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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Piney Branch Elementary School, Takoma Park, Maryland, on Wednesday, September 18, 1985 at 8 p.m.

ROLL CALL           Present:   Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg, President  
  in the Chair  
  Dr. James E. Cronin  
  Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo  
  Mr. Blair G. Ewing  
  Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner  
                          Absent:   Dr. Jeremiah Floyd  
  Mr. John D. Foubert  
  Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye  
                          Others Present:  Dr. Wilmer S. Cody, Superintendent of Schools  
  Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent

Re:   ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Shoenberg announced that Dr. Floyd was out-of-town but would listen to the tape of the hearing and that Mr. Foubert was unable to be present.

Re:   PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR  
      THE BLAIR CLUSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The following individual appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Huey Long, Montgomery Knolls/Pine Crest Elementary Schools.

Mrs. Praisner requested information from staff on the enrollment and projections at Montgomery Knolls for the last four years and also a review by the superintendent of whether there was any expectation of portables at the present time or whether for the subsequent years only. Mr. Ewing stated that 33 children in three of the kindergarten classes at Montgomery Knolls was way too large and asked what staff was planning to do about it.

2. Judith Koenick, Rock Creek Forest Elementary School.
3. Dale Majerle, Sligo-Branview Community Association.

Dr. Cronin requested that, if the superintendent planned to continue grade pairing, he make a recommendation for September 23 of what would be done with the students who are in the K-2 program out-of-school in their application to the French program.

4. Roberta Holland, New Hampshire Estates Elementary School  
Steven Craft  
Laura Argueta  
Patricia Bonnet  
Lilian Hernandez

Maria Fernandez  
Amy Backus  
Rosetta Calloway  
Oscar Salas  
Oscar Lopez

5. Michael Richman and Pat Smith, Rolling Terrace Elementary Schools

Dr. Cronin requested that staff inform Mr. Richman of the exact size of the addition for Rolling Terrace.

6. Carol Hanniffy, Oak View Elementary School  
Daniel Craig  
Michael Malbin  
Linda Williams

Mr. Ewing requested that, given Mr. Craig's statement that pairing the English program at Oak View and New Hampshire Estates placed the burden of transportation to and from the paired campuses on minority students, the superintendent examine and raise with legal counsel the question of whether the Board has a problem from the point of view of its attorney. Dr. Cronin asked how many students in K-6 were being bused into that particular program since a number of students in the K-6 program were drawn from outside the area and, if the Spanish program were shifted, if it would be possible by the end of the week to get some kind of discussion with the community so some of their concerns might be alleviated. Dr. Shoenberg asked how the two kinds of Spanish programs might relate if they were both in the same school and what the people who are part of the current Spanish program at Oak View might expect in a situation in which they might be transferred to Rolling Terrace. Dr. Cronin requested an assessment of whether assistant principals or other staff would be needed at Oak View to handle the program if English were paired with New Hampshire Estates.

7. Howard Sumka, Piney Branch Elementary School.
8. Karl Katterjohn, Highland View Elementary School.

Mr. Ewing requested information from the superintendent before September 23 as to what difficulties, if any, would be presented from the point of view of staff if the Board made it possible for both New Hampshire Estates and Oak View students to have access automatically without recourse to the transfer policy process to either of the two magnet programs that operate.

9. Joe Steinbock, Blair Advisory Council.
10. Mark Simon, Montgomery County Education Association.  
Carrie Moore

Marie Luvara  
Gail Stoller  
Alvera Thompson

11. Stephanie Edelstein, Long Branch Civic Association.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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