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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, October 5, 1981, at 9:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Carol F. Wallace,
President in the Chair
Mr. Joseph R. Barse*
Mr. Blair G. Ewing*
Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt
Mr. Jonathan Lipson*
Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Spencer
Mrs. Eleanor D. Zappone

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Edward Andrews,
Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Harry Pitt,
Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Thomas S. Fess,
Parliamentarian

Re: Announcements

Mrs. Wallace announced that Mr. Barse and Mr. Ewing were at work and would be joining the Board for the evening portion of the hearings. Mr. Lipson was attending school and would be attending the evening session. She indicated that all absent Board members had assured her they would read the written testimony.

Re: Public Hearing for
Montgomery Knolls/
Pine Crest Elementary
Schools

1. Mrs. Ruth Manchester, Montgomery Knolls/Pine Crest PTA
Co-president
2. Mrs. Joanne Newberry, Montgomery Knolls/Pine Crest PTA
Co-president
3. Mr. Paul Manchester
4. Mr. Huey Long
5. Mrs. Fay Haskins
6. Mr. Tom Henry
7. Mr. George Maestri
8. Mrs. Linda Silverstein
9. Mr. Steven Yee
10. Mrs. Mary Van Valkenberg
11. Dr. Pravet Choudury
12. Mrs. Deanne Karafiath

13. Mr. Ed Jackson
14. Mr. Steve Grossman
15. Mrs. Joy Lobenstine
16. Mrs. Sally Busker
17. Mr. Bob Cunningham

Re: Board Dialogue

Mrs. Spencer asked about what implications there were for closing one or both buildings in the second five years of the plan if the Board decided to "unpair" the schools. She wanted to know how they could accommodate the groups scheduled to go into both buildings if the Board continued the minority balance and an enrollment update. Dr. Greenblatt asked for information about students coming back into the public schools from private schools. She also requested staff to come up with a second proposal that might show a combined school in one of these buildings and asked about the building changes that would be needed.

Re: Public Hearing for
Four Corners Elementary
School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mrs. Linda Kaplan, Four Corners PTA President
2. Mr. Ralph Bennett (read into the record)
3. Mrs. Carol Pathik
4. Mrs. Lynn Berkeley
5. Ms. Marie-Cecile Louvet-Francis
6. Mrs. Karen Michels
7. Mrs. Rosemary Miller
8. Mrs. Linda Maranas (read into the record)
9. Mrs. Suzanne Otwell
10. Mrs. Florence Bayard

Re: Board Dialogue

In regard to the new option, Mrs. Wallace asked the superintendent whether he had any indication regarding the acceptability of the immersion program at Takoma Park Elementary School. Mrs. Spencer asked for some statistics on the probabilities for the viability of each school in the second five years of the plan. She said the proposal for Takoma Park raised the question of class size and the ability of MCPS to provide an adequate number of instructors. She inquired about the long-range projections for each of the immersion groups, and she wondered whether they could afford to develop and/or maintain instructional materials in three languages. Dr. Greenblatt asked staff to consider how the program would be extended into the secondary schools. She said that this might be a factor as to where it is located (Blair/Northwood/Einstein). She requested an analysis of the 100 percent to Forest Knolls and

inquired about the objection to the English half going to Forest Knolls. She requested that the superintendent address the projected Forest Knolls underutilization in five years.

Re: Public Hearing for
Woodlin/Woodside
Elementary Schools

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mrs. Barbara Faigin
2. Mrs. Clarice Bennett (read into the record)
3. Mrs. Lois Antos
4. Mr. Ed Barkmeyer, Woodside Forest Citizens Association
5. Mrs. Yvonne Chapelle

Re: Potential Receiving
School

East Silver Spring Elementary - Mr. Fred McCoy

Re: Public Hearing for
Oak View Elementary
School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mr. Cliff Sturek
2. Mrs. Marilyn Piety, Sligo Branview Community Association

Re: Potential Receiving
Schools

Montgomery Knolls/Pine Crest Elementary Schools - Mrs. Billie
Cirrincione

Highland View Elementary School - Mrs. Susan Warren

Rolling Terrace Elementary - Mrs. Evelyn Hawkins

Re: Board Dialogue

Mrs. Wallace asked for additional information on the number of students who have to be transported and the size of the sites (Oak View and Highland View). She also asked for the rationale behind the choice of one school over the other.

