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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, November 29, 1989, at 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL          Present:    Dr. James E. Cronin, President  
  in the Chair  
  Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo  
  Mr. Blair G. Ewing  
  Mr. Bruce A. Goldensohn  
  Mrs. Catherine E. Hobbs  
  Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner  
  Ms. Alison Serino  
  Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

Absent:    None

Others Present:    Dr. Harry Pitt, Superintendent of Schools  
                          Dr. Paul L. Vance, Deputy Superintendent  
                          Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

#indicates student vote does not count and four votes are needed for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 719-89    Re:    BOARD AGENDA - NOVEMBER 29, 1989

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt its agenda for November 29, 1989, with the addition of an item on operating budget public hearings.

Re:    REORGANIZATION OF BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL  
          CLUSTER

Mrs. DiFonzo moved and Mrs. Praisner seconded the following:

WHEREAS, The Blair cluster requested middle school reorganization following a study of middle schools involving the cluster community; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended conversion of Takoma Park Intermediate School and Eastern Intermediate School to middle school(s) in 1994; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended reorganization of the magnet programs for the middle schools to incorporate the sixth grade beginning in 1994; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended that determination of the

size of each middle school and their service areas be part of the FY 1992 planning process; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended that a study be conducted to review alternatives to overutilization at Blair HS and that the Blair community and other potentially affected communities be consulted prior to making recommendations as part of the FY 1992 planning process; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on recommendations on November 21, 1989; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Eastern and Takoma Park Intermediate Schools on and after July 1, 1994, be reorganized to serve Grades 6-8, with the existing magnet programs at the schools also expanded to serve Grades 6-8; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Forest Knolls, Highland View and Rolling Terrace elementary schools reorganize to serve Grades K-5 on and after July 1, 1994; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the paired schools: East Silver Spring/Takoma Park/Piney Branch, Montgomery Knolls/Pine Crest, and New Hampshire Estates/Oak View reorganize to serve Grades HS/K-2/3-5 on and after July 1, 1994; and be it further

RESOLVED, That size of additions and assignment patterns to the two middle schools and any necessary boundary adjustments between elementary schools be established as part of a comprehensive solution for student assignments and school boundaries in the Blair cluster, for Board of Education consideration in November, 1990.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE  
PROPOSED MOTION ON THE BLAIR CLUSTER  
(FAILED)

The following motion by Mr. Ewing failed of adoption with Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Hobbs, and (Ms. Serino) voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative:

RESOLVED, That the Takoma Park Intermediate School renovation be made available in the fall of the 1993 school year and that the school be open for use as a middle school in the fall of 1993 provided that space can be found to house it at some place other than Argyle in the short term; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the superintendent should explore use of closed public school or closed private school facilities, as well as commercial space, either for lease or purchase; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the superintendent examine and report to the Board costs and timing involved in future use of any facility that

might be proposed for possible use for Takoma Park Intermediate;  
and be it further

RESOLVED, That if the superintendent is unable to find available  
space, he report to the Board the reasons why he could not.

RESOLUTION NO. 720-89 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
ON THE BLAIR CLUSTER

On motion of Dr. Shoenberg seconded by Ms. Serino, the following  
resolution was adopted with Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Hobbs,  
(Ms. Serino), and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mrs.  
DiFonzo and Mrs. Praisner voting in the negative; Dr. Cronin  
abstaining#:

RESOLVED, That the proposed resolution on the Blair Cluster be  
amended to substitute "as soon as is feasible but no later than July  
1, 1993" for "on or after July 1, 1994" in the first RESOLVED clause.

Re: A MOTION BY MRS. HOBBS REGARDING THE USE  
OF PEARY HIGH SCHOOL AS A HOLDING SCHOOL  
AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS TO THAT  
FACILITY

Mrs. Hobbs moved and Ms. Serino seconded the following:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education request emergency planning  
funds so that Peary High School can be opened a year earlier and  
all of the schools (Forest Knolls, Oakland Terrace, Julius West,  
Rosemont, and Parkland) assigned to go to Peary would be moved up  
a year with Peary as a holding school in 1991 instead of 1992.

