The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, March 31, 1983, at 8 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

Resolution No. 313-83 Re: Board Agenda - March 31, 1983

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for March 31, 1983.

Resolution No. 314-83 Re: Deletion of Third Resolved Clause - Takoma Park Junior High School

On motion of Dr. Shoenberg seconded by Mr. Hirsch, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the following Resolved clause be deleted from the resolution on Takoma Park Junior High School:

Resolved, That all grade 8 students currently attending Takoma Park Junior High will remain at the school for Grade 9; and be it further

Resolution No. 315-83 Re: An Amendment to the First Resolved Clause - Eastern Intermediate School

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

* Dr. Greenblatt joined the meeting at a later time.
Resolved, That the Board approve the first Resolved clause of the proposed resolution on Eastern Intermediate School, deleting "but be reorganized as a grades 6-8 school in September, 1985"; as follows:

Resolved, That the Board approve the first Resolved clause of the proposed resolution on Eastern Intermediate School, deleting "but be reorganized as a grades 6-8 school in September, 1985"; as follows:

Resolved, That the Eastern Intermediate School continue to operate as a 7-8 school for 1983-85; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board add a second Resolved clause as follows:

Resolved, That the Board will consider and decide whether to implement the concept of a Grades 6-8 organization for this school in the 1983 update of the 15-year plan; and be it further

Resolution No. 316-83 Re: First and Second Resolved Clause - Eastern Intermediate School

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the first and second Resolved clauses of the proposed resolution on Eastern Intermediate School:

Resolved, That the Eastern Intermediate School continue to operate as a 7-8 school for the 1983-85; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board will consider and decide whether to implement the concept of a Grades 6-8 organization for this school in the 1983 update of the 15-year plan; and be it further

Resolution No. 317-83 Re: Third Resolved Clause and First Bullet of Proposed Resolution on Eastern Intermediate

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the third Resolved clause and first bullet of the proposed resolution on Eastern Intermediate:

Resolved, That the Eastern attendance area on and after July 1, 1983, consist of the attendance area served during the 1982-83 school year with the following modifications:

* Send to Takoma Park Junior High School students from the Piney Branch Elementary attendance area for Grades 7 and 8 beginning in September 1983; students from the area will remain at
Takoma Park for Grade 9 in 1984; but attend Blair for Grades 9-12 beginning in September 1985

Dr. Greenblatt joined the meeting at this point.

Re: A Motion by Mrs. Shannon to Amend the Proposed Resolution on Eastern Intermediate

Mrs. Shannon moved and Dr. Cronin seconded that the proposed resolution on Eastern Intermediate be amended by deleting "beginning with Grade 7" from the second bullet of the third Resolved clause.

Re: A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt on the Proposed Resolution on Eastern Intermediate School

Dr. Greenblatt moved that the proposed motion be amended by adding "except those students at Highland View Elementary School who can walk to Eastern Intermediate."

Mr. Ewing ruled that Dr. Greenblatt's motion was out of order on the grounds that it was not specific in its application. Dr. Greenblatt challenged the rule of the chair.

Re: Ruling of the Chair

Mr. Ewing and Mrs. Praisner supported the ruling of the chair. Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, and Dr. Shoenberg did not. Dr. Cronin and Mrs. Shannon abstained. (Mr. Hirsch abstained). Dr. Greenblatt withdrew her motion.

Re: A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt to Amend the Proposed Resolution on Eastern Intermediate

Dr. Greenblatt moved and Mrs. Peyser seconded that the proposed resolution on Eastern Intermediate be amended by adding "except those students from areas assigned to Eastern in 1981-82" after "September 1983" in the second bullet.

Re: A Motion by Mrs. Peyser to Amend Dr. Greenblatt's Proposed Amendment (FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Peyser to amend Dr. Greenblatt's proposed amendment by adding "who will have the option of attending Eastern" after "1981-82" failed with Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Peyser voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative (Mr. Hirsch voting in the negative).

Re: A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt to Amend the Proposed Resolution on Eastern (FAILED)
A motion by Dr. Greenblatt to amend the proposed resolution on Eastern by adding "except those students from areas assigned to Eastern in 1981-82" after "September 1983" failed with Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Peyser voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative (Mr. Hirsch voting in the negative).

Re: A Motion by Mrs. Praisner to Amend the Proposed Resolution on Eastern (FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Praisner to amend the proposed resolution on Eastern by substituting "beginning with Grade 7 in 1983 and allowing those students currently from Highland View attending Eastern to complete the eighth grade at Eastern" for "Grades 7-8 beginning in September 1983" failed with Dr. Greenblatt, Mrs. Peyser, and Mrs. Praisner voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative (Mr. Hirsch voting in the negative).