Re: Public Hearing for
Brookview Elementary
School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mr. Ross McMullen, PTA President
2. Dr. Thomas Poore
3. Mrs. Judith Montanaro, Blair Adivsory Council

4. Mrs. Sarah Crooke
5. Mr. Richard Rosenweig, Oakview Citizens Corporation

Re: Potential Receiving
Schools

Woodmoor/Pine Crest - Mrs. Billie Cirrincione

Re: Board Dialogue

Mrs. Wallace asked for information, if possible, about number of parochial students coming back to the public schools if St. Camillus closed.

Re: Public Hearing for
Montrose Elementary
School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mrs. Jane Murphy, PTA President
2. Mrs. Margaret Waldron
3. Mr. Mike Nelson, Village Square East
4. Mr. Donald Ray
5. Mrs. Karen Leavitt
6. Mr. David Frankel, Bethesda Park Condominium
7. Mr. Joseph Conlon

Re: Potential Receiving
Schools

Luxmanor Elementary - Mr. Albert Teplin
Wheaton Woods Elementary - Mr. Martha Fleetwood
Garrett Park Elementary - Mrs. Joanne Shea

Re: Board Dialogue

Dr. Greenblatt asked for an enrollment update on Montrose Elementary. She requested an evaluation of the two alternate staff proposals regarding Montrose and discrepancies in enrollment figures at Farmland and Luxmanor.

Re: Public Hearing for
Peary High School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mr. Lawrence Saplin, PTA Co-president
2. Mr. Jim Edwards
3. Mr. Robert Clarke
4. Mr. Kevin Bass, SGA President
5. Dr. Joseph Gezelter
6. Mrs. Jane Humphrey
7. Mr. Thomas Beavers

8. Miss Sharon Eimer
9. Mrs. Sandie Wodlinger
10. Mr. Edward Krintz, Jr.
11. Mrs. Sharon Toone
12. Mr. Albert Cook
13. Mr. Henry Heller
14. Mr. Leon Marcus
15. Mrs. Janice Beattie
16. Miss Cathie Scott, Junior Class President
17. Mrs. Janet Pitchersky
18. Mr. Richard O'Connell
19. Mrs. Patricia Douglas
20. Miss Jenny von Stein
21. Mrs. Rita Salins
22. Mrs. Marielaine Mowell
23. Mr. John Noble, Parkland PTA Co-president

* Mr. Barse, Mr. Ewing, and Mr. Lipson joined the meeting at this point.

Re: Potential Receiving
School

Wheaton High School - Mr. Jay Bedell

Re: Board Dialogue

Dr. Greenblatt requested information on the effect of making a closure decision so far in advance of the closing date. She asked for options that might accelerate any potential closure.

Re: Public Hearing for
Belt Junior High School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mr. John Lamphier
2. Mr. Joseph Russek
3. Mr. George Papdopoulos, Connecticut Park PTA President
4. Ms. Renne Nelson
5. Ms. Jacqueline Mendelsohn
6. Mr. David Muns
7. Ms. Irene Nitsios, SGA President
8. Mr. Charles Harp
9. Mrs. Elizabeth Harp

Re: Potential Receiving
School

Parkland Junior High - Mr. John Noble

Re: Board Dialogue

Mrs. Wallace requested an update of the condition rating of Belt,

Parkland, and Wood.

Re: Public Hearing for
Takoma Park Junior High
School

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Mrs. Freddye Davy
2. Dr. Faith Stern
3. Mr. Andrew DeAngelo, SGA President
4. Mr. Alwx Isaacson
5. Mrs. Jacqueline Byers
6. Dr. George Wright
7. Councilman Vernon Ricks, City of Takoma Park
8. Mrs. Betsy Taylor, Neighborhoods Together, Inc.
9. Rev. James Ross
10. Ms. Susan Silbert
11. Mr. Al Golub
12. Dr. Alfonzia Maclin
13. Delegate Stewart Bainum (read into the record)

Re: Potential Receiving
School

Eastern Junior High - Mr. Michael DeMouy

Re: Board Dialogue

Mr. Barse requested information on a reconciliation of staff projections versus those present by Dr. Stern regarding Takoma Park. Mr. Ewing asked for the superintendent's reaction to Dr. Wright's figures with respect to "losses to the taxpayers." He said it would be useful to have some specific comments on what cost advantages and disadvantages there were to the proposal made by the Blair Advisory Council. He said it would be helpful for the Board to ask their attorney to look at the arguments that Ms. Silbert raised, and Mrs. Spencer suggested that legal counsel should look at the effect of the changes being proposed for the entire Takoma cluster.

Re: Adjournment

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

President

Secretary

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