Mrs. DiFonzo asked that the question be divided.

RESOLUTION NO. 721-89 Re: PEARY HIGH SCHOOL

On motion of Mrs. Hobbs seconded by Ms. Serino, the following  
resolution was adopted unanimously#:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education request emergency planning  
funds so that Peary can be opened a year earlier.

Re: A MOTION BY MRS. HOBBS ON THE USE OF  
PEARY AS A HOLDING SCHOOL (FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Hobbs that all of the schools (Forest Knolls,  
Oakland Terrace, Julius West, Rosemont, and Parkland) assigned to go  
to Peary would be moved up a year with Peary as a holding school in  
1991 instead of 1992 failed with Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Hobbs voting in  
the affirmative; Mrs. DiFonzo, Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg  
voting in the negative; and Dr. Cronin, Mr. Goldensohn, and (Ms.  
Serino) abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 722-89 Re: REORGANIZATION OF BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL  
CLUSTER

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Hobbs, (Ms. Serino), and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mrs. DiFonzo and Mrs. Praisner abstaining:

WHEREAS, The Blair cluster requested middle school reorganization following a study of middle schools involving the cluster community; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended conversion of Takoma Park Intermediate School and Eastern Intermediate School to middle school(s) in 1994; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended reorganization of the magnet programs for the middle schools to incorporate the sixth grade beginning in 1994; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended that determination of the size of each middle school and their service areas be part of the FY 1992 planning process; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended that a study be conducted to review alternatives to overutilization at Blair HS and that the Blair community and other potentially affected communities be consulted prior to making recommendations as part of the FY 1992 planning process; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on recommendations on November 21, 1989; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Eastern and Takoma Park Intermediate Schools, as soon as is feasible but no later than July 1, 1993, be reorganized to serve Grades 6-8, with the existing magnet programs at the schools also expanded to serve Grades 6-8; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Forest Knolls, Highland View and Rolling Terrace elementary schools reorganize to serve Grades K-5 on and after July 1, 1994; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the paired schools: East Silver Spring/Takoma Park/Piney Branch, Montgomery Knolls/Pine Crest, and New Hampshire Estates/Oak View reorganize to serve Grades HS/K-2/3-5 on and after July 1, 1994; and be it further

RESOLVED, That size of additions and assignment patterns to the two middle schools and any necessary boundary adjustments between elementary schools be established as part of a comprehensive solution for student assignments and school boundaries in the Blair cluster, for Board of Education consideration in November, 1990.

For the record, Dr. Cronin made the following statement:

"I would also note for the record that the same way for last evening when we dealt with the Poolesville situation, the staff reminded us that what is in the budget is not necessarily what the Board is voting. So where the budget last evening described the International Baccalaureate, the Board was not necessarily voting that. While the budget document for Blair may be one way, we are not necessarily voting that this evening."

"Considering that there were Board members who came to the Board in support of the Blair Cluster in 1982, and there were other Board members elected to the Board who fully recognized the Board's commitment in that area, I won't want the community to go away feeling that we are about to dismantle the Blair Cluster. That is not the way I read these documents."

RESOLUTION NO. 723-89 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1991-6 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, HIGHLAND VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1991 Capital Improvements Program be amended to place modernization planning funds for Highland View Elementary School in FY 1991.

RESOLUTION NO. 724-89 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1991-6 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, FOREST KNOLLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1991 Capital Improvements Program be amended to include planning funds for a four-room addition to Forest Knolls Elementary School rather than two rooms.

