyejima.

Re: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Mr. Ewing reported that over the weekend he had talked with a good many parents from Takoma Park Elementary. Every parent made an effort to tell him how pleased they were with the new principal there and how well things were going.

2. Dr. Cronin indicated that he had a video tape of a piece on the Concord newspaper which was a positive statement about the progress the children were making. He would bring it in so that Board members could view the program.

3. Mrs. DiFonzo said she had spent Thursday and Friday in the Philadelphia area visiting MCPS youngsters who were in residential placement special education schools. She said that it was an informative, educational, and eye-opening experience. She urged Board members and staff members to visit some of the residential placement schools. She thanked Rita Sheare and Mary Lee Phelps for taking her to the schools. She thanked both of them for their time and patience.

4. Dr. Floyd noted that in his other life he had responsibilities for programs at the National School Boards Association. They would be releasing a public service announcement on the role of school boards, and it was filmed at Martin Luther King Junior High School.

5. For the record, Dr. Cronin said he was out of the room for the vote on minority procurement. He would have voted for the resolution if he had been present.

6. Dr. Cody reported that last week he had been in Birmingham for a presentation to a community leadership training program. He had made the presentation on teacher supply, demand, and quality, and he thought that he was thinking along the same lines as the Board's Commission on this subject.

7. Dr. Cody stated that last Thursday and Friday he had attended a meeting of the state superintendents. One of the speakers was Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund. He thought they would be well served if they asked her to speak to groups within the school system. Her association had done a study of dropouts by reasons for dropping out. He had asked Dr. Frankel to develop a plan to study dropouts in Montgomery County and to consult with Marian Edelman or members of her staff.

RESOLUTION NO. 562-86 Re: EXECUTIVE SESSION - OCTOBER 27, 1986

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Montgomery County is authorized by Section 10-508, State Government Article of the ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND to conduct certain of its meetings in executive closed session; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Montgomery County hereby conduct its meeting in executive closed session beginning on October 27, 1986, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss, consider, deliberate, and/or otherwise decide the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, compensation, discipline, removal, or resignation of employees, appointees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or any other personnel matter affecting one or more particular individuals and to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter as permitted under the State Government Article, Section 10-508; and that such meeting shall continue in executive closed session until the completion of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 563-86 Re: MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 1986

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of August 12, 1986, be approved as corrected.

RESOLUTION NO. 564-86 Re: MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 1986

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Floyd seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of August 25, 1986, be approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 565-86 Re: STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ON BOARD COMMITTEES

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Floyd seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has established committees that have student representatives; and

WHEREAS, Vacancies now exist on committees; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education appoint the following students effective immediately and terminating June 30, 1987:

TITLE IX ADVISORY COMMITTEE Linda Brennan, Montgomery Blair HS Kimberly Davis, Paint Branch HS Michele Kunitz, Tilden IS

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MINORITY STUDENT EDUCATION Tamu Trice, Seneca Valley HS *Kenik Duru, Montgomery Blair HS *Chan Park, Richard Montgomery HS *Previously appointed to serve until 6/87

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LIFE AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT Jim Heiman, Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS Amanda Myers, Walter Johnson HS Laurie Shannon, Seneca Valley HS

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAREER AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION Steve Pratt, Ridgeview JHS Kristina Tzaneff, John F. Kennedy HS

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE Tina Cielo, Paint Branch HS Earl Hadley, Montgomery Blair HS Robert Hardis, Walt Whitman HS R. Reese Moone, Wootton HS Lauren Murzinski, Martin Luther King JHS John D. Solovey, Churchill HS

RESOLUTION NO. 566-86 Re: RESOLUTION 134-82 (RESCIND)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo

seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, On September 22, 1986, the Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 516-86 on Return of Graded Work, K-12; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 134-82, February 9, 1982, currently exists on Return of Tests; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 134-82, February 9, 1982, be rescinded.

RESOLUTION NO. 567-86 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. 86-20 (STUDENT TRANSFER)

On motion of Dr. Floyd seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt its decision and order in Appeal No. 86-20.

