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Rockville, Maryland
October 18, 1993

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, October 18, 1993, at 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Dr. Alan Cheung, President
in the Chair
Mr. Stephen Abrams
Ms. Carrie Baker
Mrs. Frances Brenneman
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mrs. Carol Fanconi
Mrs. Beatrice Gordon
Ms. Ana Sol Gutierrez

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Paul L. Vance, Superintendent
Mrs. Katheryn W. Gemberling, Deputy
Dr. H. Philip Rohr, Deputy
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Cheung announced that the Board had been meeting in closed session on personnel and legal issues.

RESOLUTION NO. 753-93 Re: BOARD AGENDA - OCTOBER 18, 1993

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for October 18, 1993.

Re: OPTIONS FOR MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Brenneman moved and Mrs. Gordon seconded the following:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has tentatively adopted a revised Long-range Educational Facilities Planning Policy stating its preferred enrollment range for high schools at 1,000 - 1,800 students; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery Blair High School offers highly varied and successful educational programs to its diverse student population; and

WHEREAS, To provide sufficient enrollment for these programs the upper end of the preferred enrollment range is desired; and

WHEREAS, A math/science magnet program was established at Montgomery Blair High School in 1985 to promote integration and has been very successful in the goal of adding additional students to the enrollment from beyond the residential service area; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery Blair High School is in need of full modernization or construction of a new facility; and

WHEREAS, The preferred solution of the Board of Education is a new facility on the Kay tract at the intersection of University Boulevard and Colesville Road to accommodate the student enrollment from the service area of Montgomery Blair High School; and

WHEREAS, Funding for the solution using the Kay tract for a new facility for Montgomery Blair High School was not approved by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, Programmed funding needed to modernize the Montgomery Blair facility on the Wayne Avenue site has been limited by the County Council to \$24,000,000 and this will not provide sufficient space for the entire projected student population from the Montgomery Blair service area and program; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has received an architectural feasibility analysis that has provided information about construction projects on the Wayne Avenue site for enrollments of 2,000 students, 2,400 students, and 2,800 students and the resulting site impact and construction costs; and

WHEREAS, The Board has requested that the superintendent recommend a student capacity for Montgomery Blair High School under nonpreferred solutions; and

WHEREAS, A 2,400 student capacity at the Montgomery Blair High School is deemed the most appropriate option under the limiting conditions related to the site at Wayne Avenue and County Council actions; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a 2,400 capacity be planned for Montgomery Blair High School at Wayne Avenue; and be it further

Resolved, That such plans be flexible enough to allow fluctuations in enrollment below and above 2,400 students, through both specific design and master planning; and be it further

Resolved, That the community at-large be informed of this action; and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive and County Council be notified of this action.

Re: A MOTION BY MR. EWING TO AMEND THE
PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON MONTGOMERY
BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL (FAILED)

The following motion by Mr. Ewing failed of adoption with Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Ms. Baker, Mrs. Brenneman, Mrs. Fanconi, and Mrs. Gordon voting in the negative:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has tentatively adopted a revised Long-range Educational Facilities Planning Policy stating its preferred enrollment range for high schools at 1,000 - 1,800 students; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery Blair High School offers highly varied and successful educational programs to its diverse student population; and

WHEREAS, To provide sufficient enrollment for these programs the upper end of the preferred enrollment range is desired; and

WHEREAS, A math/science magnet program was established at Montgomery Blair High School in 1985 to promote integration and has been very successful in the goal of adding additional students to the enrollment from beyond the residential service area; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery Blair High School is in need of full modernization or construction of a new facility; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the preferred solution of the Board of Education is a new facility on the Kay tract at the intersection of University Boulevard and Colesville Road to accommodate the student enrollment from the service area of Montgomery Blair High School; and be it further

Resolved, That the County Council ought to reconsider its early decision on the Kay tract since programmed funding needed to modernize the Montgomery Blair facility on the Wayne Avenue site has been limited by the County Council to \$24,000,000 and this will not provide sufficient space for the entire projected student population from the Montgomery Blair service area and program; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education wishes to share with the Council a recently completed architectural feasibility analysis that has provided information about construction projects on the Wayne Avenue site for enrollments of 2,000 students, 2,400

students, and 2,800 students and the resulting site impact and construction costs compared to those for the Kay tract solution; and be it further

Resolved, That the County Council be asked to consider this issue as quickly as feasible so as to avoid delay in completing the Blair project and to avoid delay also in the Eastern area decision making; and be it further

Resolved, That the community at-large be informed of this action; and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive and County Council be notified of this action.

