



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

WHEREAS, President Reagan signed into law on August 5, 1986, the Handicapped Children's Protection Act of 1986 (the act), which provides for the award of certain fees and costs; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland State Board of Education is adopting regulations or guidelines to assist in implementing provisions of this law; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary for the proper administration of the public school system to handle claims made under this act in a fair and efficient manner; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Montgomery County Board of Education hereby delegates to the superintendent of schools and authorizes the superintendent of schools to settle claims for fees and costs made pursuant to the act provided that:

- o The amount for which the Montgomery County Board of Education is responsible does not exceed \$25,000 per claim.
- o The claim for fees and costs has been evaluated by Montgomery County Public Schools' legal counsel in accordance with the provisions of the act and any regulations or guidelines developed by MCPS or issued by the Maryland State Department of Education.
- o The amount of settlement has been recommended for approval by MCPS legal counsel.
- o The claim has been adequately substantiated in the opinion of the superintendent of schools.

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education be kept informed of the costs incurred as a result of this authorization.

Re: STAFF PRESENTATION OF FY 1988-1993  
CAPITAL PROGRAM AND FACILITIES ISSUES

Dr. Cronin reported that in June the Board had received the Master Plan for Educational Facilities, had a presentation from staff on October 6, and now had the opportunity to hear from staff and then propose alternatives to the superintendent's recommendations. Dr. Shoenberg understood that the possibility of accelerating a date for a project did not constitute an alternative and did not have to be proposed formally.

Dr. Cody explained the changes which led them to the new policy which combined the facilities update and the capital budget. He said that the document before the Board was their attempt to have a comprehensive plan with long-term projections and capacity based on educational program need forecasted for each year. He thanked the

planning staff for their work in preparing the document and especially for their working relationships with other county government agencies. He indicated that next spring they would have a companion process to this which would deal with redistricting. Dr. Cronin reported that the Board would be holding three public hearings on November 17, 18, and 19. He briefly described the hearing process and said that detailed information would be going out to the cluster coordinators.

Dr. David Thomas, associate superintendent, stated that the comprehensive and excellent plan was a credit to the school district. He said that it was a pleasure to work with a staff having the ability to organize and present the complex data that had been developed. He noted that in the six-year summary they were proposing \$125 million worth of modernization which was a significant commitment to excellence on the part of the district. They would also be sharing some alternatives with the Board which had not been recommended.

Mr. Bruce Crispell, demographic planner, reported on population changes which had been converted to their enrollment forecasts. Dr. Phil Rohr, director of planning, noted that the projected enrollment growth combined with an aging school plan had translated into a capital budget request for \$359 million for FY 1988-93. He reported on new schools under construction and in the planning stages through 1991. He explained that they were asking that boundary changes be deferred until the spring. He then highlighted seven decisions in which staff had considered alternatives including the following: (1) the timing of new school construction, (2) Woodlin Elementary, (3) Broad Acres, (4) Cloverly, (5) Sherwood, (6) Flower Hill/Woodfield, and (7) Monocacy.

Re: AREA ONE FACILITIES ISSUES

Mr. Ewing requested additional information on why staff had not recommended a larger addition for East Silver Spring Elementary, why they did not deal with the issue at Forest Knolls, and why they did not deal with Pine Crest. Dr. Cronin suggested that staff provide a brief answer now with a discussion on November 24 or 25. Mrs. Praisner suggested that in the future the book indicate when they would be making a decision for the future so that community was not left hanging.

RESOLUTION NO. 591-86 Re: BOARD ALTERNATIVE - WOODLIN ELEMENTARY

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, Dr. Shoenberg, and Mrs. Slye voting in the affirmative; Dr. Floyd abstaining:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve an alternative for Woodlin Elementary which would consider an addition to the school now.

Dr. Cronin asked that the Board be provided with a list of capital budget costs which might be proposed as amendments to the CIP in the spring.

RESOLUTION NO. 592-86 Re: BOARD ALTERNATIVE - PAINT BRANCH CLUSTER

On motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. Slye, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve as an alternative a second elementary school in the Paint Branch Cluster to be included in the CIP.

RESOLUTION NO. 593-86 Re: BOARD ALTERNATIVE - SHERWOOD CLUSTER

On motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve as an alternative the modernization of Sherwood High School to be added to the capital budget as well as the cost of a possible addition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve as an alternative the modernization of Olney Elementary School.

Dr. Floyd assumed the chair.

RESOLUTION NO. 594-86 Re: BOARD ALTERNATIVE - SHERWOOD CLUSTER

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve as an alternative the addition of an elementary school in the Sherwood Cluster by the out year of 1992.

Mr. Ewing requested information on the bus distance between Broad Acres and Burnt Mills Elementaries. Board members requested a packet of information on the educational needs of Broad Acres prior to facilities decisions.

Dr. Shoenberg asked staff to go back and take another look at the size of the proposed addition to Cresthaven Elementary School. Mrs. Praisner requested a list of items to be included in the \$200,000 for improvements at Hoover Junior High School. She requested information on the crawl space and the timing of that change. Mrs. Slye asked for information on the use of the ground floor classrooms for all types of academic use because air-conditioning was not going to be included.

Mr. Ewing requested information on the educational program at Beall Elementary similar to what was requested for Broad Acres.

Dr. Shoenberg suggested that in future reports staff list when a school was last modernized as well as the original date of construction.

Dr. Cronin asked that staff approach the City of Rockville about the possibility of sharing in improvements to the grounds of Richard Montgomery High School.

In regard to the location of the Area 2 gifted and talented program, Mrs. DiFonzo requested information on what would happen to the other two schools if the program was placed in one of the three schools under consideration. Dr. Rohr indicated that this information would be provided in the spring.

In regard to Area 3, Mr. Ewing requested a summary statement about projections between 1992 and 2000 for this area with a listing of the possible need for X-number of classrooms for elementary, JIM, and high school students.

RESOLUTION NO. 595-86 Re: ALTERNATIVE FOR POOLESVILLE CLUSTER

On motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the Board adopt as an alternative a complete modernization of Monocacy Elementary in FY 1988.

RESOLUTION NO. 586-86 Re: ALTERNATIVE FOR AREA THREE

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

RESOLVED, That the Board adopt as an alternative the addition of one elementary school in Area 3 in the Route 28 corridor.

Mr. Ewing asked for additional information on the timing and site availability in the Muddy Branch area.

Mrs. Praisner requested a paper on systemic renovations which would make their request consistent with those of other jurisdictions.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:35 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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