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July 16, 1981

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, July 16, 1981, at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Carol F. Wallace, President in the Chair
 Mr. Joseph R. Barse
 Mr. Blair G. Ewing
 Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt
 Mr. Jonathan Lipson
 Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser
 Mrs. Elizabeth W. Spencer
 Mrs. Eleanor D. Zappone
 Absent: None
Others Present: Dr. Edward Andrews, Superintendent of Schools
 Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent
 Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: Montrose Elementary School

For the record, the superintendent stated that he had recommended the closure of Montrose a year from now. Under the Board's policy, exceptions could be made to that schedule first because of budgetary problems and second at the request of the school. He explained there was nothing in that which said the request from a school for closure had to be unanimous. He said that after hearing the testimony he was persuaded that to offer a good educational program at a reasonable cost was not possible at Montrose next year. On balance, he wished he had recommended closing the school this year. He felt that he had made a mistake by not recommending closure, but he would not make that recommendation this year. He said that with additional resources they could have a good program. He said that if the Board voted to close the school he would support their action, but if they wanted the school to remain open one more year, he would assure them that there would be a good educational program in the school.

Re: A Motion by Mr. Ewing on Montrose
Elementary School (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing that Montrose Elementary School be closed immediately with the recommended assignment of students from the superintendent's 1982 proposal with the exception of Academy Way failed with Mr. Ewing, Dr. Greenblatt, and Mrs. Peyser voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barse, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the negative; Mrs. Spencer abstaining (Mr. Lipson abstaining).

Re: A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt on Montrose
Elementary School (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Greenblatt that Montrose Elementary be closed in June 1982 with the recommended assignment of students from the superintendent's 1982 proposal with the exception of Academy Way failed with Mr. Ewing voting in the affirmative; Mr. Barse, Mrs.

Wallace, Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Zappone voting in the negative; Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Peyser abstaining (Mr. Lipson negative).

Re: Announcements

1. Mrs. Wallace announced that the City of Rockville had asked for a dinner meeting with the Board of Education. She suggested they consider establishing this date after the all-day meeting on August 11 and asked that Board members phone the office with their views.
2. Mrs. Wallace said that she had asked all Board members to consider a nomination for a Board member to serve on Mr. Gilchrist's task force on drug abuse. Board members were in agreement that the president should serve on the task force with the vice president as an alternate. The president should be a voting member, and the superintendent was to nominate a staff person for the other vacancy.
3. Mrs. Wallace asked that all Board members provide the office with their vacation schedules.

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

President

Secretary

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