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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, November 20, 1990, at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg, President in the Chair Mr. David Chang Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo Mr. Blair G. Ewing Mr. Bruce A. Goldensohn Mrs. Catherine E. Hobbs Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner

Absent: Dr. James E. Cronin

Others Present: Dr. Harry Pitt, Superintendent Dr. Paul L. Vance, Deputy Superintendent Mrs. Frances Brenneman, Board Memberelect Dr. Alan Cheung, Board Member-elect Mrs. Carol Fanconi, Board Member-elect Ms. Ana Sol Gutierrez, Board Memberelect

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Shoenberg reported that Dr. Cronin was out of town because of a death in his family.

Re: MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTYWIDE ORGANIZATIONS, AND CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

- 1. Jennifer Maloney, Greenfield Station
- 2. Stan Bender, Rosemont Citizens' Association
- 3. Margo Fonoroff, Montgomery County Educational Media Specialists Association
- 4. Stan Alster, Gaithersburg City Council
- 5. Bob Evans, Montgomery County Science Teachers Association
- 6. Joy Myers, Head Start
- 7. Gloria Atlas, Orchard Ridge Civic Association
- 8. Jay Persensky, Gaithersburg City Council

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. DiFonzo requested information on the numbers of youngsters in a Head Start classroom versus the number of youngsters in a kindergarten classroom. Mr. Goldensohn suggested that the PDF on Summit Hall Elementary reference the Board's previous request for

a gymnasium as part of the project and the offer from the City of Gaithersburg to contribute to the cost of the gym. Mrs. Fanconi asked for information on the Board's policy on building Head Start rooms in new schools or modernizations and the displacement of Head Start programs by day care.

Re: DAMASCUS CLUSTER

The cluster coordinator, Nancy Little, was ill and did not testify.

Re: GAITHERSBURG CLUSTER

Beth Rydzewski, Linda Rigsby, Eileen Shea, and Marlin Strand appeared before the Board.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

In regard to Rosemont Elementary School, Mr. Goldensohn asked where the Head Start program would be located in that building in 1992. Mrs. Praisner requested staff to provide information about the ESOL centers: (1) a list of the high schools and their minority enrollment after the ESOL center changes, (2) minority enrollments before the ESOL center changes, (3) a comparison of the mobility rate at Gaithersburg compared to other high schools with ESOL centers, and (4) staff thinking on whether the ESOL population drove the mobility rate higher. Mrs. Fanconi asked if it would be "cost neutral" to delay the assignment of ESOL for one year.

Re: POOLESVILLE CLUSTER

Susan de Messieres, cluster co-coordinator, appeared before the Board.

Re: SENECA VALLEY CLUSTER

Shelley Johnson, cluster coordinator, and Sandra Kopkinski, Waters Landing ES PTA, appeared before the Board.

Re: WATKINS MILL CLUSTER

Frederick Wood, cluster coordinator, appeared before the Board.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mr. Goldensohn asked staff to look into the outside lighting for the auditorium at Watkins Mill High School. He also pointed out that there did not appear to be barriers to block off access to the rest of the building when the auditorium and gymnasium were in use in the evening.

Re: JOHN F. KENNEDY CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

- 1. Mary Batcher, cluster co-coordinator
- 2. Kay Katz, Kennedy HS PTSA
- 3. Margaret Smith, Lee MS PTSA
- 4. Lisa Levin Itté, Kemp Mill ES PTA
- 5. Nancy Penn Riley, Bel Pre/Strathmore PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. Fanconi asked staff to look into whether playground equipment could be provided to Bel Pre in advance of construction. Mrs. Hobbs inquired about the availability of Argyle and the status of the leases for that school.

Re: ZADOK MAGRUDER CLUSTER

Sally Schneider, cluster coordinator, appeared before the Board.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mr. Ewing asked about the extent to which the proposals for Candlewood, Cashell, Redland, and Magruder were in the capital budget and to the extent that they were not, what would be the costs and what actions would be necessary. Mrs. Praisner asked that the corrected page of the CIP for Sequoyah be shared with the community. She asked staff to go back and look again at questions raised about parking lots and entrances to schools in this cluster.

Re: GENERAL COMMENT

Mr. Goldensohn called attention to the problems that Board and staff members were having with the auditorium microphones. He asked what it would take to replace the microphones or to refurbish the system.

Re: PAINT BRANCH CLUSTER

Cyndy Brewer, cluster coordinator, appeared before the Board.

Re: SHERWOOD CLUSTER

Howard Zuses, cluster coordinator, and GiGi Schumm, Greenwood ES PTA, appeared before the Board.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. Hobbs requested staff to provide responses to the issues raised on pages 2 and 3 of the Farquhar MS paper.

Re: SPRINGBROOK CLUSTER

Evelyn Roebuck, cluster coordinator, and Gladys Boeseloga, Westover ES PTA, appeared before the Board.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mrs. Hobbs asked for assurances that the items on the punch list for Broad Acres Elementary School would be taken care of.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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