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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Thomas B. Cook Auditorium, Wheaton High School, Wheaton, Maryland, on Wednesday, May 27, 1987, at 7:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner, President
in the Chair
Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mr. Bruce A. Goldensohn
Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg
Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye

Absent: Dr. James E. Cronin
Mr. Eric Steinberg

Others Present: Dr. Wilmer S. Cody, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian
Mr. Andrew Herscowitz, Board Member-elect

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - ROCKVILLE-GAITHERSBURG-
GERMANTOWN AREA BOUNDARIES

Mrs. Praisner reported that there had been four civic associations on a waiting list to testify; therefore, the Board had agreed to start the hearing to accommodate the civic associations.

Re: CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Steve Lewis, Montgomery Square
2. Jeff Rosen, Orchard Ridge
3. Michael Gewirtz, College Gardens and Woodley Gardens
4. Wendy Levy, DuFief Mill Homeowners
5. Patrick Woodward, West End Citizens
6. Alan Schoem, Stonebridge Homeowners
7. Jim Deligianis, Hunting Woods Homeowners
8. Birgitta Mullican, Twinbrook
9. Ethel Mayer, Rockshire
10. Sheila Lockshin, Horizon Hill
11. Judy Greenberg, Potomac Woods
12. Alan Sternstein, Potomac Springs

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. Praisner announced that the Board had been notified that the City of Rockville would not be testifying and had submitted a letter as part of the record.

In regard to civic association testimony, Dr. Shoenberg noted that three people had identified some rough suggestions as to other

solutions in the Ritchie Park issue. He asked that staff provide responses to these in writing prior to the June 4 decision date. He also asked that staff provide a response in writing to the questions raised in the Horizon Hill testimony.

Re: GAITHERSBURG CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Frederick Wood
2. Nancy Shenk, Goshen Estates Community Association
3. Dianna Long, Montgomery Village Junior High School PTSA
4. Carol Fanconi, Gaithersburg High School PTSA
5. Dave Zeitchik, Gaithersburg Cluster

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Dr. Shoenberg requested a small map of the Goshen area reflecting the concerns raised in the Goshen Estates testimony.

Re: SENECA VALLEY CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mary Ramsey, Ridgeview Junior High School PTSA
2. Carol Howley, Seneca Valley High School PTSA

Re: WOOTTON CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Marilyn van DeGrift, Cluster Coordinator
2. Barbara Rubin, Frost Intermediate School PTSA
3. Anne Geldon and Sam Lin, Ritchie Park Elementary School PTA
4. Linda Burgin, Cold Spring Elementary School PTA
5. Ruth Zwick, Fallsmead Elementary School PTA
6. Barry Rubenstein, DuFief Elementary School PTA
7. Terry Shoemaker, Travilah Elementary School PTA
8. LeRoy Walker, Wootton High School PTSA
9. Elaine Holder, Lakewood Elementary School PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. DiFonzo asked for Ritchie Park projections by grade for Richard Montgomery High School. Dr. Shoenberg requested an explanation of the difference in numbers of students attending Julius West and those going on to Richard Montgomery. Dr. Shoenberg asked for a list of the numbers of students per grade now attending Ritchie Park.

Re: RICHARD MONTGOMERY CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. George Beckerman
2. George Margolies
3. Karen Baker
4. Debbie Plakas

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mr. Goldensohn requested a one-sheet summary of the overutilization at Wootton and underutilization at Richard Montgomery and asked that this paper be sent to cluster representatives. Mrs. Praisner asked that the superintendent comment on the request of the Richard Montgomery cluster that the Ritchie Park assignment be accelerated.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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