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Rockville, Maryland
March 1, 1984

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, March 1, 1984, at 8 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner, President in
the Chair

Dr. James E. Cronin*
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mrs. Odessa M. Shannon
Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

Absent: Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt
Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser
Mr. Peter Robertson

Others Present: Dr. Wilmer S. Cody, Superintendent of
Schools
Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Robert S. Shaffner, Executive
Assistant
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: Announcements

Mrs. Praisner announced that Dr. Cronin was teaching class and would be late. Mr. Robertson was attending a scholarship program in Williamsburg and would not be present. Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Peyser would not be attending the meeting.

Resolution No. 164-84 Re: Grade Organization for Eastern
Intermediate and Blair High School
for 1984-85 School Year and
Assignment of ESOL Students

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Shoenberg seconded by Mrs. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Policy on Long-range Educational Facilities Planning establishes goals, principles, and a process for addressing changing enrollment; and

WHEREAS, Board of Education Resolution No. 394-83 dated on April 12, 1983 establishes grade organization for Blair and Eastern and an interim attendance assignment for Levels I-III ESOL students at Blair; and

WHEREAS, If new data suggest the need to take an action not among those already approved, a proposal and the rationale for it will be presented to the Board and affected communities; and

WHEREAS, The community involvement process portion of the policy has been implemented; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on February 16, 1984, by the Board of Education on the Update; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Board of Education Resolution No. 394-83 be rescinded; and be it further

Resolved, That the Eastern Intermediate School reorganize as a 7-9 school for 1984, and return to a 7-8 intermediate organization in September 1985 with the following student assignments:

- o Retain students for Grade 9 in 1984 who currently attend Eastern for Grade 8. These students will attend Blair High School for Grade 10 in 1985;

and be it further

Resolved, That Blair High School reorganize as a 10-12 school for 1984, and return to a 9-12 organization in September 1985 upon completion of the "C" building renovation, with the following student assignments:

- o All Grade 9 students will remain in their assigned Junior/Intermediate schools for the 1984-85 school year. These students will attend Blair for Grade 10 in 1985;
- o All Grades 10-12 ESOL students are to continue to be served at Blair for the 1984-85 school year. ESOL students will attend Blair for Grades 9-12 beginning in 1985 after the renovation of "C" building;

and be it further

Resolved, That the state superintendent of schools, the State Interagency Committee, the County Council, and the county executive be made aware of these actions.

Resolution No. 165-84 Re: Attendance Area Changes for
Gaithersburg High School, Martin
Luther King Junior High School,
and Montgomery Village Junior High
School

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Shoenberg seconded by Mrs. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Policy on Long-range Educational Facilities Planning establishes goals, principles, and a process for addressing changing enrollment; and

WHEREAS, If new data suggest the need to take an action not among those already approved, a proposal and the rationale for it will be presented to the Board and affected communities; and

WHEREAS, The community involvement process portion of the policy has been implemented; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on February 16, 1984, by the Board of Education on the Update; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Gaithersburg High School attendance area on and after July 1, 1984, consist of the attendance area served during the 1983-84 school year with the following modification:

- o Send to Gaithersburg High from Seneca Valley High those students in the Stedwick and Whetstone elementary attendance areas now assigned to King Junior/Seneca Valley High, beginning with Grade 10 in September 1987;

and be it further

Resolved, That the King and Montgomery Village Junior High School attendance areas on and after July 1, 1984, consist of the attendance areas served during the 1983-84 school years with the following modification:

- o Send to Montgomery Village Junior from Martin Luther King Junior High those students in the Stedwick and Whetstone elementary attendance areas, beginning with Grade 7 in September 1984;

and be it further

Resolved, That the state superintendent of schools, the State Interagency Committee, the County Council, and the county executive be made aware of these actions.

Re: Attendance Area Changes for Seneca Valley High School

Mr. Ewing moved and Dr. Shoenberg seconded the following:

WHEREAS, The Policy on Long-range Educational Facilities Planning establishes goals, principles, and a process for addressing changing enrollment; and

WHEREAS, If new data suggest the need to take an action not among those already approved, a proposal and the rationale for it will be presented to the Board and affected communities; and

WHEREAS, The community involvement process portion of the policy has been implemented; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on February 16, 1984, by the

Board of Education on the Update; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Seneca Valley High School attendance area on and after July 1, 1984, consist of the attendance area served during the 1983-84 school year with the following modifications:

- o Send to Gaithersburg High from Seneca Valley High those students in the Stedwick and Whetstone elementary attendance areas now assigned to King Junior/Seneca Valley Senior High, beginning with Grade 10 in September 1987;
- o Assign to Wootton High School from Seneca Valley High School all Grades 10-12 students who move into the Fox Hills Green North Subdivision with the exception of those from new homes on Native Dancer Court, Carry Back Drive, and Carry Back Place;

and be it further

Resolved, That the state superintendent of schools, the State Interagency Committee, the County Council, and the county executive be made aware of these actions.

