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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at Wheaton High School, Wheaton, Maryland, on Thursday, October 15, 1981, at 9 a.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
Dr. Robert S. Shaffner,
Executive Assistant
Mr. Thomas S. Fess,
Parliamentarian

Re: Potential Receiving
School for Connecticut
Park Elementary School

Mrs. Monica Kreig, Wheaton Woods PTA President, and Mrs. Charlotte Chakan, principal, appeared before the Board. Mrs. Wallace asked staff to get the views of Connecticut Park Elementary School as to whether they would be interested in an earlier closure date. Dr. Greenblatt suggested that they had to look into whether all of the potential closures could be accelerated.

Re: Public Hearing for
Arcola Elementary
School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mrs. Sally Muravchik, PTA President
2. Mrs. Kathy Rushing
3. Mr. Khai Manh Phi
4. Mr. Garry Good
5. Mr. Bernard Gelb
6. Mrs. Gail McGuire
7. Mr. Josh Muravchik

Re: Potential Receiving
Schools

Mr. Neil Albert Salonen of Kemp Mill Elementary appeared before the Board.

Re: Board Dialogue

Dr. Greenblatt noted that there were 27 students in the sixth grade at Arcola. She asked whether there would be room in Lee Junior High School and in Kennedy High School if they were to switch the high school boundaries. Mrs. Spencer asked that they look at what would happen if all of Kemp Mill articulated there.

Dr. Greenblatt asked that staff look at the potential impact on Northwood/Einstein. Mrs. Wallace called attention to a portion of what was now the Glen Haven service area north of University Boulevard which they would normally think would be part of Arcola Elementary. She requested the student yield from that area. She said that Glen Haven through 1985-86 was at the 77 percent utilization rate, and she asked what would be the impact if all students north of University were considered part of Arcola and what would be the impact on Kemp Mill. She said that she had the same question on Oakland Terrace if the service area for Pleasant View ended at University Boulevard.

Re: Public Hearing for
Highland Elementary
School

Mrs. Margaret Hammar appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: Board Dialogue

Mrs. Wallace said that Highland Elementary had cut off from it a certain portion of natural boundaries. She asked for the yield on the section near Randolph Road that went to Weller Road and how this would affect Weller Road and Harmony Hills. There was also another portion assigned to Pleasant View east and north of University Boulevard, and she had the same question if the children were assigned to Highland. She asked that staff show this as K-6 and K-5 at Highland and share this information with the community.

Re: Public Hearing for
Summit Hall Elementary
School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mr. Robert Rosselly
2. Mr. Gerald McGowin
3. Mr. Ron Smith
4. Mrs. Judy Eisenberg
5. Delegate Robin Ficker

6. Mrs. Gaile McBride
7. Mrs. Joyce McGowin
8. Mr. Benson Klein

Re: Gaithersburg Junior High
(re: Summit Hall)

Mr. Brian Kildee appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: Board Dialogue

For the record, Mrs. Wallace explained that the elementary school had not used its full hour and for that reason she extended the time for Mr. Kildee's remarks. For the record, Mrs. Spencer stated that when the Gaithersburg Aquatic Center had been built her husband had been the PTA president at Gaithersburg Junior High School. She said that her neighborhood had been removed from Gaithersburg Junior High School and sent to Ridgeview/Seneca Valley. She pointed out that four of the schools feeding Ridgeview were in the city limits of Gaithersburg.

Re: Public Hearing for
Olney Elementary School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mr. Samuel W. Cushman
2. Mrs. Leslie Altschuler
3. Mr. James O. Boyd
4. Mrs. Joanne Steckler
5. Mrs. Deborah Ambrose
6. Mrs. Carol Henry
7. Mrs. Helene Rosenheim
8. Mr. John Fisher
9. Mrs. Linda Gadek
10. Mr. George W. Tenley, Jr.
11. Mr. Daniel Willoth
12. Mrs. Diane Davies
13. Mrs. Dottie Russell
14. Mr. Michael Siu
15. Mrs. Judie Mopsik
16. Mr. James Gadek

Re: Board Dialogue

Mrs. Spencer asked that the principal of Olney Elementary supply the Board with a paper on the major changes in program that would occur as a result of the superintendent's proposals. She also requested a brief paper on the differences between the programs at Belmont and Olney Elementary Schools. Dr. Greenblatt inquired about bringing back the sixth grade to the schools in the Olney area and asked for a reaction from the community. Mrs. Wallace asked that the staff look at the figures on page Sherwood-8 of the superintendent's recommendations to see whether they should

be updated. Mrs. Wallace asked that staff look at the possibility of having existing homes in the Olney growth area continue at Olney while newly-built homes would be assigned to another school. The superintendent agreed to review the situation.

