



what they are now.

Dr. Shoenberg said there was a statement that the cost per square foot for the addition at Paint Branch appeared to be higher than the cost per square foot used for Springbrook and Blair additions. He asked for a staff response. He also asked for staff comment on the nature and source of the different figures for the Northwood renovation. He wanted to know about the Northwood versus Einstein cost of renovations of a couple of years ago.

Mr. Ewing said he would like to expand on the request made by Miss Duby on reassignments of students. He requested this information for Blair, Northwood, Einstein, Springbrook, Paint Branch, and Kennedy. He asked for a staff response and legal advice on the following: The assertion had been made that if they adopted a policy with respect to acceptance into a magnet school of what was typically referred to as "net effect," which is holding transfers of minority students into magnet schools for action if they adversely impacted racial balance until such time as there were others of majority status who applied and who could offset that, that would have the result of impacting negatively some minority students whose educational needs would, therefore, not be met. As he understood it, the federal courts had held consistently that school systems may establish magnet programs and magnet schools for the purpose of improving racial balance in the schools, that they may set admission criteria which are related to race and ethnic group membership insofar as those are related to improving racial balance, and that would not be regarded as an unacceptable arrangement, assuming the purpose is not to deny any student the basic education the school system offers. He asked whether it was not also the case that whatever policy the Board adopted with respect to net effect and with respect to transfers, it was not the intention of staff to recommend that the policy not permit them to admit students as exceptions to the policy if there was an overwhelming educational need which had to be met in specific cases and circumstances.

Re: Public Hearing for Montgomery  
Blair High School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

Barbara Cantor, Allen Graham, Sergio Garcia, Rose Brown, Lisa Kraft,  
and Joe Steinbock.

Re: Dialogue with the Board of  
Education

Mrs. Praisner noted that reference had been made to the way the ESOL program operated at Blair High School, and she requested clarification from staff as to how other high schools operated ESOL programs. She requested information on additional costs for increasing the magnet such as program costs, and Dr. Shoenberg hoped this would include staffing. She also asked for staff comments on the number of students in a school in order for it to be a viable

high school program. The community had referred to 400-450 students, while the facilities plan called for 250 students per grade. She asked for comments on the need for more students in a school with a very diverse student body.

Mr. Ewing requested information on new housing in the Blair and Northwood area and its expected impact.

Re: Public Hearing for Einstein High School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

Bill Wisner, Donna Wilcox, Jinny Guy, Betty Mohr, and Jinny Guy.

Re: Public Hearing for Kennedy High School

The following individuals appeared before the Board: Al Ritter, William Olmstead, and George Teitelbaum.

Re: City of Takoma Park

Louis D'Ovido appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: Public Hearing for Takoma Park Junior High

The following individuals appeared before the Board: Jean Narayanan, Michael Richman, and David Bernal.

Re: Dialogue with the Board of Education

Mrs. Praisner commented that she did not see cost figures with the alternative developed by staff and asked for a general idea of the cost implications if they were to adopt the option and keep Blair as a 10-12 school and have the ninth grade part of the program at Takoma Park.

Re: Public Hearing for Eastern Intermediate

Clarence Steinberg appeared before the Board of Education.

Re: Public Hearing for Sligo Intermediate

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education: Diane Smith and Barbara Gownder.

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 12:20 a.m.

President

Secretary

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