Resolution No. 318-83 Re: An Amendment to the Second Bullet of the Proposed Resolution on Eastern

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

Resolved, That the proposed resolution on Eastern Intermediate School be amended in the second bullet to delete "beginning with Grade 7" to read:

- Send to Takoma Park Junior High School students from the Highland View Elementary attendance area for Grades 7 and 8 in September 1983; students from this area will continue to attend Blair for Grades 9-12.

Resolution No. 319-83 Re: Postponing Action on the Third Bullet of the Proposed Resolution on Eastern

On motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mrs. Peyser, the following resolution was adopted unanimously (Mr. Hirsch being temporarily absent):

Resolved, That the Board of Education postpone action on the third bullet of the proposed resolution on Eastern Intermediate School until the discussion of New Hampshire Estates Elementary School.

Resolution No. 320-83 Re: Deleting Fourth Bullet of the Proposed Resolution on Eastern

On motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following
resolution was adopted unanimously (Mr. Hirsch being temporarily absent):

Resolved, That the Board of Education delete the fourth bullet of the proposed resolution on Eastern Intermediate.

Re: Eastern Intermediate School

Resolved, That the Eastern Intermediate School continue to operate as a 7-8 school for 1983-85; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board will consider and decide whether to implement the concept of a Grades 6-8 organization for this school in the 1983 update of the 15-year plan; and be it further

Resolved, That the Eastern attendance area on and after July 1, 1983, consist of the attendance area served during the 1982-83 school year with the following modifications:

- Send to Takoma Park Junior High School students from the Piney Branch Elementary attendance area for Grades 7 and 8 beginning in September 1983; students from the area will remain at Takoma Park for Grade 9 in 1984, but attend Blair for Grades 9-12 beginning in September 1985

- Send to Takoma Park Junior High School students from the Highland View Elementary attendance area for Grades 7 and 8 in September 1983; students from this area will continue to attend Blair for Grades 9-12.

Resolution No. 321-83 Re: First Resolved Clause of the Proposed Resolution on Sligo Intermediate

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the first Resolved clause of the proposed resolution on Sligo Intermediate:

Resolved, That Sligo continue a 7-8 organization rather than reorganize as a 7-9 junior high in September 1984; and be it further

Resolution No. 322-83 Re: An Amendment to the Proposed Resolution on Sligo Intermediate School

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

Resolved, That the proposed resolution on Sligo Intermediate School be amended by the addition of a new second Resolved clause:
Resolved, That the Board will consider and decide whether to implement the concept of a Grades 6-8 organization for this school in the 1983 update of the 15-year plan; and be it further

Resolution No. 323-83 Re: A Substitute Motion for the Third Resolved Clause and First Bullet of the Proposed Resolution on Sligo Intermediate

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

Resolved, That the proposed resolution on Sligo be amended by substituting the following for the third Resolved clause and first bullet of the proposed resolution on Sligo:

Resolved, That the Sligo Intermediate School attendance area on and after July 1, 1983, consist of the attendance area served during the 1982-83 school year with the following modification:

- Students from the Woodlin attendance area east of Georgia Avenue would have the opportunity to transfer to Blair and Takoma Park Junior High School in accordance with the student transfer policy.

Re: Sligo Intermediate School

Resolved, That Sligo continue a 7-8 organization rather than reorganize as a 7-9 junior high in September 1984; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board will consider and decide whether to implement the concept of a Grades 6-8 organization for this school in the 1983 update of the 15-year plan; and be it further

Resolved, That the Sligo Intermediate School attendance area on and after July 1, 1983, consist of the attendance area served during the 1982-83 school year with the following modification:

- Students from the Woodlin attendance area east of Georgia Avenue would have the opportunity to transfer to Blair and Takoma Park Junior High School in accordance with the student transfer policy.

Resolution No. 324-83 Re: Postponement of Proposed Resolution on White Oak Junior High School

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

Resolved, That the proposed resolution on White Oak Junior High School be postponed.

Resolution No. 325-83 Re: Deletion of Proposed Resolution on
Grade Level Reorganization

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

Resolved, That the proposed resolution on grade level reorganization be deleted.

