Rockville, Maryland November 24, 1992

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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, November 24, 1992, at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Catherine Hobbs, President

in the Chair

Mrs. Frances Brenneman

Dr. Alan Cheung
Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mrs. Carol Fanconi
Ms. Ana Sol Gutierrez

Absent: Mr. Jonathan Sims

Others Present: Dr. Paul L. Vance, Superintendent

Mrs. Katheryn W. Gemberling, Deputy

Dr. H. Philip Rohr, Deputy

Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

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

Re: PRESENTATION TO BOARD PRESIDENT

Dr. Vance noted that Mrs. Hobbs would not be attending the December 1 swearing-in ceremony, and this was her last official meeting as Board president. On behalf of the Board and staff, he presented her with an engraved gavel as a token of her year as Board president. He stated that Mrs. Hobbs had been an outstanding Board president, and he had enjoyed their professional and cooperative working relationship.

## Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Hobbs announced that Mr. Sims, Mrs. Beatrice Gordon, and Mr. Stephen Abrams were attending a Montgomery County Delegation hearing on the two bills regarding the student member of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 844-92 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 24, 1992

On motion of Dr. Cheung seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education amend its agenda to add an item on appeals.

RESOLUTION NO. 845-92 Re: BOARD AGENDA - NOVEMBER 24, 1992

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

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for November 24, 1992, as amended.

Re: REORGANIZATION OF THE WOOTTON
CLUSTER TO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND
SHARING OF MIDDLE SCHOOL SPACE WITH
THE CHURCHILL CLUSTER

Mrs. DiFonzo moved and Ms. Gutierrez seconded the following:

WHEREAS, A community advisory group representing Churchill and Wootton cluster schools met in December 1991 and January 1992 to discuss shared use of middle school facilities, but made no recommendation at that time; and

WHEREAS, The Wootton cluster schools in the spring of 1992 developed recommendations for cluster reorganization in 1994 and shared use of Churchill cluster middle schools; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended reorganization of the Wootton cluster to middle school in 1994 and shared use of Churchill middle schools; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education requested development of an alternative that would have modified middle school and high school assignments; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on November 18 and 19, 1992, on the superintendent's recommendations and the alternative developed for the Board of Education; now therefore be it

Resolved, That effective July 1, 1994, the Wootton cluster reorganize to middle school, with the elementaries serving Grades K-5 and that Frost Middle School serve Grades 6-8; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That middle school space available in the Churchill cluster be shared with the Wootton cluster through the following assignments:

Cabin John MS	Herbert Hoover MS	Robert Frost MS
Cold Spring ES	Potomac ES	DuFief ES
Stone Mill ES	Beverly Farms ES	Fallsmead ES
Bells Mill ES	Wayside ES	Lakewood ES
Seven Locks ES		Travilah ES

and be it further

Resolved, That the reassignments of elementary schools involved in this assignment plan be phased in as described below:

1994-95 Cold Spring & Stone Mill ES Cold Spring & Stone Mill ES Potomac ES Potomac ES	Grades 6-7 Grade 8 Grade 6 Grades 7-8	Attend Cabin John Attend Frost Attend Hoover Attend Cabin John
1995-96 Cold Spring & Stone Mill ES Potomac ES Potomac ES	Grades 6-8 Grades 6-7 Grade 8	Attend Cabin John Attend Hoover Attend Cabin John
1996-97 (Reassignments completed Cold Spring & Stone Mill ES Potomac ES	_	Attend Cabin John Attend Hoover

and be it further

Resolved, That high school assignments remain unchanged for these two clusters, that Cold Spring and Stone Mill elementaries and all other current Wootton cluster schools continue their assignments to Wootton High School, and that all current Churchill cluster schools continue their assignments to Churchill High School.

Re: A SUBSTITUTE MOTION ON THE WOOTTON AND CHURCHILL CLUSTERS

Mr. Ewing moved and Dr. Cheung seconded the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Education refer the matter of the Wootton and Churchill cluster organization back to the superintendent for the development of an additional option or options that would achieve the same space utilization objectives but avoid the long-distance busing of either Stone Mill or any other school community; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education consider this matter for action in February or March, 1993.

Re: A SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY MS.

## GUTIERREZ ON THE WOOTTON AND CHURCHILL CLUSTERS (FAILED)

A substitute motion by Ms. Gutierrez to defer the matter of the Wootton and Churchill clusters until the fall of 1993 failed for lack of a second.

