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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, November 16, 1987, at 8 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner, President

in the Chair

Dr. James E. Cronin Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo Mr. Blair G. Ewing Mr. Bruce A. Goldensohn Mr. Andrew Herscowitz Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

Absent: Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye

Others Present: Dr. Harry Pitt, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Paul L. Vance, Deputy Superintendent

Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Praisner announced that the Board had been meeting in executive session on appeals. Mrs. Slye was ill and would not be attending the meeting; however, she would listen to the tape and read the testimony.

Re: WHEATON CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Dan Doherty
- 2. Carol Skolnick, Viers Mill PTA
- 3. Ellen Hoffman and Jim Edwards, Wheaton High School PTSA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Board members asked staff to check into the condition of Viers Mill Elementary School to see if conditions had to be improved in the short term.

Re: SPRINGBROOK CLUSTER

Kathy Queen appeared before the Board.

Re: SHERWOOD CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Howard Zuses, coordinator
- 2. Cillie Gerstenzang, Olney PTA
- 3. Magdelena DuBois, Farquhar PTA

4. John Donaldson, Sherwood High School PTSA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

For the record, Mrs. Praisner stated that staff had received a memo from her raising the community's concerns about the feasibility study. She had asked staff to be prepared to discuss these issues on December 8. In addition, she noted that school site acquisition was a complicated process and was done in executive session. The Board was aware of community concerns about the purchase of sites as well as the timing of the pumping station. She also pointed out that the Board was in receipt of a petition from the community regarding the size of the elementary school gym.

In regard to transportation for Sherwood students during the renovation, Board members asked that they be provided with information as soon as possible. Mr. Ewing asked that the Board receive information on the principles governing the provision of transportation.

Re: PAINT BRANCH CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Bea Gordon, coordinator
- 2. Cyndy Brewer, Burtonsville PTA

Re: KENNEDY CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Phyllis Feldman and Mary Batcher, co-coordinators
- 2. Al Ritter, Kennedy PTSA
- 3. Shira Oler, Lee PTSA
- 4. Brenda Henry, Strathmore PTA
- 5. Al Cooke, Kemp Mill PTA
- 6. Susan Klein, Glenallan PTA

Re: EINSTEIN CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Barbara Faigin, coordinator
- 2. Ralph Tryon, Oakland Terrace PTA
- 3. Judy Treanor, Sligo MS PTA
- 4. Barbara Gownder, Einstein PTSA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Dr. Cronin requested information on the gymnastics program that had been placed at Einstein as to whether it would overtax the physical education facilities.

Re: MONTGOMERY BLAIR CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Eric Peterson, Sligo Branview Community Association
- 2. Michael Malbin, Oak View PTA
- 3. Maurice Galloway, New Hampshire Estates PTA
- 4. Claudia Jacobson and David Schwiesow, cluster coordinators

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mr. Ewing requested information on what it would take to continue the Eastern magnet at Blair High School. Mrs. Praisner added that she would like to see what plans the system had to make a transition of this program into another secondary program, not necessarily at Blair High School. Mr. Ewing requested copies of the capital assessment sheets on Highland View. Mrs. Praisner asked about Takoma Park Elementary and whether the new program in the capital budget would take care of repairs. Dr. Phil Rohr said it would be covered in the new program, but staff would take another look at this issue.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

HP:mlw