Re: A Substitute Motion by Dr. Shoenberg on Elementary School Assignments and Articulation Patterns in Blair Area

Dr. Shoenberg moved and Mrs. Praisner seconded the following as a substitute for the proposed resolution on New Hampshire Estates:

WHEREAS, Important objectives in the Long-range Educational Facilities Planning Policy's annual review for Blair High School and its surrounding area are to achieve stable, long-term student assignment and articulation patterns, improved racial balance, and strong educational programs for elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, The Board has adopted a number of resolutions to achieve these objectives; and

WHEREAS, The Board has been presented with several promising, but mutually exclusive, alternatives and suggestions for reassignment of, and realignment of articulation patterns for, some students now residing in elementary school attendance areas in the Blair High School area, some of which impact on schools in neighboring high school areas, including the Springbrook and Einstein High School areas; and

WHEREAS, Some of these alternatives and suggestions would impact student assignments to East Silver Spring and Piney Branch Elementary Schools and articulation patterns for New Hampshire Estates Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, The Board will be reviewing new information affecting elementary school facilities and assignments in the Springbrook High School areas during the 1983-84 annual review; and

WHEREAS, The Board wishes to consider further the desirability of establishing middle (6-8) schools in the Blair High School area and confer more extensively with the affected communities; and

WHEREAS, Middle schools in this area would impact both on some existing elementary school assignments and articulation patterns and on student assignment and articulation patterns which have been proposed or suggested to the Board; and

WHEREAS, Students residing in the New Hampshire Estates elementary school have been reassigned to different schools several times in recent years; and
WHEREAS, It would impact negatively on the objectives of achieving stable, long-term student assignment and articulation patterns, improved racial balance, and strong educational programs in the Blair High School area and would be unfair and disruptive to students and affected communities if further elementary reassignments or changes in articulation patterns were made at this time and then were altered again next year; and

WHEREAS, There do not appear to be obvious feasible measures at this time by which the Board could alleviate racial imbalance at East Silver Spring and Piney Branch Elementary Schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board will not make alterations in elementary school assignments and articulation patterns in the Blair High School area at this time for implementation in September, 1983 which it believes may, of necessity, not be long-term; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board will consider further the feasibility and desirability of modifications of certain elementary school assignments and articulation patterns in the Blair High School area during its review process in 1983-84 in connection with its review of elementary school facilities and assignments in the Springbrook High School area, its consideration of the desirability of establishing middle schools in the Blair High School area, and its consideration of the interrelated assignment patterns for schools in the Blair High School and neighboring areas.

Re: A Motion by Dr. Cronin to Amend the Proposed Resolution on Elementary School Assignments (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Cronin to amend the proposed resolution on elementary school assignments by deleting the first Resolved clause failed for lack of a second.

Resolution No. 326-83 Re: Elementary School Assignments and Articulation Patterns

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

WHEREAS, Important objectives in the Long-range Educational Facilities Planning Policy's annual review for Blair High School and its surrounding area are to achieve stable, long-term student assignment and articulation patterns, improved racial balance, and strong educational programs for elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, The Board has adopted a number of resolutions to achieve these objectives; and
WHEREAS, The Board has been presented with several promising, but mutually exclusive, alternatives and suggestions for reassignment of, and realignment of articulation patterns for, some students now residing in elementary school attendance areas in the Blair High School area, some of which impact on schools in neighboring high school areas, including the Springbrook and Einstein High School areas; and

WHEREAS, Some of these alternatives and suggestions would impact student assignments to East Silver Spring and Piney Branch Elementary Schools and articulation patterns for New Hampshire Estates Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, The Board will be reviewing new information affecting elementary school facilities and assignments in the Springbrook High School areas during the 1983-84 annual review; and

WHEREAS, The Board wishes to consider further the desirability of establishing middle (6-8) schools in the Blair High School area and confer more extensively with the affected communities; and

WHEREAS, Middle schools in this area would impact both on some existing elementary school assignments and articulation patterns and on student assignment and articulation patterns which have been proposed or suggested to the Board; and

WHEREAS, Students residing in the New Hampshire Estates elementary school have been reassigned to different schools several times in recent years; and

WHEREAS, It would impact negatively on the objectives of achieving stable, long-term student assignment and articulation patterns, improved racial balance, and strong educational programs in the Blair High School area and would be unfair and disruptive to students and affected communities if further elementary reassignments or changes in articulation patterns were made at this time and then were altered again next year; and

WHEREAS, There do not appear to be obvious feasible measures at this time by which the Board could alleviate racial imbalance at East Silver Spring and Piney Branch Elementary Schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board will not make alterations in elementary school assignments and articulation patterns in the Blair High School area at this time for implementation in September, 1983 which it believes may, of necessity, not be long-term; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board will consider further the feasibility and desirability of modifications of certain elementary school assignments and articulation patterns in the Blair High School area during its review process in 1983-84 in connection with its review of elementary school facilities and assignments in the Springbrook High School area, its consideration of the desirability of establishing
middle schools in the Blair High School area, and its consideration
of the interrelated assignment patterns for schools in the Blair High
School and neighboring areas.

