APPROVED 30-1984

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at Piney Branch Elementary School, on Wednesday, May 23, 1984, at $7\!:\!40~p.m.$

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

Dr. James E. Cronin Mr. Blair G. Ewing

Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser Mr. Peter Robertson Mrs. Odessa M. Shannon Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Wilmer S. Cody, Superintendent of

Schools

Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: Takoma Park Junior High School and

Eastern Intermediate School

Dr. Cody announced that he had issued a revised recommendation to proceed with the establishment of a middle school at Sligo and to postpone any decision at Takoma Park and Eastern because of significant issues that had been raised by the Board and testimony in the public hearing. He hoped to have an information memo on these issues before the close of school in June in order to have community reaction. The decision probably would be made in the fall; however, he would prefer a decision during the summer. As to the question of a middle school coordinator position, he indicated that they would need some manpower and would need to come back to that question. Mrs. Praisner asked that a timetable be developed for Takoma Park/Eastern and shared with the Board and community.

Re: Middle School Conversion of Sligo Intermediate School

Dr. Shoenberg moved and Mrs. Shannon seconded the following:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education directed that consideration be given to middle schools in the Einstein High School attendance area in the 1983 Update of the 15-year Facilities Plan; and

WHEREAS, Data and analyses in the 1983 Update reveal that reorganizing to a middle school in this high school area is possible; and

WHEREAS, The Middle School Policy requires that "community

characteristics and readiness" be considered before establishing middle schools in a given area; and

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

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on May 17, 1984, by the Board of Education on the readiness of the Sligo Intermediate community to establish a middle school; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Sligo Intermediate School on and after July 1, 1985, shall be reorganized as a middle school to serve grades 6-8; and be it further

Resolved, That all Sligo elementary feeder schools on and after July 1, 1985, shall be reorganized to send grade 6 students to Sligo Middle School and to continue to serve students through grade 5 as appropriate.

Dr. Shoenberg assumed the chair.

Resolution No. 315-84 Re: An Amendment to the Proposed Resolution on Sligo Intermediate

School

On motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Peyser voting in the negative; Dr. Greenblatt abstaining (Mr. Robertson voting in the affirmative):

Resolved, That the proposed resolution on Sligo Intermediate School be amended by the addition of a Resolved clause:

Resolved, That it is the Board's intent to allow this program to function for a minimum of five years and during this period no elementary schools would close in this cluster.

Mrs. Praisner assumed the chair.

Resolution No. 316-84 Re: Middle School Conversion of Sligo Intermediate School

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Shoenberg seconded by Mrs. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Peyser voting in the negative (Mr. Robertson voting in the affirmative):

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Resolution No. 317-84 Re: Adjournment

On motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mrs. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 8:25 p.m.

President

Secretary

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