RESOLUTION NO. 725-89 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1991-6 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, PINEY BRANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1991 Capital Improvements Program be amended to add \$45,000 for partitions for Piney Branch Elementary in FY 1991.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1991-6 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, GLENALLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1991 Capital Improvements Program to schedule the Glenallan Elementary School addition in FY 1991 with a request for a supplemental appropriation for FY 1990 planning funds failed with Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mrs. Praisner, (Ms. Serino), and Dr. Shoenberg abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 726-89 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1991-6 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, GALWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1991 Capital Improvements Program be amended by including a gymnasium and two more classrooms for Galway Elementary School with planning funds in FY 1991 and construction in FY 1992.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. GOLDENSOHN TO AMEND THE FY 1991-6 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, STRATHMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Goldensohn to amend the FY 1991 Capital Improvements Program to add planning funds in FY 1992 and construction funds in FY 1993 for a gymnasium at Strathmore Elementary School failed with Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. Praisner, (Ms. Serino), and Dr. Shoenberg abstaining; Mrs. DiFonzo being temporarily absent.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE FY 1991-6 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, OLNEY 6 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the FY 1991 Capital Improvements Program to include planning funds for Olney 6 Elementary School in FY 1992 failed with Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Praisner, and (Ms. Serino) abstaining; Dr. Shoenberg being temporarily absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 727-89 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1991-6 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, VIERS MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Hobbs, and (Ms. Serino) voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Praisner and Dr. Shoenberg abstaining#:

RESOLVED, That the FY 1991 Capital Improvements Program be amended to include a four-room addition for Viers Mill Elementary School.

RESOLUTION NO. 728-89 Re: KENTLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SERVICE AREA AND RELATED SCHOOL BOUNDARY CHANGES

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. DiFonzo seconded by Mrs. Praisner, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, (Ms. Serino), and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Hobbs voting in the negative; Mr. Goldensohn abstaining#:

WHEREAS, School/community input was requested on the establishment of boundaries for the new Kentlands Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended boundaries for Kentlands Elementary School after considering community and staff comments; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on November 16, 1989, on these recommendations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 1990, the boundary for the new Kentlands Elementary School, Grades K-6, be as follows and that changes to Brown Station, Darnestown, Diamond, Fields Road, and Jones Lane elementary schools be made accordingly, as follows:

- o Reassign from Diamond ES to Kentlands ES the area east of Quince Orchard Road and north of Route 28, (The Orchards community)
- o Reassign from Fields Road ES to Kentlands ES the area north of Lake Halcyon and west of Muddy Branch Road, and the area north of Palm Springs and Coral Reef Drives east of Muddy Branch Road (the Stockton Towne and Governors Square communities, excluding the area currently assigned to Diamond, the Brighton West community)
- o Reassign from Jones Lane ES to Kentlands ES the area east of Quince Orchard Road south of Route 28 and north of Hidden Brook Court (the Quince Orchard Knolls and Owen's Glen communities). For September, 1990, if requested, Grades 4-6 students from this area who previously were reassigned from Travilah Elementary to Jones Lane Elementary School will be granted transfer to Jones Lane with transportation provided.
- o Reassign from Brown Station ES to Kentlands ES the area north of Route 28 and east of Quince Orchard Road (properties include the new Kentlands development, the Bureau of Standards and National Geographic Society properties)
- o Reassign from Darnestown ES to Kentlands ES the area south of Route 28 and east of Norman Drive and Welcome Lane (the property of the new Quince Haven development); and be it further

RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 1993, when the next new elementary school opens in the Quince Orchard cluster, that an additional assignment to Kentlands Elementary School, Grades K-6, be as follows:

- o Reassign from South Lake ES to Kentlands ES the Orchard Pond apartments west of Route 270 along Clopper Road

These assignments are for Grades K-6 in September, 1990.

