

Excerpt from meeting minutes from the Board of Education of Montgomery County meeting, held at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.

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RESOLUTION NO. 290-05

**Re: TRANSFER AGREEMENT – FORMER MONTGOMERY  
BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

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

WHEREAS, The former Montgomery Blair High School auditorium has been closed since 1998 and currently is not needed for educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, A nonprofit foundation has expressed an interest in reopening and operating the auditorium as a community theatre; and

WHEREAS, The foundation has applied for state and local arts/humanities grants to supplement private donations that would be used to fund the renovations needed to reopen the auditorium; and

WHEREAS, The County Council has allocated funds to the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation to study the feasibility and cost of reopening the auditorium and has indicated an interest in supporting the foundation's proposal contingent on the amount of local funds required for the project; and

WHEREAS, A majority of Council members have indicated that the County government should be the lead agency for the reopening and lease negotiations for the community theatre operation; and

WHEREAS, To facilitate these efforts, it is recommended that the former Montgomery Blair High School auditorium be surplused to the county government contingent on an agreement that would allow for the reversion of the facility to the Board of Education if it is needed in the future for educational purposes; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education surplus the former Montgomery Blair High School auditorium to the county government for use as a community theatre when the county executive executes an agreement for the reopening and lease of the facility with provisions for reverting the auditorium to the Board of Education if it is needed in the future for educational purposes; and be it further

Resolved, That the state superintendent of schools be requested to approve this action.

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