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Bethesda, Maryland  
January 27, 1983

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Bethesda, Maryland, on Thursday, January 27, 1983, at 8:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL            Present: Mr. Blair G. Ewing, President in the Chair  
Dr. James E. Cronin  
Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt  
Mr. Kurt Hirsch  
Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser  
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner  
Mrs. Odessa M. Shannon  
Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Edward Andrews, Superintendent of  
Schools  
Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent  
Dr. Robert S. Shaffner, Executive  
Assistant

Re: Dialogue/Town Meeting with  
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Community

Mr. Ewing explained that the Board was experimenting with ways of communicating with the public. Tonight's discussion would be a town meeting, and anyone could make brief comments after being recognized by the Board president. Thirty-four members of the community took the opportunity to appear before the Board.

Re: Board Options for the Bethesda-Chevy  
Chase Cluster Schools

Mr. Ewing indicated that this was the time for Board members to present options to be studied beyond the recommendations proposed by the superintendent. The options would have to be adopted by four members of the Board, and the public would have an opportunity to comment on the superintendent's recommendations as well as the options at a future public hearing.

Resolution No. 60-83            Re: Option for Bethesda-Chevy Chase  
Cluster Schools

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

Resolved, That the superintendent be requested to provide an option on the "Somerset Plan" or some variation.

Resolution No. 61-83            Re: Option for Bethesda-Chevy Chase  
Cluster Schools

On motion of Mrs. Shannon seconded by Dr. Shoenberg, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Peyser voting in the negative (Mr. Hirsch voting in the affirmative):

Resolved, That the superintendent be requested to provide an option of two K-2 schools (one being Rosemary Hills Elementary) with Rock Creek Forest as a K-6 school and the remaining cluster schools as 3-6.

Resolution No. 62-83                      Re: Option for Bethesda-Chevy Chase  
Cluster Schools

On motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mrs. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Peyser voting in the negative (Mr. Hirsch voting in the affirmative):

Resolved, That the superintendent be requested to provide an option or variation of his preliminary recommendation on the B-CC Cluster.

Re: A Motion by Dr. Cronin on an Option  
for Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster  
Schools (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Cronin that the superintendent be requested to provide an option on a paper submitted by the community which would call for a K-1 at Rosemary Hills, 2-6 at Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Bethesda, and would exclude Rock Creek Forest from the plan and retain Somerset as K-6 failed with Dr. Cronin and Mr. Ewing voting in the affirmative; Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative (Mr. Hirsch voting in the negative).

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 11 p.m.

President

Secretary

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