The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, February 15, 1990, at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg, President

in the Chair

Dr. James E. Cronin
Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mr. Bruce A. Goldensohn
Mrs. Catherine E. Hobbs
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner

Ms. Alison Serino

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Harry Pitt, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

#indicates student vote does not count and four votes are needed for adoption.

Re: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOUNDARY CHANGES AND SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS

Dr. Pitt explained that they had two issues for action on March 13, the boundaries for Brooke Grove Elementary and a boundary change between Brookhaven and Harmony Hills. In the case of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Walter Johnson clusters he was recommending no change. In the Damascus cluster, they would consider middle schools in the fall, and there were no changes in the Gaithersburg, Watkins Mill, and Wootton clusters. There would be a public hearing on March 5 with Board action on March 13.

After hearing staff presentations on the recommendations, Dr. Shoenberg asked if Board members had questions or alternatives to propose.

In the case of the Brooke Grove proposal, Mrs. Hobbs asked whether students in the area north of Brighton Dam Road would have to get on the buses earlier to go to Greenwood Elementary School. She proposed that the children north of Brighton Dam Road now assigned to Sherwood be permitted to remain at that school. Dr. Shoenberg ruled that the Board did not need an alternative for this proposal. Members could vote against this bullet when it came up for Board action. He asked that the Board be provided with the population figures if this option were adopted. He requested similar information about the Briars Acres situation. If the students from Briars Acres (K-4) were permitted to remain at Belmont, what would be the effect and what would be the costs including transportation?

Mr. Goldensohn asked staff to reexamine the proposal to ban transfers into Luxmanor and to look at where the students lived who were requesting transfers from Farmland to Luxmanor. Dr. Cronin requested information on the numbers of students coming from the Rollins Park area before the apartment renovations and after the renovations.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-90 Re: BOARD ALTERNATIVE - DAMASCUS CLUSTER

On motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, The Board of Education adopt the following alternative: The Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Damascus committee to go to middle schools with the materials and details of that to be presented in November.

Mr. Goldensohn asked staff to look into the assignment of the Kettler tract into the Cold Spring attendance area. Staff indicated that this would be part of the fall facilities process

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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