Resolution No. 327-83  Re:  Deletion of Proposed Resolutions on
Cannon Road, Westover, and White Oak

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education delete the proposed resolutions
on Cannon Road, Westover, and White Oak.

Resolution No. 328-83  Re:  Deletion of Proposed Resolutions on
Piney Branch, Highland View and
East Silver Spring

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education delete the proposed resolutions
on Piney Branch, Highland View, and East Silver Spring.

Resolution No. 329-83  Re:  Whereas Clauses and First Resolved
Clause of the Proposed Resolution on
Peary High School

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

WHEREAS, The Policy on Long-range educational facilities planning
establishes goals, principles, and a process for addressing changing
enrollment; and

WHEREAS, The primary goal of the policy is to provide those
facilities and future school sites necessary to sustain high quality
educational programs at reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, If new data suggest accelerating an approved action or the
need to take an action not among those already approved, a proposal
and the rationale for it will be presented to the Board and affected
communities; and

WHEREAS, The community involvement process portion of the policy has
been implemented; and

WHEREAS, Alternative proposals have been received and considered by
the Board; and
WHEREAS, Public hearings were held on March 2 and 7, 1983, by the Board of Education on the Update; now therefore be it

Resolved, That upon the closure of Robert E. Peary High School in 1984, the reassignment of students to Rockville High School be accelerated to begin with Grade 10 students in September 1984 (rather than in September 1985 as was adopted previously); and be it further

Resolution No. 330-83 Re: Rockville High School

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

WHEREAS, The Policy on Long-range Educational Facilities Planning establishes goals, principles, and a process for addressing changing enrollment; and

WHEREAS, The primary goal of the policy is to provide those facilities and future school sites necessary to sustain high quality educational programs at reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, If new data suggest the need to take an action not among those already approved, a proposal and the rationale for it will be presented to the Board and affected communities; and

WHEREAS, The community involvement process portion of the policy has been implemented; and

WHEREAS, Alternative proposals have been received and considered by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Public hearings were held on March 2 and 7, 1983, by the Board of Education on the Update; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Rockville High School attendance area on and after July 1, 1983, consist of the attendance area served during the 1982-83 school year with the following modifications:

- Receive from Peary High School on an accelerated basis students living in the Barnsley and Rock Creek Valley elementary attendance areas to begin with Grade 10 students in September 1984 (rather than in September 1985 as was adopted previously)

Resolution No. 331-83 Re: Wheaton High School

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mr. Hirsch, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The Policy on Long-range Educational Facilities Planning
establishes goals, principles, and a process for addressing changing enrollment; and

WHEREAS, The primary goal of the policy is to provide those facilities and future school sites necessary to sustain high quality educational programs at reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, If new data suggest the need to take an action not among those already approved, a proposal and the rationale for it will be presented to the Board and affected communities; and

WHEREAS, The community involvement process portion of the policy has been implemented; and

WHEREAS, Alternative proposals have been received and considered by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Public hearings were held on March 2 and 7, 1983, by the Board of Education on the Update; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Wheaton High School attendance area on and after July 1, 1983, consist of the attendance area served during the 1982-83 school year with the following modifications:

- Receive from Peary High School upon its closure in 1984 all regular Grades 10-12 students except Grade 10 students from the Barnsley and Rock Creek Valley elementary attendance areas who are assigned to Rockville (previous actions sent all Grades 10-12 students to Wheaton)

- Send to Einstein on an accelerated basis students living in the Highland Elementary attendance area beginning with Grades 9 and 10 students in September 1983.

Mrs. Praisner assumed the chair.