Re: A MOTION BY MRS. FANCONI TO AMEND
THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON
MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL
(FAILED)

The following resolution by Mrs. Fanconi failed of adoption with Ms. Baker, Mrs. Brenneman, Mrs. Fanconi, and Mrs. Gordon voting in the affirmative; Mr. Abrams, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the negative:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has tentatively adopted a revised Long-range Educational Facilities Planning Policy stating its preferred enrollment range for high schools at 1,000 - 1,800 students; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery Blair High School offers highly varied and successful educational programs to its diverse student population; and

WHEREAS, To provide sufficient enrollment for these programs the upper end of the preferred enrollment range is desired; and

WHEREAS, A math/science magnet program was established at Montgomery Blair High School in 1985 to promote integration and has been very successful in the goal of adding additional students to the enrollment from beyond the residential service area; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery Blair High School is in need of full modernization or construction of a new facility; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the preferred solution of the Board of Education remains a new facility on the Kay tract at the intersection of University Boulevard and Colesville Road to accommodate the student enrollment from the service area of Montgomery Blair High School; however, since funding for the solution using the Kay

tract for a new facility for Montgomery Blair was not approved by the County Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education has requested that the superintendent recommend a student capacity for Montgomery Blair High School under nonpreferred solutions; and be it further

Resolved, That a flexible cap of 2,400 be planned for Montgomery Blair High School at Wayne Avenue; and be it further

Resolved, That the community at-large be informed of this action; and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive and County Council be notified of this action.

Re: A MOTION ON OPTIONS FOR MONTGOMERY
BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL (FAILED)

The following motion by Mr. Abrams (superintendent's original motion) failed of adoption with Mr. Abrams, Ms. Baker, Mrs. Brenneman, and Mrs. Gordon voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and Ms. Gutierrez voting in the negative; Mrs. Fanconi abstaining:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has tentatively adopted a revised Long-range Educational Facilities Planning Policy stating its preferred enrollment range for high schools at 1,000 - 1,800 students; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery Blair High School offers highly varied and successful educational programs to its diverse student population; and

WHEREAS, To provide sufficient enrollment for these programs the upper end of the preferred enrollment range is desired; and

WHEREAS, A math/science magnet program was established at Montgomery Blair High School in 1985 to promote integration and has been very successful in the goal of adding additional students to the enrollment from beyond the residential service area; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery Blair High School is in need of full modernization or construction of a new facility; and

WHEREAS, The preferred solution of the Board of Education is a new facility on the Kay tract at the intersection of University Boulevard and Colesville Road to accommodate the student enrollment from the service area of Montgomery Blair High School; and

WHEREAS, Funding for the solution using the Kay tract for a new facility for Montgomery Blair High School was not approved by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, Programmed funding needed to modernize the Montgomery Blair facility on the Wayne Avenue site has been limited by the County Council to \$24,000,000 and this will not provide sufficient space for the entire projected student population from the Montgomery Blair service area and program; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has received an architectural feasibility analysis that has provided information about construction projects on the Wayne Avenue site for enrollments of 2,000 students, 2,400 students, and 2,800 students and the resulting site impact and construction costs; and

WHEREAS, The Board has requested that the superintendent recommend a student capacity for Montgomery Blair High School under nonpreferred solutions; and

WHEREAS, A 2,400 student capacity at the Montgomery Blair High School is deemed the most appropriate option under the limiting conditions related to the site at Wayne Avenue and County Council actions; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a 2,400 capacity be planned for Montgomery Blair High School at Wayne Avenue; and be it further

Resolved, That such plans be flexible enough to allow fluctuations in enrollment below and above 2,400 students, through both specific design and master planning; and be it further

Resolved, That the community at-large be informed of this action; and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive and County Council be notified of this action.

