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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, November 3, 1988, at 8:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo, President

in the Chair*

Dr. James E. Cronin Mr. Blair G. Ewing Mr. Bruce A. Goldensohn

Mr. Chan Park

Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner

Mrs. Vicki Rafel

Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Harry Pitt, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Paul L. Vance, Deputy Superintendent

Re: WORK SESSION ON CAPITAL BUDGET AND

FACILITIES ALTERNATIVES

Dr. Cronin explained that the purpose of the meeting was for Board members to raise questions about the facilities process and the capital budget and to add any alternative proposals to be considered. In order for there to be an alternative, four votes were required. The public hearings were scheduled for November 14, 15, and 16, and the Board would take action on facilities issues on November 21 and 22.

*Mrs. DiFonzo joined the meeting at this point.

Re: REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Board members requested the following information:

- 1. Mrs. Praisner asked that the cover memo from the superintendent be corrected to show it was "50 percent of the state portion."
- 2. Dr. Shoenberg requested information on the relationship of Oakland Terrace to other schools in line for PLAR funds. Dr. Rohr agreed to provide the list to the Board.
- In regard to Oakland Terrace, Mr. Ewing asked about the costs of the short-term investment using PLAR versus moving up the modernization plans.
- 4. Board members requested copies of the map used to show proposed boundary changes in the Kennedy/Rockville/Magruder area. Mrs. Praisner suggested that the maps be accompanied by the rationale behind the superintendent's recommendations. Mr. Ewing added that the paper should show what each recommendation did to each cluster.
- 5. Mrs. Praisner requested information on the effect of the

- intercounty connector and school boundaries in the Kennedy/Sherwood/Magruder area. She asked for a rationale on not using that boundary, numbers on the total area there, and how this related to Kennedy High School.
- 6. In regard to Longmead, Board members asked about population figures here, where the split would occur, and information on whether the road was a natural boundary. They also asked for information about the triangle of four houses in that subdivision and requested a map showing their placement.
- 7. Mrs. Praisner asked that the Board officers schedule an executive session discussion reclaiming sites and acquiring new sites for growth.
- 8. In regard to the Sherwood cluster, pg. 3-28, Dr. Cronin asked for some indication of the potential housing into Flower Valley from that area.
- 9. Mr. Ewing requested a paper about the program proposed for Broad Acres. He pointed out that the school had a 93 percent minority enrollment, and Dr. Pitt agreed to provide that information as soon as possible.
- 10. Dr. Cronin asked about the plan for holding schools if the Woodward building was used as a school again.
- 11. Dr. Rohr agreed to provide the Board with a description of the next phase of improvements to Richard Montgomery. He agreed to look at the cost of window replacement and provide that information.
- 12. Dr. Shoenberg asked about a map showing the location of Sycamore Acres and information about why it could not be moved into the Rockville cluster. (answered at the table?)
- 13. Dr. Shoenberg asked staff to provide the Board with actual class sizes at Flower Valley and Barnsley for this school year. He asked about the impact of the superintendent's proposal on classroom utilization. Mr. Goldensohn requested that copies of this information be provided to the Rockville cluster.
- 14. Mr. Goldensohn asked for information on high schools with enrollment patterns similar to that of Rockville High School.
- 15. Mrs. Rafel requested information on the building condition rating for Clarksburg Elementary and whether it was feasible to let the modernization wait until 1991.
- 16. Mrs. Praisner asked for a map showing the proposed boundary changes in Monocacy, Poolesville, and Clarksburg.
- 17. Mr. Ewing asked about building a larger addition at Summit Hall. Mr. Goldensohn pointed out that Summit Hall might have site problems. Dr. Rohr agreed to provide information on needed additions to schools in this area including Rosemont and Washington Grove.
- 18. Mrs. Praisner noted that they had talked about the impact of road construction and condition on school buildings. She thought that the Board should be prepared to comment on these issues, but the staff would have to get back to them and let them know when and to whom these comments should be addressed.
- 19. Mr. Goldensohn asked about the costs of adding to the all-purpose room at Clopper Mill. Mrs. Praisner said they needed information on the architectural implications of doing that and the relationship of that proposal to the other schools

- with similar all-purpose rooms and the costs involved.
- 20. In regard to the Watkins Mill cluster, Mrs. Praisner asked staff to respond to the issues raised in a letter from that cluster including the timing of Hadley Farms and the issue of adding on to schools or constructing a new school.
- 21. Mr. Ewing requested information on the location of Watkins Mill vis-a-vis the mid-county highway and access to the school grounds. Dr. Pitt agreed to provide information on potential highway impacts on MCPS schools and sites.
- 22. Dr. Shoenberg suggested that next year in the facilities plan they give some rough estimate of the cushion they needed for space available in the elementary schools in each cluster.
- 23. Mr. Goldensohn pointed out that the figures for Head Start showed only a small increase in the next six years, and staff agreed to check the projections.
- 24. Dr. Cronin asked Board staff to note that he would like to see an agenda item on Eastern/Takoma Park magnets which are intermediate schools while the students they want to attract will now come from home schools that are (or are scheduled to become) middle schools. Dr. Pitt suggested a discussion this spring.
- 25. Dr. Shoenberg suggested that they needed a discussion of the two-grade-only gifted and talented centers when the cluster went to middle schools.
- 26. Mrs. Rafel suggested discussing the maximum size for middle schools. Dr. Pitt said that several years ago they had come up with minimum, maximum, and optimum sizes, and they should revisit this issue.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

PRESIDENT			
SECRETARY			

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