Mr. Fess asked that the record note that Mrs. Slye and Dr. Shoenberg in executive session voted to approve this decision and order.

RESOLUTION NO. 568-86 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. 86-16 (STUDENT TRANSFER)

On motion of Dr. Floyd seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education dismiss the appeal based on the request of the appellant.

RESOLUTION NO. 569-86 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. 86-19 (STUDENT TRANSFER)

On motion of Dr. Floyd seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education dismiss the appeal in Appeal No. 86-19 based on the request of the appellant.

RESOLUTION NO. 570-86 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. 86-11 (PERSONNEL ACTION)

On motion of Dr. Floyd seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education dismiss appeal 86-11 based on the request of the appellant.

RESOLUTION NO. 571-86 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. 85-22 (PERSONNEL ACTION)

On motion of Dr. Floyd seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education schedule oral argument based on the request of the parties at interest.

RESOLUTION NO. 572-86 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. 86-21 (PERSONNEL ACTION)

On motion of Dr. Floyd seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education assign BOE Appeal No. 86-21 to a hearing examiner.

RESOLUTION NO. 573-86 Re: ROSEMARY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION/MODERNIZATION (AREA 2)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, On August 25, 1986, the Board of Education awarded a contract for an addition and modernization at Rosemary Hills Elementary School, contingent upon approval of the Montgomery County Council of an FY 1987 Capital Budget Emergency Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$498,117; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent capital bid activities has resulted in a balance in the Local Unliquidated Surplus Account sufficient to fund the Rosemary Hills contract; and

WHEREAS, County Council staff has offered two alternatives for Council's consideration on the supplemental appropriation request on October 16: (1) reject the bids and rebid the project with an expectation of an approximately \$250,000 reduction and (2) fund the overage from the Local Unliquidated Surplus Account; and

WHEREAS, The rebid alternative is unacceptable because of its adverse impact on the timely completion of the project and questionable savings; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to use funds now available in the Local Unliquidated Surplus Account which were not available on August 25; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education rescind its request to the County Council for an emergency supplemental appropriation for the Rosemary Hills Elementary School project; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education request the county executive to recommend and the Council to approve the transfer of \$498,117 from the Local Unliquidated Surplus Account to the Rosemary Hills Elementary School addition/modernization project.

Re: NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ewing said there had been a request on the part of a citizen to students in the school system conveyed through the U.S. mails. The request asked students to participate in the process of circulating petitions to come to the Board on the return of tests policy. There had been some difficulty in a couple of schools in getting these letters to the right people. He asked whether their policy was clear enough to make sure students did exercise their rights to circulate a petition as long as it did not disrupt the school. He asked if they needed to pursue this in terms of policy.

Dr. Cody replied that their policy as well as federal law was clear.

Dr. Pitt said that he was aware of the concern, and he had sent a memo to all principals that students had a right to petition if they so wished. He believed that in most cases this had not been a problem.

Dr. Cronin asked if they had a policy about political activity and materials being sent to students. Dr. Pitt replied that a person could write to anyone with political information as long as the information was legal. Students could distribute political materials in schools if they followed established processes. This must be done without disruption to the school and within certain areas. A political candidate could distribute information in the school but this was usually before and after school and could not hinder the students' ability to operate in the school.

Mr. Steinberg felt that there was not a lot a clarity when they were dealing with students' rights outside of school as citizens and their rights in school as students. He suggested this might be an opportunity to combat the problem of the lack of student involvement in the schools. He said they might use this particular instance to publicize the right of students to participate in this kind of action.

Re: ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Board members received the following items of information:

- 1. Items in Process
- 2. Construction Progress Report
- 3. School Facilities Change Order/Bid Activity Quarterly Report
- 4. Survey of Graduating Seniors: Class of 1985
- 5. 1986 Progress Report on Sex Equity Initiatives in Response to Title IX Advisory Committee Annual Report

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

President Secretary