APPROVED 10-1996 Rockville, Maryland February 8, 1996

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, February 8, 1996, at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Ms. Ana Sol Gutiérrez, President

in the Chair

Mr. Stephen Abrams
Dr. Alan Cheung
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mr. Reginald Felton
Mrs. Beatrice B. Gordon

Mrs. Nancy King

Mr. Charles McCullough

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Paul L. Vance, Superintendent

Mrs. Katheryn W. Gemberling, Deputy

Mr. Larry A. Bowers, Acting Deputy

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

It was announced that Mr. Abrams was present and in the Board Conference Room observing the meeting. He will be available to vote on all motions. The studen board members vote does not count in budgetary actions. His vote is recorded with his name in parenthesis.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-96 Re: AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 8, 1996

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its agenda for February 8, 1996.

Re: FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET AND

SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED

**AMENDMENTS** 

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Felton seconded by Mr. McCullough seconded the following resolution:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education amend the superintendent's FY 1997 Operating Budget with the following:

- 1. High School Enrollment Revision (\$357,742);
- Local Travel Mileage Reimbursement \$33,407;

- 3. Six-Year Bus Replacement Schedule for FY 1997-FY 2002 (\$654,318);
- 4. Occupational/Physical Therapy Services \$200,000;
- 5. Augmentative Assistive Technology \$50,000;
- 6. Conversion of 1.0 Vocational Assessment Teacher in the Transition Services Unit from 10-month to 12-month 11,259;
- 7. Administrative Support at Blair High School \$74,802;
- 8. Loss of Federal Title VI Funds and Shift of Program Costs to Local Funds (\$191,781);
- 9. Increase the Field Trip Enterprise Fund Fee Rate Charged for Services from \$18.80 to \$24.68 per Hour \$0.

Re: ACTIONS ON FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET

Ms. Gutiérrez explained that it would take a motion and a second and four votes (student board member votes do not count on budget decisions) to put an amendment to the budget on the tentative list for final budget consideration.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET - BOARD AMENDMENTS (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing and seconded by Mr. McCullough to amend the FY 1997 Operating Budget by approving all tentative Board actions taken on February 5 and 6, 1996, failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET - TRANSPORTATION FEE TO INCREASE HEAD START CLASSES

A motion by Mr. Ewing and seconded by Dr. Cheung to impose a \$25.00 student transportation fee as administered in accordance with the superintendent's directives and the increased revenue would be utilized to expand Head Start by 17 classes.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-96 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO MR. EWING'S MOTION

On motion of Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Gordon the following amendment was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the Board of Education increase the student transportation fee to \$50.00.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. ABRAMS TO STRIKE REFERENCE TO HEAD START FROM MR. EWING'S AMENDMENT (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Gordon to strike reference to Head Start classes in connection with imposing a student transportation fee of \$50.00 failed with Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutiérrez and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET -TRANSPORTATION FEE TO INCREASE HEAD START CLASSES AS AMENDED (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing and seconded by Dr. Cheung to impose a \$50.00 student transportation fee as administered in accordance with the superintendent's directives and the increase of revenue would be utilized to expand Head Start by 17 classes failed with Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, and Mr. Ewing voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. MCCULLOUGH TO AMEND THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET - \$25.00 USER FEE TO SUPPORT MIDDLE SCHOOLS EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. McCullough and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to impose a \$25.00 per semester fee on high and middle school students to participate in extracurricular activities and reinstate middle school sports failed with (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr, Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET - UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY

A motion by Mr. Ewing and seconded by Dr. Cheung to reduce the payment to the unfunded accrued liability by an amount that would be half the payment in the superintendent's budget or \$4,372,464 with the intent to support improvements.

Re: POSTPONEMENT OF MR. EWING'S PROPOSED MOTION ON UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY

It was the consensus of the Board of Education to postpone voting on this amendment until all other amendments had been proposed.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-96 Re: TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET - HEAD START

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Mr. McCullough, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting the affirmative; Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

<u>Resolved</u>, That the FY 1997 Operating Budget be amended to expand Head Start by 17 classes.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-96 Re: TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997

OPERATING BUDGET - TRANSPORTATION

FEE

On motion of Dr. Cheung and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the negative; Mr. Felton abstaining.

<u>Resolved</u>, That the FY 1997 Operating Budget be amended to add \$50.00 transportation fee as administered in accordance with the superintendent's directives.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-96 Re: TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997

OPERATING BUDGET - MIDDLE SCHOOL

**SPORTS** 

On motion of Mrs. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton. Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the FY 1997 Operating Budget be amended to have an interscholastic athletic program at the mid-level that would include one boy and one girl activity each season and the cost would be \$512,294 to be offset by charging a \$20 per semester activity fee at the mid-level and high school level for any activities resulting in \$642,880. Any revenue above the cost of the activity could be used by each school.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, TRAINING AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing and seconded by Dr. Cheung to amend the FY 1997 Operating Budget to add \$70,000 for training for policy implementation including research on the issues related to implementation of the policy, research on how to train those who implement the policy, preparation for that training, development of materials for training, training the trainers with a primary emphasis on middle school implementation along with reading and language arts failed with Mr. Ewing and Dr. Cheung voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, TRAINING AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing and seconded by Dr. Cheung to amend the FY 1997 Operating Budget to add \$50,000 for tuition reimbursement for training and education to be provided in accord with school system and Board of Education priorities only failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, ACADEMIC PROGRAMS (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to amend the FY 1997 Operating Budget to add \$50,000 for curricula audits in the areas of social studies and language failed with Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the negative.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-96 Re: TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

<u>Resolved</u>, That the FY 1997 Operating Budget be amended to add 6.0 speech/language pathologists (\$267,774).

