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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, November 17, 1986, at 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Dr. Jeremiah Floyd, Vice President
in the Chair
Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner
Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg
Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye
Mr. Eric Steinberg

Absent: Dr. James E. Cronin

Others Present: Dr. Wilmer S. Cody, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian
Mr. Bruce A. Goldensohn, Board Member-elect

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Floyd announced that Dr. Cronin was out of town because his mother was undergoing surgery.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
PROGRAM AND FACILITIES PROCESS

The following municipalities and countywide groups appeared before the Board of Education:

1. The Honorable Elizabeth Tolbert, Mayor of Barnesville
2. Charles Ladd, Town of Poolesville
3. Robert Davidson, Advisory Committee for the Gifted and Talented

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mr. Ewing asked for additional information about the possibility of providing more students to Monocacy Elementary and doing a better job of staffing from an educational point of view. He said that the issue needed to be dealt with in the capital budget and followed up with an operating budget decision.

Re: DAMASCUS ELEMENTARY

Kathy Frye, Woodfield Elementary, appeared before the Board.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mr. Ewing requested that the principal of Woodfield provide a statement on how the school was operating with its present enrollment and a prediction of what would happen if the school went to 800 or

850. Dr. Cody said he would provide that information plus a description of the core facility and the possible enlargement of that core.

Re: GAITHERSBURG CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Marcia Haller, Whetstone Elementary
2. Bill Meekins, Flower Hill Elementary
3. Dianne Reese, Gaithersburg Junior High
4. Mary LaFond, Montgomery Village Junior High
4. Carol Fanconi, Gaithersburg High School

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. Praisner asked for information on when they would be reviewing the question of relocatables at Gaithersburg High School. She commented that she liked the name "Strawberry Knolls" for the new elementary school, but they had a process to go through for naming schools. She would like this done as soon as possible so that they would not be faced with administrative problems of getting the school name on library books. She asked that the Board review the issue of the location and size of the area office proposed for Area 3.

Mr. Ewing requested information about designated classrooms for art and music, where they had been unable to do this, for how long, and how many situations would they have next fall and in the fall of 1988. He did not limit his question to the up-county. He requested information on what remained to be done in the remodeling of the Gaithersburg High School kitchen and when it would be finished. Mr. Ewing asked for information on space for materials in the media center at Gaithersburg High School provided that they had the funds to add the needed materials.

Re: MAGRUDER CLUSTER

Jan Rueter and Sally Schneider appeared before the Board.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Dr. Shoenberg requested additional information on the possibility of air-conditioning Mill Creek Towne Elementary. Mrs. DiFonzo asked for information on how many schools (elementary and secondary) were air-conditioned (by area and how many schools were built to be air-conditioned and did not yet have air conditioning. She also asked about what would be involved in getting the career center and counseling offices together at Magruder.

Mrs. Praisner pointed out that there were a series of requests for maintenance work at Magruder, and she asked if these had been reviewed and whether there were items they could move on. She also requested information on the traffic situation on Muncaster Mill Road. Mr. Ewing inquired about the discrepancy between the staff recommendations and the recommendations in the Magruder cluster

testimony, particularly the forecasts on 3-97. In terms of stadium seating, Mr. Steinberg asked about the schools put in front of Magruder, why they were, and when Magruder would be given consideration for additional stands. Mrs. Slye asked about repairs to the doors at Magruder and when it would be taken care of. Mr. Goldensohn urged that staff look at the broken locks as soon as possible.

Re: POOLESVILLE CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Mary Pat Wilson, Poolesville Junior-senior High School
2. Elizabeth Gentilcore, Poolesville Elementary
3. Richard Thoms, Monocacy Elementary

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. Slye requested information on the yield figures being used in the Poolesville cluster. Mr. Ewing requested information on the timing of the growth in Poolesville and asked staff to look at the master plan and compare it with their projections. Dr. Shoenberg suggested that staff provide information on the process used to determine projections of student growth.

Re: SENECA VALLEY CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Janice Lindsay, Cluster Coordinator
2. Brent Paul, Diamond Elementary
3. Kenneth Envalh, Ridgeview Junior High School

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. Praisner asked about the possibility of bringing the student assignment patterns for Quince Orchard to the Board by June, 1987.

Re: WOOTTON CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Lee Gross, DuFief Elementary
2. Elaine Holder, Lakewood Elementary
3. Cathy Deerkoski, Lakewood Gifted and Talented Program
4. Harry Moatz, Horizon Hill Civic Association
5. Judy Abrams, Ritchie Park Elementary
6. Joann Bowes, Quince Orchard Knolls Civic Association
7. Terry Shoemaker, Travilah Elementary
8. Gary Kelley, Cluster Coordinator

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

In regard to area gifted and talented programs, Mrs. DiFonzo requested information on the numbers of children by area who had been identified as gifted and talented as compared to the 25 students in

each program. Dr. Cody indicated that he would provide information on the open space situation at DuFief.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The vice president adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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