Re: A MOTION BY MS. GUTIERREZ TO AMEND
THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON
MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL
(FAILED)

The following motion by Ms. Gutierrez failed of adoption with Mrs. Fanconi and Mrs. Gutierrez voting in the affirmative; Ms. Baker, Mrs. Brenneman, Dr. Cheung, Mr. Ewing, and Mrs. Gordon voting in the negative; Mr. Abrams abstaining:

Resolved, That the preferred solution of the Board of Education remains a new facility on the Kay tract at the intersection of University Boulevard and Colesville Road to accommodate the

student enrollment from the service area of Montgomery Blair High School; and be it further

Resolved, That programmed funds needed to modernize the Montgomery Blair facility are not sufficient; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education wishes to share the architectural feasibility analysis that has been provided with the information about construction projects on the Wayne Avenue site for enrollments of 2,000 students, 2,400 students, and 2,800 students and the resulting site impact and construction costs compared with the option of the Kay tract; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education is looking for plans flexible enough to allow fluctuations in enrollment below and above 2,400 students, through both specific design and master planning; and be it further

Resolved, That a 2,400 capacity be planned for Montgomery Blair High School at Wayne Avenue; and be it further

Resolved, That the community at-large be informed of this action; and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive and County Council be notified of this action.

Ms. Gutierrez stated that the motion above inferred a reconsideration of the Kay tract decision by the County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 754-93 Re: OPTIONS FOR MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has tentatively adopted a revised Long-range Educational Facilities Planning Policy stating its preferred enrollment range for high schools at 1,000 - 1,800 students; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery Blair High School offers highly varied and successful educational programs to its diverse student population; and

WHEREAS, To provide sufficient enrollment for these programs the upper end of the preferred enrollment range is desired; and

WHEREAS, A math/science magnet program was established at Montgomery Blair High School in 1985 to promote integration and has been very successful in the goal of adding additional students to the enrollment from beyond the residential service area; and

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WHEREAS, The preferred solution of the Board of Education is a new facility on the Kay tract at the intersection of University Boulevard and Colesville Road to accommodate the student enrollment from the service area of Montgomery Blair High School; and

WHEREAS, Funding for the solution using the Kay tract for a new facility for Montgomery Blair High School was not approved by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, Programmed funding needed to modernize the Montgomery Blair facility on the Wayne Avenue site has been limited by the County Council to \$24,000,000 and this will not provide sufficient space for the entire projected student population from the Montgomery Blair service area and program; and

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WHEREAS, The Board has requested that the superintendent recommend a student capacity for Montgomery Blair High School under nonpreferred solutions; and

WHEREAS, A 2,400 student capacity at the Montgomery Blair High School is deemed the most appropriate option under the limiting conditions related to the site at Wayne Avenue and County Council actions; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a 2,400 capacity be planned for Montgomery Blair High School at Wayne Avenue; and be it further

Resolved, That such plans be flexible enough to allow fluctuations in enrollment below and above 2,400 students, through both specific design and master planning; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent forward to the County Council a notification that the Board would be over-projection in their costs as well as an updated cost comparison for the options using a period longer than six years; and be it further

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Resolved, That the community at-large be informed of this action; and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive and County Council be notified of this action.

Re: SPENDING AFFORDABILITY

Dr. Vance announced that the Council's Management and Fiscal Policy Committee had met today to recommend a spending affordability guideline for FY 1995. The revenue projections had been reduced by over \$8 million, and the committee would recommend the current tax rate. As a result, the spending affordability for MCPS would be only \$13 million higher than the FY 1994 operating budget, if adopted by the Council. The Board needed \$32 million to meet growth requirements, and this did not include cost of living increases. The full Council would meet on October 19 to determine the guidelines.

RESOLUTION NO. 755-93 Re: ADJOURNMENT

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at midnight.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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