Re: A Motion by Mr. Ewing on Magnets

Mr. Ewing moved and Mrs. Shannon seconded that the following be added to the proposed resolutions on Blair and Einstein:

Resolved, That the Board of Education commits itself to building on existing magnet programs, strengthening those which exist and extending them as appropriate in the Blair and Einstein area, with specific attention to at least the following:

a. Developing, with community involvement, the magnet in math, science and computers at Blair High School, with planning to start immediately;

b. Implementing as soon as possible at Takoma Park Junior High School the science/computer magnet program continuation which exists now at Piney Branch and which would bridge the program
from that elementary school to the high school;

c. Continuing and strengthening the French immersion program at Oak View, and implementing as soon as possible an extended French program at Eastern, and then at Blair High School beginning in 1985;

d. Establishing a half-day kindergarten at East Silver Spring and continuing the all-day kindergarten program there and at other schools where the all-day program now exists;

e. Continuing and strengthening the program for gifted students at Takoma Park Elementary School;

f. Continuing and strengthening the Visual Arts Center program at Einstein, with consideration for development of it into a full-scale magnet program;

g. Seeking actively to locate the Northwood ROTC program at either Einstein or Blair High School when Northwood closes, as still another kind of magnet program;

h. Continuing and giving further definition and support to the other magnet programs in the schools in the Blair area

i. Provide for participation of New Hampshire Estates students in cluster programs within the Blair cluster area.

Resolution NO. 332-83 Re: A Substitute Motion by Dr. Greenblatt on Magnets

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

Resolved, That the following be substituted for Mr. Ewing's proposed resolution on magnets:

Resolved, That the Board request the superintendent to provide for the Board at a meeting within the next month a plan for magnet programs in the Blair/Einstein area.

Re: A Motion by Mr. Ewing on Assurances in Educational Planning, Educational Quality, Resources and Monitoring

Mr. Ewing moved the following which was seconded by Dr. Cronin:

Resolved, That the Board gives the following assurances which are not legally binding with respect to schools in the Blair and Einstein area:
That the solution once adopted would stay in place with respect to its major elements for at least four years, giving time to develop and put in place smooth transitions, stable patterns of enrollment, clearly articulated educational objectives and specific educational programs with the necessary staff and resources to make them succeed.

That the Board would provide, if possible (given the fiscal dependency of MCPS on the executive and Council and state government), resources beyond the norm and beyond transportation to implement with a high level of success the educational programs adopted and needed in the cluster.

That there would be continuous Board attention and staff attention to the progress and to the issues faced by the cluster schools, and that the attention would be provided through regular monitoring, Board meetings with staff and community, perhaps a mandated cluster-wide organization of principals and another mandated cluster-wide advisory committee of parents and citizens.

In addition, resources would be targeted for formal evaluation of the cluster programs. The purpose would not be to make short-term changes in such matters as attendance areas or program locations or magnet program shifts or student assignment patterns, but to make sure that programs put in place had the requisite attention and resources to succeed.

That the Board would, through its own involvement and through involvement of staff and community, engage this spring and in the future in intensive educational planning for the educational programs in the cluster, the aim being to assure a high level of excellence in every school.

Re: A Motion by Mrs. Peyser to Amend Mr. Ewing's Proposed Resolution on Assurances (FAILED)

A motion by Mrs. Peyser to amend Mr. Ewing's proposed resolution on assurances by substituting "Resolved, That the Board of Education ask the superintendent and staff to reword Mr. Ewing's proposed resolution" failed for lack of a second.

Re: A Motion by Dr. Cronin to Delete the First Bullet of Mr. Ewing's Proposed Resolution

Dr. Cronin moved and Dr. Shoenberg seconded that the Board delete the first bullet of Mr. Ewing's proposed resolution.

Resolution No. 333-83 Re: An Amendment to Dr. Cronin's Proposed Amendment to Mr. Ewing's Resolution

On motion of Dr. Shoenberg seconded by Mrs. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:
Resolved, That Mr. Ewing's proposed resolution on assurances be amended to add "and stability" after "high level of success" in the second bullet.

Resolution No. 334-83 Re: An Amendment to Mr. Ewing's Proposed Resolution on Assurances

On motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Dr. Shoenberg, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That Mr. Ewing's proposed resolution on assurances be amended by deleting the first bullet and adding "and stability" after "high level of success" in the second bullet.

Resolution No. 335-83 Re: An Amendment to Mr. Ewing's Proposed Resolution on Assurances

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

Resolved, That Mr. Ewing's proposed resolution on assurances be amended by deleting "no" and "to make short-term changes in such matters as attendance areas or program locations or magnet program shifts or student assignment patterns, but" in the second second bullet of the proposed resolution on assurances.

Re: A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt to Amend Mr. Ewing's Proposed Resolution on Assurances

Dr. Greenblatt moved and Mrs. Peyser seconded that Mr. Ewing's proposed resolution on assurances be amended by deleting "and that the attention would be provided through regular monitoring, Board meetings with staff and community, perhaps a mandated cluster-wide organization of principals and another mandated cluster-wide advisory committee of parents and citizens" from the new second bullet of the proposed resolution on assurances.

