Rockville, Maryland November 20, 1989

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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 20, 1989, at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Dr. James E. Cronin, President

in the Chair

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

Ms. Alison Serino

Absent: Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

Others Present: Dr. Harry Pitt, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Paul L. Vance, Deputy Superintendent

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Cronin announced that Dr. Shoenberg was out of town but would read all the testimony.

Re: MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTYWIDE ORGANIZATIONS

AND CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Irina Booth, Town of Kensington
- 2. Elliot Chabot, Aspen Hill Civic Association
- 3. Mark Guyer, Gifted and Talented Association
- 4. Bill Beckley, Northwest Montgomery County Coalition (Stone Mill)
- 5. Lisa Baach, Parents for Integrated School Community Education Services (PISCES)
- 6. Judy Tankersley, Parkland Community School Council.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. Praisner asked about the split of the gifted and talented center students for next year and whether staff looked at moving the fifth grade rather than keeping them in the schools. She requested the rationale and numbers behind this recommendation. In regard to the testimony from PISCES, Mrs. Praisner inquired about keeping the program at Pyle Middle School. She also requested an update on the master plan for special education for the county as a whole. Mr. Ewing asked for a response to issues raised in the testimony given by Mr. Beckley. In particular, he asked whether the testing had been done by the quarry.

Re: WALT WHITMAN CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

- 1. Linda Lang, cluster coordinator
- 2. Beth Tiernan, Walt Whitman High School PTSA
- 3. Sharon Collins Short, Pyle MS PTSA
- 4. Linda Tanenbaum, Burning Tree ES PTA
- 5. Shelly Naft, Carderock Springs ES PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mr. Goldensohn asked about issues raised in the Whitman testimony about cost savings in earth moving, and Dr. Philip Rohr, associate superintendent, replied that the Board would be reviewing the preliminary plans for that school in December and would answer questions then. Mrs. DiFonzo asked staff to look into the problems with doors at Whitman that could not be secured. Mr. Ewing asked staff to respond to questions raised by Carderock Springs about improvements to the art room and all-purpose room.

Re: ROCKVILLE CLUSTER

Julie Adams, cluster coordinator, appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mr. Goldensohn asked about the air-conditioning of the Wood Middle School computer lab and whether there were any other schools operating under similar conditions. Mrs. DiFonzo asked about the availability of bottled water at Rock Creek Valley Elementary School. Mrs. Praisner asked about the relationship of Rock Creek Valley to other schools on the renovation list in regard to its evaluation numbers.

Re: RICHARD MONTGOMERY CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

- 1. Janet Garrison, cluster coordinator
- 2. Gene Thirolf, Beall ES PTA
- 3. Stephen Horvath, College Gardens ES PTA
- 4. Wendy Yader, Ritchie Park ES PTA
- 5. Gail Gorenstein, Julius West MS PTSA
- 6. Karen Baker, Richard Montgomery HS PTSA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Dr. Cronin asked staff to prepare a statement to the community explaining the schedule for reviewing capital projects in the Richard Montgomery Cluster. Mr. Ewing requested that staff prepare a chart showing differences in FY 1990 proposals and FY 1991 proposals for the cluster.

Re: WALTER JOHNSON CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Carol Gelfeld, cluster coordinator
- 2. Susan Olson, Ashburton ES PTA
- 3. Thomas Schick, Farmland ES PTA
- 4. Susan Holton, Garrett Park ES PTA
- 5. Phillip Smith, Kensington Parkwood ES PTA
- 6. Lois Bortz, Luxmanor ES PTA
- 7. Barbara Moskowitz, Wyngate ES PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mr. Ewing asked staff to take a look at alternate ways of housing students when their school was under renovation. For example, they could operate a school in other than a school building. Dr. Pitt indicated that he had asked staff to look at this issue again.

Re: WINSTON CHURCHILL CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Joanne Malmon, co-cluster coordinator
- 2. Joyce Mitchell, Cabin John MS PTA
- 3. Fred Bigio, Hoover MS PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Dr. Cronin asked staff to take another look at the roof at Beverly Farms Elementary School. In regard to the question of furniture, Mrs. Praisner suggested that at budget time they discuss this in relation to enrollment and inflation issues. She questioned how long they could keep furniture and how much money they put in the budget to replace furniture. Mr. Ewing asked staff to look into whether something could be done with the media center, guidance suite, and computer facilities at Churchill prior to the renovation.

Re: BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

- 1. Mary Lou McGee, co-cluster coordinator
- 2. Ginger Mahoney, North Chevy Chase PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Dr. Cronin asked for a response to questions raised about handicap access to Somerset Elementary. He also asked that in the spring the staff provide a follow-up on North Chevy Chase Elementary School planning. Mr. Ewing asked staff to relook at the roof situation at Somerset Elementary.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

HP:mlw