

had exceeded the projection of 10,800 by 600 births. The forecasts had been revised upwards and should peak in 1995 with 12,300 live births. Therefore, they were facing a long period of sustained growth which continued upward in spite of the housing numbers coming down. He indicated that they would not reach the peak in public school enrollment for many years. In addition the population in the 20-44 age group had been climbing since 1970 and had reached 40 percent in 1987; however, he projected that this group would retain its 40 percent share to the year 2000. In addition, the median age of the population was projected to stay at around 34 to the year 2000. Mr. Crispell predicted that in their six-year planning period that the public school enrollment figure for 1994 would be 129,000. Mrs. Ann Briggs, acting director of the Department of Educational Facilities Planning and Capital Programming, reviewed cluster priorities and staff comments area by area. Board members requested the following information:

1. Mrs. Praisner requested information on the impact or potential impact of middle school conversions (especially in Area 1) on parental decisions to transfer their children to magnet schools, both at the elementary and intermediate/junior high level.
2. Mr. Ewing asked about the timing of plans for future magnet expansions at New Hampshire Estates and Oak View.
3. Mrs. Praisner suggested that at some point the Board have a review of the scoring process used to determine the condition of a building and the timing of the modernization.
4. In regard to the Sherwood cluster, Mrs. Praisner asked for information on and the location of the proposed intercounty connector and its relationship to schools.
5. Mr. Ewing pointed out that the minority enrollment at Broad Acres exceeded Board policy. He asked that staff provide information about possible options for this school.
6. Mrs. Praisner asked for a review of how capacity was determined, particularly when there was a difference of opinion between facilities staff and the principal.
7. Mrs. Rafel required information on the location of portable classrooms and how long they were expected to be in those locations.
8. Mrs. Praisner inquired about the status of road improvements to Muncaster Mill Road and what could be done regarding timing and safety. She wanted to know if this could be taken up with the County Council.
9. Mrs. Praisner asked for information about the number of students permitted to transfer out of South Lake Elementary School this year.
10. Dr. Cronin inquired about the accuracy of projections for students from the Ritchie Park community.

Mrs. DiFonzo thanked staff for their presentation. Mrs. Praisner extended thanks to the MCCPTA cluster coordinators for the work they had done.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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