Rockville, Maryland November 16, 1988

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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, November 16, 1988, at 7:35 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 Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Mrs. Catherine E. Hobbs, Board Member-elect

Re: MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTYWIDE

ORGANIZATIONS, AND CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Judy Fallon, Commission on Children and Youth
- 2. David Elseroad, Peachwood Estates Homeowners Association
- 3. Alvin Rivera, Randolph Civic Association

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Dr. Shoenberg asked if they had ever done an estimate on what it would take to provide health room space. He wondered if they knew how many schools were deficient in space, and he suggested they look at this situation in the spring and see what would be involved in including a special effort in next year's capital budget.

Re: MONTGOMERY BLAIR CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Claudia Jacobson, cluster coordinator
- 2. Mary Joyce Carlson, Piney Branch PTA
- 3. Skip Stembel, Montgomery Knolls/Pine Crest PTA
- 4. Blair Hayes, Takoma Park Elementary School PTA
- 5. Barbara Henry, Forest Knolls PTA
- 6. Eric Smith, Highland View PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mr. Ewing asked that staff take a look at space needs, particularly at Piney Branch and Takoma Park Elementary Schools. Mrs. Praisner pointed out that the Blair Cluster, as did other clusters, had raised questions about school capacities. Dr. Pitt explained that they had worked with the principals to determine capacities and would have to take another look at this issue. Dr. Cronin asked if staff could look at the rate of illness for Piney Branch students and staff over a two-week period in light of testimony on air quality in that building.

Re: EINSTEIN CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Tom Kean, cluster coordinator
- 2. Barbara Gownder, Einstein High School PTA
- 3. Joan Greene, Einstein Booster Club
- 4. Kay Gorman, Sligo Middle School PTA
- 5. Sheldon Fishman, Oakland Terrace PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Dr. Cronin inquired about a contingency plan for repairing the boiler at Oakland Terrace. He wondered about the availability of parts to fix a 35-year old boiler. In regard to Oakland Terrace, Mrs. Praisner requested information on where this school fit into the schedule of modernizations based on the condition of the school, the schools ahead of it, and the schools scheduled for the same fiscal year. Dr. Shoenberg asked about the costs of moving up this renovation and what this move would do to CIP costs over the next several years. Mr. Ewing asked for figures on moving planning to FY 1990 or FY 1991. Mrs. Praisner asked about the effect of such a change on their plans for use of holding schools. Mrs. Rafel said they had heard presentations from schools built in the 1950's, and they had to have some information on how these deferrals tied together and whether they had a realistic schedule to do them in the time frames suggested.

Re: KENNEDY CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Mary Batcher, cluster coordinator
- 2. Karen Rabin, Kennedy High School PTSA
- 3. Alexandra Manolatos, Lee Middle School PTA
- 4. Susan Klein, Glenallan Elementary School PTA
- 5. Kate Griffin, Strathmore Elementary School PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Dr. Cronin asked about the cafeteria capacity at Lee and how the students would be accommodated in three shifts. Dr. Shoenberg inquired about the figures used by Mrs. Styer regarding how many students could be fed and moved through a cafeteria line in what

period of time.

Re: PAINT BRANCH CLUSTER

Bea Gordon, cluster coordinator, appeared before the Board.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. Praisner asked staff to cover the November 30 meeting at Northwood on options for Route 29.

Re: SHERWOOD CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Howard Zuses, cluster coordinator
- 2. John Donaldson, Sherwood High School PTSA
- 3. Cindy Reiterer, Olney Elementary School PTA
- 4. Richard Williams, Greenwood Elementary School PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

In regard to Argyle Club Road and a petition received by the Board, Dr. Cronin inquired about the number of students involved and what would be the difficulties in granting their request. Mrs. DiFonzo asked for cost information on doing the project at Olney Elementary School in stages or as one project.

Re: SPRINGBROOK CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Kathryn Queen, co-cluster coordinator
- 2. Evelyn Roebuck, Broad Acres Elementary School PTA
- 3. Sue Strachman, Cresthaven Elementary School PTA
- 4. Janet Urban, Westover Elementary School PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. Praisner asked that staff relook at overcrowding in the Springbrook area, particularly overcrowding at Westover and the timing of the North Springbrook school. Mr. Ewing inquired about opening North Springbrook in 1991 and if this were impossible, he would like to know why. Mr. Ewing asked that the Board receive the plan from the Broad Acres work group.

Re: WHEATON CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Pat Swanson, cluster coordinator
- 2. Deniese Bond, Wheaton High School PTSA

Re: ADJOURNMENT

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