Resolution No. 336-83 Re: A Substitute Motion by Dr. Shoenberg for Dr. Greenblatt's Proposed Amendment

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

Resolved, That the following be substituted for Dr. Greenblatt's proposed amendment to Mr. Ewing's proposed resolution on assurances:
Resolved, That Mr. Ewing's proposed resolution on assurances be amended by substituting "through regular monitoring including Board meetings with staff and community" for "through regular monitoring, Board meetings with staff and community, perhaps a mandated cluster-wide organization of principals and another mandated cluster-wide advisory committee of parents and citizens."

Resolution No. 337-83 Re: An Amendment to Mr. Ewing's Proposed Resolution on Assurances

On motion by Dr. Cronin seconded by Dr. Shoenberg, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Dr. Greenblatt abstaining (Mr. Hirsch voting in the affirmative):
Resolved, That Mr. Ewing's proposed resolution on assurances be amended in the last bullet to add after "in every school," "clearly articulated educational objectives of specific educational programs with the necessary staff and resources to make them succeed."

Resolution No. 338-83 Re: Assurances for Blair and Einstein (amended)

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

Resolved, That the Board gives the following assurances which are not legally binding with respect to schools in the Blair and Einstein areas:

That the Board would provide, if possible (given the fiscal dependency of MCPS on the executive and Council and state government), resources beyond the norm and beyond transportation to implement with a high level of success and stability the educational programs adopted and needed in the cluster.

That there would be continuous Board attention and staff attention to the progress and to the issues faced by the cluster schools, and that the attention would be provided through regular monitoring including Board meetings with staff and community. In addition, resources would be targeted for formal evaluation of the cluster programs. The purpose would be to make sure that programs put in place had the requisite attention and resources to succeed.

That the Board would, through its own involvement and through involvement of staff and community, engage this spring and in the future in intensive educational planning for the educational programs in the cluster, the aims being to assure a high level of
excellence in every school, clearly articulated educational objectives, and specific educational programs with the necessary staff and resources to make them succeed.

Mr. Ewing assumed the chair.

Resolution No. 339-83  Re: Magnet Programs

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

Resolved, That all elementary schools feeding into Blair High School will become participants in the Blair cluster of schools and therefore eligible to participate in all magnet programs within the cluster.

Re: A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt on Belt Junior High School (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Greenblatt to reconsider the closure of Belt Junior High School this June failed with Dr. Greenblatt and Mrs. Peyser voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative (Mr. Hirsch voting in the negative).

Re: A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt on Key Junior High School (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Greenblatt to reconsider the closure of Key Junior High School failed with Mr. Ewing, Dr. Greenblatt, and Mrs. Peyser voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative (Mr. Hirsch voting in the negative).

Re: A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt on a Public Hearing

Dr. Greenblatt moved and Mrs. Peyser seconded that the Board hold a public hearing based on all the decisions on the facilities plan especially on the downcounty areas for impact before these decisions were made final.

Re: A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt to Amend the Proposed Motion on a Public Hearing (FAILED)

A motion by Dr. Greenblatt to amend the motion on a public hearing to deal only with issues of Blair, Einstein, and Northwood failed for lack of a second.

Re: A Motion by Dr. Greenblatt for a Public Hearing (FAILED)
A motion by Dr. Greenblatt that the Board hold a public hearing based on all the decisions on the facilities plan especially on the down county areas for impact before these decisions were made final failed with Dr. Greenblatt voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Peyser, Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Shannon, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the negative (Mr. Hirsch voting in the negative).

Resolution No. 340-83  Re: Facilities Decisions Notification

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

Resolved, That the state Board of Education, state superintendent of schools, county executive, County Council, Planning Board, affected communities, Board of Public Works, and IAC be notified of Board actions.

Resolution No. 341-83  Re: Tentative Action on Blair/Einstein/Northwood Area Schools

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education take tentative action on Blair/Einstein/Northwood area schools.

Resolution No. 342-83  Re: Final Action on Blair/Einstein/Northwood Area Schools

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education take final action on Blair/Einstein/Northwood area schools on April 12, 1983; and be it further Resolved, That the Board of Education receive community views on tentative decisions prior to April 12, 1983.

Resolution No. 343-83  Re: Adjournment

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 11:45 p.m.

President

Secretary
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