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, SPECIAL EDUCATION (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to amend the FY 1997 Operating Budget to add \$200,000 to legal fees failed with Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, SPECIAL EDUCATION (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing and seconded by Ms. Gutiérrez to amend the FY 1997 Operating Budget to add \$200,000 to the Division of Placement and Assessment Services to help cover tuition costs for students in non-public placements that result from settlements failed with Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY DR. CHEUNG TO AMEND THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, ACADEMIC PROGRAMS (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Cheung and seconded by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1997 Operating Budget to add one art teacher and one music teacher failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: A MOTION BY MS. GUTIÉRREZ TO AMEND THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, ESOL (FAILED)

A motion by Ms. Gutiérrez and seconded by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1997 Operating Budget to add \$100,000 to the adult ESOL program to reestablish the same level of services prior to reduction of \$100,000 by the Board last year failed with Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

At this point the Board of Education voted on all tentative amendments to the FY 1997 Operating Budget.

Re: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN (FAILED)

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cheung, a tentative amendment to expand all-day kindergarten to 10 schools failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative; Mr. Felton abstaining.

Re: ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN (FAILED)

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cheung, an alternative amendment to expand all-day kindergarten to seven schools failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-96 Re: ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997
OPERATING BUDGET, ALL-DAY
KINDERGARTEN

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

<u>Resolved</u>, That the FY 1997 Operating Budget be amended by adding five all-day kindergarten classes for an approximate amount of \$579,025.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-96 Re: ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, MEDIA SPECIALISTS

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

<u>Resolved</u>, That the FY 1997 Operating Budget be amended by adding 10 media specialists and reducing six media assistants (\$322,102).

Re: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, CLASS SIZE (FAILED)

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cheung, a tentative amendment to reduce the average class size to half way from what they were from FY 1995 to FY 1996 in all schools (\$2,500,000) failed with Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY (FAILED)

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cheung, a tentative amendment to add \$40,000 to professional part-time for the Department of Education Accountability (\$10,000 allocated to acceleration of the accountability report) failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the negative.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-96 Re: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, HEAD START

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Resolved, That the FY 1997 Operating Budget be amended by adding 17 Head Start classes to serve all eligible students at a cost of \$1,405,152.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-96 Re: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, TRANSPORTATION

On motion of Dr. Cheung seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the negative.

<u>Resolved</u>, That the FY 1997 Operating Budget be amended by adding a \$50 transportation fee to generate a revenue of \$2,920,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-96 Re: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

On motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. King, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutiérrez voting in the negative.

<u>Resolved</u>, That the FY 1997 Operating Budget be amended by adding a middle school interscholastic sports program with an activity fee of \$20 a semester.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-96 Re: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion of Mrs. Gordon seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

<u>Resolved</u>, That the FY 1997 Operating Budget be amended by adding six speech language pathologists (\$267,774).

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO ADD \$1,000,000 FOR CLASS SIZE REDUCTION (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing and seconded by Mr. McCullough to amend the FY 1997 Operating Budget to place \$1,000,000 in class size reduction for kindergarten through grade 12 failed with Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Felton, and Mrs. King voting in the negative.

Re: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing and seconded by Dr. Cheung to amend the 1997 Operating Budget to reduce the payment to the unfunded accrued liability by an amount that would be half the payment in the superintendent's budget or \$4,372,464 with the intent to support improvements failed with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, Mrs. King, and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the negative; Mr. Abrams abstained because the maker of the motion was unwilling to vote in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-96 Re: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET, REVENUES

On motion of Mr. Ewing and seconded by Mr. Abrams, the following resolution was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, Ms. Gutiérrez, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; (Mr. McCullough) voting in the negative.

Resolved, That the Board of Education present to the County Council the FY 1997 Operating Budget including revenues that would reduce the difference between the spending affordability guideline and the budget as adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-96 Re: FY 1997 OPERATING BUDGET WITH ALL FUNDS

The following resolution was adopted with Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. King voting in the affirmative; Ms. Gutiérrez and (Mr. McCullough) voting in the negative.

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education adopt its FY 1997 Operating Budget, including grants and enterprise funds, in the amount of \$916,878, 891.

Mr. Ewing made the following statement: All was disappointed in the superintendent's budget. I thought it was a budget that did not meet the real needs of the school system. The amendments the Board made, I think, are in some cases improvements toward meeting some more of those needs, and I am pleased with the Head Start and all-day kindergarten actions on the part of the Board. On the other hand, I think, setting fees is an extraordinarily bad idea and will have a negative effect on participation rates by a lot of students. I do not see this budget as reflecting a commitment on the part of the Board to its own priorities in most cases, and consequently, it is important to draw some conclusions about what it is the Board really believes. Budgets, in my view, draw from the budget decision-makers their true views. I would hope, therefore, that between now and next year the community engages in some debate which brings me to the budget review groups. I think they did a good job but to think they were representative in any sense seems to me to be absurd. They are not representative. They are a group like any other group picked to do a job. How many Head Start parents were there in that group? None. How many parents of Title I kids were there in that group? None. No, it is not a representative group, and we should not pretend that they know wisely what to do and we do not. That is ridiculous. They made some good suggestions, and they made some bad suggestions. In that sense, they are not unlike the Board. The Board makes good decisions and bad decisions. But, what we have is somehow or other turning them into a group that somehow gave us wisdom. They gave us their best judgment but they are not representative. If

anybody is representative, we are. We are elected by the public. We ought to do what we think is right. I hope we will. I do not think we did in every case this year.@

RESOLUTION NO. 91-96

Re: ADJOURNMENT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Felton seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved. That the Board of education adjourn its meeting at 11:25 p.m.

**PRESIDENT** 

**SECRETARY** 

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