Re: Public Hearing for
Bethesda-Chevy Chase
High School and Westland
Intermediate

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mrs. Sue Rosenthal
2. Mrs. Nancy Mercurio
3. Mr. Donald Weinroth

Re: Public Hearing for
Pyle Junior High
School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mrs. Amelia Carew, PTSA President
2. Mr. Peter Selwood
3. Mr. Phillip Shanholtzer, Bethesda PTA

Re: Battery Park Citizens
Association

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mrs. Sandra Smith
2. Mr. Bryan Myhr
3. Mrs. Flo Ward

Re: Board Dialogue

Dr. Greenblatt asked that the staff supply one map showing the high schools, the junior high schools, and Bethesda Elementary School. Mr. Lipson asked what would happen if the students in Battery Park and Glenbrook were permitted to go to the secondary school of their choice. Mrs. Wallace asked when Whitman High School would be open to transfers in.

Re: Public Hearing for
Julius West Middle
School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mrs. Sandra Sonner, PTSA President
2. Mrs. Penny Trusty, Richard Montgomery PTSA

Re: Board Dialogue

Mrs. Spencer asked whether the changes proposed in the Rockville area were recommended for utilization problems at the elementary level. If they were elementary problems, she asked whether there were possible secondary solutions.

Mr. Barse and Mr. Ewing joined the meeting at this point.

Re: Public Hearing for
Northwood High School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mr. Less Whitten
2. Ms. Wendy Royalty, SGA President
3. Ms. Carola Mottemayor, Senior Class President
4. Mrs. Andrea Bray
5. Mrs. Marian Leach
6. Mr. Sanford Vinick
7. Mrs. Carol Pathik
8. Mr. Charles Abrams
9. Mr. Paul Bates
10. Mr. Stan Ehrlich, PTSA President

Re: Potential Receiving
Schools

Dr. Tom Broadwater, Blair PTSA president, appeared before the Board. Mrs. Rita Rumbaugh appeared on behalf of the Einstein High School PTSA.

Re: Board Dialogue

Dr. Greenblatt asked that the staff look into the modernization of the "C" building at Blair. Mr. Barse asked that the staff provide the Board with a new paper on the kind of renovation needed at Northwood as well as new cost estimates. Mr. Barse requested that the staff provide the Board with state standards for school renovations. He asked whether these standards applied only to renovations funded by the state or to locally funded projects. Mrs. Spencer asked that staff identify on the list of items to be done those which were required items. Mrs. Wallace asked whether the staff estimate on the Northwood renovations would change if the project were done with local funds. She also requested a listing of every thing done to the school since 1973 and the Middle States evaluation. Mrs. Wallace asked that the staff provide a paper on transportation costs because there seemed to be a discrepancy there. She requested that the Board be provided with the CIP requests for the past 10 years.

Re: Public Hearing for
Newport Middle School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mrs. Dana Wilcox, PTA Co-president
2. Mrs. Fay Dworkin
3. Mrs. Midge Drury
4. Mr. Joe Spaniol
5. Mrs. Marie Thompson
6. Mrs. Jane Klubes, PTA Co-president
7. Mrs. Cordie Goldstein
8. Mr. John Wilcox

Re: Potential Receiving
Schools

Mrs. Rosemary Miller, Sligo Intermediate PTA, appeared before the Board. Mrs. Marie Sippel, Westland Intermediate PTA, appeared before the Board.

Re: Board Dialogue

Mrs. Spencer asked for a map showing the Kensington corporate boundaries. She also inquired about a Kensington/Parkwood consolidation going to Einstein and its effect on Walter Johnson High School. Mrs. Wallace asked about the split at Newport if they had a K-5 consolidation going to Walter Johnson. Mrs. Spencer asked for cost figures to convert Sligo for elementary school children. She inquired about the staff recommendation which still allowed some of the Sligo building to be used for joint occupancy. Mr. Barse inquired about the possibility of housing the Newport/Einstein programs in the Einstein building. Mr. Ewing asked Education Accountability to comment on Mrs. Drury's testimony.

Re: Public Hearing for
the City of Rockville

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Mr. John Freeland
2. Mr. Andy Johnson

Re: Board Dialogue

Mrs. Spencer requested a new map showing the city limits of Rockville. The superintendent agreed to look at the Richard Montgomery/Rockville High School feeder schools.

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 11 p.m.

President

Secretary

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