Re: A Motion by Mr. Ewing on the
Proposed Resolution for Seneca
Valley High (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing that the Board postpone action on the second bullet of the resolution on Fox Hills Green for 60 days failed with Mr. Ewing voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative.

Dr. Shoenberg asked that the question be divided.

Resolution No. 166-84 Re: Attendance Area Changes for Seneca
Valley High School

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Shoenberg, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Policy on Long-range Educational Facilities Planning establishes goals, principles, and a process for addressing changing enrollment; and

WHEREAS, If new data suggest the need to take an action not among those already approved, a proposal and the rationale for it will be presented to the Board and affected communities; and

WHEREAS, The community involvement process portion of the policy has been implemented; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on February 16, 1984, by the Board of Education on the Update; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Seneca Valley High School attendance area on and after July 1, 1984, consist of the attendance area served during the 1983-84 school year with the following modifications:

- o Send to Gaithersburg High from Seneca Valley High those students in the Stedwick and Whetstone elementary attendance areas now assigned to King Junior/Seneca Valley Senior High, beginning with Grade 10 in September 1987;

and be it further

Resolved, That the state superintendent of schools, the State Interagency Committee, the County Council, and the county executive be made aware of these actions.

Re: A Motion on the Second Bullet of
the Proposed Resolution on Seneca
Valley High School (FAILED)

A motion on the second bullet of the proposed resolution on Seneca Valley High School on the Fox Hills Green North subdivision failed with Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative; Mr. Ewing abstaining.

Resolution No. 167-84 Re: Attendance Area Changes for Cabin
John and Herbert Hoover Junior
High Schools

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Shoenberg, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Policy on Long-range Educational Facilities Planning establishes goals, principles, and a process for addressing changing enrollment; and

WHEREAS, If new data suggest the need to take an action not among those already approved, a proposal and the rationale for it will be presented to the Board and affected communities; and

WHEREAS, The community involvement process portion of the policy has been implemented; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on February 16, 1984, by the Board of Education on the Update; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Cabin John and Herbert Hoover Junior High School attendance areas on and after July 1, 1984, consist of the areas served during the 1983-84 school year with the following modification:

- o Send to Herbert Hoover Junior High from Cabin John Junior

present guidelines governing the inclusion of advertisements in student publications that the Board of Education should not preclude inclusion of the advertisements at issue. The Board of Education strongly urges that the editors of the Walter Johnson High School yearbook reconsider their decision to include such advertisements.

For the foregoing reasons, the Board of Education does hereby most reluctantly reverse the decision of the deputy superintendent of schools, acting as the designee of the superintendent of schools, subject, however, to the following conditions:

1. There shall be included at the beginning of the 1984 edition of the Walter Johnson High School yearbook a prominent statement that all advertising matter contained in the yearbook does not reflect the viewpoint or policies of the editors, Walter Johnson High School, or the Board of Education.
2. All advertisements included in the 1984 edition of the Walter Johnson High School yearbook shall contain a statement on the page of publication designating such advertisement as a "paid advertisement."
3. The staff is directed to review and promptly bring to the Board of Education for action revised guidelines for the overall content of yearbooks and other student publications, including advertisements contained therein. Such review shall include consideration of the desirability of continuing to allow personal advertisements to appear in student publications.
4. The staff is directed to promptly bring to the Board of Education for action a review of the objectives and content of the MCPS journalism curriculum.

Date:

Marilyn J. Praisner, President
Robert E. Shoenberg, Vice
President
Blair G. Ewing
James E. Cronin

While I agree with the statement of the majority expressing strong disapproval of the contents of the advertisements in question, I would uphold the decision of the deputy superintendent, and therefore, I dissent.

Odessa M. Shannon

Board Members Marian L. Greenblatt and Suzanne Peyser and Student Board Member Peter Robertson did not participate in this decision.

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 1 a.m.

President

Secretary

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