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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, May 20, 1981, at 7:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Carol F. Wallace, President in
the Chair

Mr. Joseph R. Barse
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt
Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Spencer
Miss Traci Williams
Mrs. Eleanor D. Zappone

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Edward Andrews, Superintendent of
Schools
Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: Public Hearing for Lee Junior
High School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Judge Stephen L. Grossman, Lee Junior High School PTA
2. Ms. Alma Williams, Lee Junior High School PTA
3. Mr. Frank Solatto
4. Ms. Bobbie Deckelbaum, Kemp Mill PTA
5. Judge Herbert Grossman, Glenallan PTA
6. Mr. Nick Kalcounos, Georgian Forest PTA
7. Dr. Joel Schor, Kemp Mill Civic Association
8. Mr. Bruce Phillips, Winding Orchard Civic Association
9. Mr. David Mendelsohn, Springbrook Forest Civic Association
10. Ms. Heidi Robinson, Lee Student Government Association
11. Ms. Benita Lewis, Lee student
12. Ms. Phillis Katz, Lee community school
13. Ms. Kathleen Fuller, parent
14. Mr. Arthur Beaman, parent
15. Mr. Al Ritter, Argyle PTA

Re: Dialogue with the Board of Education

Mr. Barse inquired about the proposed service area for the combined feeder school at Kennedy High School. He pointed out that there was a portion of the Lee area which did not go on to Kennedy but attended Northwood. He asked whether there would be room in the Lee building to accommodate that portion of the population which now went on to Northwood. He wondered whether the proposal implied

a splitting off to send them to some other school. The superintendent replied that it did not. Mr. Barse asked whether the Board might see something in the master plan, and the superintendent replied that they might. Mr. Barse asked Judge Grossman whether he felt that Lee could handle all of Lee plus the current and projected enrollment of Argyle. Judge Grossman called attention to the statistics in the superintendent's memorandum and noted that one of the problems was the ultimate capacity of Kennedy to accept students. Mr. Barse commented that this was an excellent point because the Board was supposed to be doing top-down planning and did not have the detailed information regarding the high schools. He asked whether Judge Grossman was making an argument that it would be better not to add the Northwood students. Judge Grossman replied that he was not. He was saying that Lee offered the flexibility to deal with this problem; however, it might be that the Kennedy boundaries would shift southward and some of the students to the north might go to other schools.

Re: Public Hearing for Western Junior High School

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Ms. Tina Manatos, Western PTA
2. Ms. Gay Ohlrich, Western PTA
3. Mr. David Norcross, Individual
4. Ms. Bev Denbo, Individual
5. Ms. Dorothea Cope, Western PTA
6. Mr. Ralph Swisher, Individual
7. Ms. Sara Smith, Somerset PTA
8. Ms. Kathy Davies, Westbrook PTA
9. Ms. Barbara Marbelstone, Individual
10. Ms. Wendy Cimmet, Wood Acres PTA
11. Ms. Kay O'Keefe, Brookmont PTA
12. Ms. Ellen Rodin, Individual
13. Ms. Julie Davis, Village of Chevy Chase
14. Mr. Larry Walders, Town of Somerset
15. Ms. Donna Jones, Westmoreland Citizens Association
16. Mrs. Louise Feigan, Leland Junior High School PTA

Re: Dialogue with the Board of Education

Mr. Barse remarked that the question of the central location of Leland vs. Western raised the issue of the unreasonable burden of transportation. The question was what was an unreasonable burden. He said that he had put together some mileage numbers and had tried to compare the distance between Rosemary Hills to Western. He asked the superintendent to confirm the mileage figures and pointed out that if these numbers were correct, although the distance from Rosemary Hills to Western was long, it was not totally exceptional. Mrs. Spencer asked that the staff make a comparison of Mr. Barse's figures with the figures given to them this evening.

Re: Adj ournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 10:50 p. m.

Presi dent

Secretary

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