RESOLUTION NO. 729-89 Re: LOCATION OF CENTERS FOR THE HIGHLY GIFTED

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. Praisner, and (Ms. Serino) voting in the affirmative; Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative:

WHEREAS, Elementary school enrollment is increasing at a substantial rate and a need has been identified to serve special needs enrollments such as the highly gifted; and

WHEREAS, Locating centers in relation to population growth can improve efficiencies in transportation while enhancing service to students; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent reviewed enrollment projections and the availability of space at appropriate elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended providing four centers for the highly gifted, located in such a way as to serve efficiently relatively equal size student populations; and

WHEREAS, Public hearings on the superintendent's recommendations were conducted on November 16, 20, and 21, 1989; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the following elementary centers for the highly gifted will be available for students, beginning September 1990; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby confirms the March 14, 1989, adopted action to establish a center for the highly gifted at North Springbrook Elementary School when the new school opens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a center for the highly gifted be established at Kensington-Parkwood Elementary School in September, 1990, but staff would return in the spring with a recommendation as to whether there would be one center or a split; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a center for the highly gifted be established at Fox Chapel Elementary School in September, 1990; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the issue of Lakewood Elementary School or Cold Spring Elementary School as a center for the highly gifted be deferred for



one year until staff has better projections; and be it further

RESOLVED, That staff will review these moves of students and programs in coordination with parents and staff of the program to achieve a smooth transition.

RESOLUTION NO. 730-89 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1991-6 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, TWO POSITIONS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mr. Goldensohn, the following resolution was adopted unanimously#:

RESOLVED, That the FY 1991 Capital Improvements Program be amended to add one construction inspector and one school facilities designer.

RESOLUTION NO. 731-89 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1991-6 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUMS

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

RESOLVED, That the FY 1991-96 Capital Improvements Program be amended to add \$8,440,000 over the six-year period to add planning and construction for 22 elementary school gymnasiums.

RESOLUTION NO. 732a-89 Re: FY 1991 CAPITAL BUDGET AND FY 1991-96 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt the FY 1991 Capital Budget and FY 1991-96 Capital Improvements Program, as amended, with final action to take place when cost information was available.

RESOLUTION NO. 732b-89 Re: HOLDING FACILITIES

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

RESOLVED, That in the next year the superintendent be requested to provide a full examination and reassessment of possible holding facilities for schools undergoing renovation and modernization.

RESOLUTION NO. 732c-89 Re: MASTER PLAN FOR SPECIAL AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

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

RESOLVED, That the Board schedule a discussion of the master plan for special and alternative education prior to next year's capital budget.

Re: ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION

Dr. Cronin announced that there would be a work session on administrative organization on January 9, and there would be another month for the community to comment in writing. Mr. Ewing indicated that on December 4 he would be making a motion to hold a public hearing on this topic.

Dr. Kenneth Muir, supervisor of management and planning services, stated that they had delayed sending out copies of the proposed organization until they had direction from the Board as to how it wanted responses to come. Dr. Pitt suggested deferring this discussion until they had had a formal presentation of the proposal. He explained that he had two proposals. The first was to move from three to four areas, and the second was some reorganization of the central office. Last year some members of the Board had asked him to look at the possibility of increasing the numbers of administrative areas given the growth in the county. The proposal before the Board did not increase the total cost. The purpose of the proposal was to give them a reasonable span of communication and control. This was also an opportunity to have some balance in terms of socio-economic/racial balance within the clusters assigned to the new areas. There was no effort to change any boundaries.

Dr. Pitt said that they had put a draft proposal out for staff and community comment, and he had made a number of changes in the original proposal. For example, they had put all the elementary subject teacher specialists back into the elementary schools. They had increased the number of parent specialists to four. They had reduced four subject teacher specialists, and they had added a total of eight other specialists.

In regard to the central office, Dr. Pitt said he believed ESOL ought to be in OIPD, but he had agreed to leave it where it was for now. He indicated that he had received a letter from the auditory program, and he wanted to emphasize that nothing had changed in the auditory program. There was a notation in the proposal to indicate that most of the people in the auditory program were school-based which might have confused some people. It was still a centralized program.

RESOLUTION NO. 732d-89 Re: OPERATING BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

RESOLVED, That in response to the request of MCCPTA, for this year only, the Board's FY 1991 Operating Budget public hearings would

follow the CIP format with schools testifying by cluster.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

HP:mlw