RESOLUTION NO. 846-92 Re: WOOTTON AND CHURCHILL CLUSTERS

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Mrs. DiFonzo and Mrs. Fanconi voting in the negative#:

Resolved, That the Board of Education refer the matter of the Wootton and Churchill cluster organization back to the superintendent for the development of an additional option or options that would achieve the same space utilization objectives but avoid the long-distance busing of either Stone Mill or any other school community; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education consider this matter for action in February or March, 1993.

RESOLUTION NO. 847-92 Re: E. BROOKE LEE/ARGYLE MIDDLE SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

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

WHEREAS, Board of Education review determined the need to reopen the former Argyle Middle School to meet Grades 6-8 facilities needs in this area of the county; and

WHEREAS, A community advisory group was established to consider student assignments for the opening of Argyle Middle School in September 1993; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended student assignments after considering community and staff comments; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on the superintendent's recommendations on November 18 and 19, 1992; now therefore be it

Resolved, That effective July 1, 1993, assignments for Argyle and E. Brooke Lee middle schools include the following service areas and special programs:

## Argyle

## E. Brooke Lee

Bel Pre/Strathmore ES
Georgian Forest ES
Georgian Colonies and
Northgate Communities
2 Intensity 4 Learning
Disabled Classes

Glenallan ES Kemp Mill ES Secondary Learning Center Orthopedically Handicapped Program

and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That assignments to Argyle begin with Grades 6 and 7 in September 1993.

RESOLUTION NO. 848-92 Re: QUINCE ORCHARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #7 BOUNDARIES

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cheung seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted unanimously#:

WHEREAS, A community advisory group representing Quince Orchard cluster elementary schools met with Montgomery County Public Schools staff to develop recommendations for boundaries for the new Quince Orchard Elementary School #7 scheduled to open in September 1993; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended boundaries for the Quince Orchard Elementary School #7 after considering community and staff advice; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on November 19, 1992, on these recommendations; now therefore be it

Resolved, That effective July 1, 1993, the boundary for the Grades K-6 Quince Orchard Elementary School #7, and changes to other Quince Orchard cluster elementary schools boundaries, be as follows:

From Brown Station Elementary School to Diamond Elementary School, the Diamond Farms community on the west side of Route 124

From Rachel Carson Elementary School to Quince Orchard Elementary School #7, the developing Quince Haven Estates community (south of Route 28 and west of the high school), the Orchard Pond apartment community and Diamond Square apartments (across Route 124 from Orchard Pond)

From Diamond Elementary School to Quince Orchard Elementary #7, areas surrounding and within walking distance of the new school accessed off McDonald Chapel Drive and Pueblo Lane, and areas south of Great Seneca Highway and west of Longdraft Road

From Jones Lane Elementary School to Quince Orchard School #7, the Willow Ridge community on the north side of Route 28.

RESOLUTION NO. 849-92 Re: ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ESOL CENTER (IELC) AT ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Gutierrez seconded by Dr. Cheung, the following resolution was adopted unanimously#:

WHEREAS, The school system has an objective to serve ESOL students at their home schools wherever possible, given facility constraints; and

WHEREAS, ESOL centers currently operating at Quince Orchard High School and Sherwood High School are growing and now serve more than 200 students each; and

WHEREAS, The Rockville High School community has raised concern about the need to increase enrollment levels at the school; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on the superintendent's recommendations on November 18 and 19, 1992; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Rockville High School service area ESOL students (now served at Quince Orchard High School IELC), and Kennedy cluster ESOL students from the Bel Pre/Strathmore service areas (now served at the Sherwood High School IELC), be reassigned to a new center at Rockville High School beginning with Grades 9-11 in September 1993.

Re: FY 1994-1999 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP)

Ms. Gutierrez moved and Mrs. Fanconi seconded the following:

WHEREAS, In accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland and Montgomery County, the superintendent of schools has prepared a recommended FY 1994 Capital Budget request and FY 1994-1999 Capital Improvements Program; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 18 and 19, 1992, on all capital and non-capital

recommendations in the CIP; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education reviewed timing for reorganization to middle school in the Blair and Watkins Mill clusters as a result of CIP actions; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education in adopting this CIP considered the implications of decisions on the Annual Growth Policy and is aware that the requested timing of high school space solutions enables all high school clusters but one to remain open to residential development, and that closing of the Paint Branch cluster could occur in FY98 under the current County Council policy guidelines; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the FY 1994 Capital Budget request totaling \$86,783,000 as shown on the summary; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its priority list for state-eligible projects in FY 1994 and the six-year Capital Improvements Program (FY 1994-1999); and be it further

Resolved, That the adopted timing for middle school reorganization be changed from September 1995 to September 1997 for the Blair cluster and from September 1995 to September 1996 for the Watkins Mill cluster.

