APPROVED Rockville, Maryland 49-1985 November 13, 1985

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the John F. Kennedy High School, Silver Spring, Maryland, on Wednesday, November 13, 1985, at 7:45 p.m.

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

in the Chair

Dr. James E. Cronin
Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Dr. Jeremiah Floyd
Mr. John D. Foubert
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner
Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Wilmer S. Cody, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - AREA 2 FACILITIES

Dr. Shoenberg welcomed members of the audience and explained the rules for the public hearing. He thanked the PTSA and staff of Kennedy High School for their hospitality.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF ROCKVILLE

Mayor-elect Steven Van Grack appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - RICHARD MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL

George Beckerman appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Karen Baker appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - BEALL ELEMENTARY

Madeline Gupta appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - COLLEGE GARDENS ELEMENTARY

Beth Rosenthal appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. DiFonzo asked that staff verify the numbers in Mr. Beckerman's

testimony about \$175,000 for transportation and the offset in the numbers of relocatables at Wootton if Ritchie Park Elementary School were assigned to Richard Montgomery. She also asked for information on the allegation that students who should be attending Richard Montgomery High School were attending other schools. Dr. Shoenberg requested that the City of Rockville be provided with information on transfers in and out of Richard Montgomery High School. Mr. Ewing asked Dr. Cody to provide the Board with additional information on a special program for Richard Montgomery. He asked about projected and actual enrollment at the Blair Magnet Program, the extent to which special programs offered the opportunity to integrate the regular students from the community with the students from the special program, and a 20-year history of the assignment of Farmland and Ritchie Park Elementary Schools. Mrs. Slye requested a history of service areas that had been removed from Richard Montgomery. She also asked that staff check out Mr. Beckerman's testimony about transportation costs of the various options.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - WOOTTON HIGH SCHOOL AND FROST INTERMEDIATE

Louise Allentuck, Allen Schoem, and Gary Kelly appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY

Brenda Tabor and Elaine Holder appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - RITCHIE PARK ELEMENTARY

Larry Goldstein, Doug Metz, Darryl Runett, Anne Geldon, Sheila Lockshin, Gary Bonnett, and Seth Weiner appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - FARMLAND ELEMENTARY

Ken Caplan appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. Praisner requested information on the status and timetable of the modifications to the 270 interchange. She asked for a staff response to the questions about student projections raised by the communities assigned to Richard Montgomery. She requested staff verification of the figures and percentages presented by the Ritchie Park community regarding utilization. She also asked for information regarding transfers on the number of students transferring to Wootton, Frost, and elementary schools within the Wootton cluster as well as the rationale for granting these transfers.

Mr. Ewing asked staff to check Board policies about the concept of neighborhood schools and the right to attend a school in a neighborhood where one has bought a home. He also asked about

promises made to the Ritchie Park community 15 years ago. In regard to the letter written by Mrs. Gelman, he asked staff check into the assertion that the Board had requested funds specifically by area.

Dr. Cronin asked staff to check into the assertions about illegal transfers into Wootton, to provide an assessment of the situation, and to indicate what action was taken to return students to their legal schools. He also requested a staff response to Mr. Runett's testimony. Dr. Shoenberg called attention to the memo he had written about using 1988 for the Farmland option and asked that staff provide that data as soon as possible.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - ROCKVILLE HIGH AND WOOD JUNIOR HIGH

Ruth Litzenberger appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. Praisner asked that staff respond to issues raised in the testimony about the Edison Center.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - PYLE INTERMEDIATE

Fern Ingber appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - BANNOCKBURN ELEMENTARY

Salman Kazmi appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - BRADLEY HILLS ELEMENTARY

Mary Miers appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - BURNING TREE ELEMENTARY

Pat Lotto appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: CARDEROCK SPRINGS ELEMENTARY

Sharon Short appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: WOOD ACRES ELEMENTARY

Beth Tiernan, Mary DeOreo, Wendy Cimmet, and Carolyn Ecker appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. Praisner inquired about the time table for handicap facilities

modifications for Whitman High School and asked that this information be shared with the community. Dr. Cronin asked staff how they accounted for Montgomery County children born in the District of Columbia for children attending all-day private kindergartens. He also requested information about possible boundary changes in this cluster. Mrs. Slye requested information on the rate of development and possible yields from Avenal Farms. She also inquired about the differences between projections and actual enrollment at Wood Acres.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Shoenberg adjourned the meeting at 11:50 p.m.

President

Secretary

WSC:mlw