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Minutes of the Citizens Advisory Committee for
Special Education Meeting of Monday, September 10,
2001

Members present:

Teresa LaMaster	Mary Pat Kahle	Janet Furman
Terry Darr	Marjean Funn	Nicol Miller
John Holland	Judy Glass	Joyce Reier
Will Cassano	Sally Chapman	Liz Block
Robert Sterner	Mary Pace	Ben Dubin
Linda J. Pierce	Tracey Weinkam	Paige Pape
Cheryl Lisker	William Flook	Rick Baier
Gail DeNicolis	Jean Considine	William Griner
Jay Silverman	Sara Egorin-Hooper	Tom Stengel
Linda Schweer	Mike McIntyre	Ron Boone
Beverly Andress	Karen Bowman	
Heller Kreshtool	Jean Satterfield	

At 7 p.m., the agenda and various handouts/action alerts were distributed. Introductions were made.

OLD BUSINESS

Teresa LaMaster explained about the Thornton Commission recommendations; they had recommended increases in special education money by the state of Maryland. Several members of this committee are testifying at the public hearings this evening. Teresa said that the funding formula should be by pupil weight with more seriously involved children receiving more funds. The formula is per pupil now.

Teresa explained about full funding of IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act): when it was originally enacted, the federal government was supposed to pay 40% of special education costs; they pay 13%. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is in conference committee; Barbara Mikulski is on that committee. The senate is for full funding of ESEA, the congress is not. Teresa encouraged everyone to write, email or call Senator Mikulski's office and encourage her to support full funding. Jay Silverman said he met this summer with Senator Mikulski's educational liaison; don't email as they wipe them out.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Boone gave out a folder with contact information and organizational charts about the reorganization. The

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Teresa discussed the pre budget hearing and a handout on this issue was distributed. This will be taken up in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Special Education is Monday, October 8, 2001, 7-9 p.m., room 114, ESS Building, Greenwood.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Darr
Secretary