Mrs. DiFonzo requested that the language "closing of the Paint Branch cluster" be modified because they were talking about closing the area to development.

RESOLUTION NO. 850-92 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

On motion of Mrs. Fanconi seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Mrs. DiFonzo abstaining#:

Resolved, That the capital improvements program be amended by moving the \$275,000 on 5-46 for the Magruder mid-level solution from FY 1998 to FY 1995 and alter the language with respect to Gaithersburg and Resnik so that Resnik might be moved in 1997 if the numbers supported this.

RESOLUTION NO. 851-92 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Mrs. DiFonzo and Mrs. Hobbs abstaining#:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the capital improvements program be amended by an additional Resolved clause as follows:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education request the superintendent to prepare for presentation not later than March in conjunction with other actions on the capital budget an analysis of how the ranking system operates, particularly with respect to Takoma Park and Westland.

For the record, Ms. Gutierrez made the following statement:

"I did raise at an earlier time the issue regarding impact of our moving forward with an all-day kindergarten program at sometime in the future and would there be CIP indications. The answer is that there probably would be. I just want to have it known that by going forth with the CIP as we currently have it, we are not de facto ignoring the possibility of proposing again an all-day kindergarten program, and perhaps we would have to do some adjustment to the program for the first year until we could once again have it reflected in the CIP. It is my understanding that if we did move forth for this coming year in our operating budget, there was the possibility they could still reflect something in the CIP for next year."

RESOLUTION NO. 852-92 Re: FY 1994-1999 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP)

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Ms. Gutierrez seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted unanimously#:

WHEREAS, In accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland and Montgomery County, the superintendent of schools has prepared a recommended FY 1994 Capital Budget request and FY 1994-1999 Capital Improvements Program; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 18 and 19, 1992, on all capital and non-capital recommendations in the CIP; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education reviewed timing for reorganization to middle school in the Blair and Watkins Mill clusters as a result of CIP actions; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education in adopting this CIP considered the implications of decisions on the Annual Growth Policy and is aware that the requested timing of high school space solutions enables all high school clusters but one to remain open to residential development, and that closing of the Paint Branch cluster to residential development could occur in FY98 under the current County Council policy guidelines; now therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education approve the FY 1994 Capital Budget request totaling \$86,783,000 as shown on the summary; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its priority list for state-eligible projects in FY 1994 and the six-year Capital Improvements Program (FY 1994-1999); and be it further

Resolved, That the adopted timing for middle school reorganization be changed from September 1995 to September 1997 for the Blair cluster and from September 1995 to September 1996 for the Watkins Mill cluster; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education request the superintendent to prepare for presentation not later than March in conjunction with other actions on the capital budget an analysis of how the ranking system operates, particularly with respect to Takoma Park and Westland.

RESOLUTION NO. 853-92 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. 1992-8

On motion of Dr. Cheung seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and Mrs. Fanconi voting in the affirmative; Mrs. DiFonzo and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the negative; Ms. Gutierrez abstaining:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in BOE Appeal No. 1992-8, a student expulsion matter.

For the record, it was stated that Mr. Sims had participated in the decision and had voted with the majority. Ms. Gutierrez abstained because she had been absent because of illness when the Board had considered the matter.

RESOLUTION NO. 854-92 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. 1992-9

On motion of Dr. Cheung seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Fanconi, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Ms. Gutierrez abstaining:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in BOE Appeal No. 1992-9, a student expulsion matter.

For the record, it was stated that Mr. Sims had participated in the decision and had voted with the majority. Ms. Gutierrez abstained because she had been absent because of illness when the Board had considered the matter.

RESOLUTION NO. 855-92 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. T-1992-24

On motion of Dr. Cheung seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutierrez, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Fanconi abstaining; Mrs. DiFonzo did not vote because she had been absent:

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in BOE Appeal No. T-1992-24, a transfer matter.

RESOLUTION NO. 856-92 Re: BOE APPEAL NO. T-1992-25

On motion of Dr. Cheung seconded by Mrs. Fanconi, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, Ms. Gutierrez, Mrs. Fanconi, and Mrs. Hobbs voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Brenneman and Mrs. DiFonzo did not vote because they had been absent:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adopt its Decision and Order in BOE Appeal No. T-1992-25, a transfer matter.

RESOLUTION NO. 857-92 Re: ADJOURNMENT

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting sine die at 10 p.m.

PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY	

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