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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, January 28, 1985, at 8:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg, President in
the Chair
Dr. James E. Cronin
Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
Miss Jacquie Duby
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Dr. Jeremiah Floyd
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner
Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Wilmer S. Cody, Superintendent of
Schools
Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Robert S. Shaffner, Executive
Assistant
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: Review of 1984 Facilities Update

Dr. Shoenberg explained that this was an opportunity for Board members to raise questions about the recommendations presented by the superintendent and to identify areas in which members may want alternatives developed. On Wednesday evening the Board would be voting on facilities alternatives. Dr. Cody described the process he had gone through in developing his recommendations for the Board. Dr. George Fisher, director of planning, illustrated the changes that had taken place in the county and the revisions made by Park and Planning to population forecasts. Mr. William Wilder, director of school facilities, explained the process for approval of the capital budget.

The following questions were raised by Board members:

1. Mrs. Praisner noted that several communities had raised questions about changes in school capacities. She hoped that staff would get back to those schools and explain the process.
2. Mrs. Praisner pointed out that Farmland had raised a question about the impact of ESOL programs in a school. She asked that staff comment.
3. Mrs. Praisner asked how and when the Board would deal with special education issues. The superintendent agreed to provide a separate document on special education facilities changes; however, this would not be the fully developed paper on special education initiatives.
4. Mrs. Praisner was concerned about telephone calls she had received from citizens regarding the MNCPPC staff process for

gathering information. She asked that staff provide information on how staff members of Park and Planning met with communities and how they developed recommendations for communities.

5. In response to Dr. Cronin's question, Dr. Fisher and Mrs. Ann Briggs of the Planning staff described the process they used in tracking new housing from the preliminary approval stage to the completion stage.

6. Mr. Ewing suggested that they needed a set of criteria for building capacity standards. Dr. Cody agreed that they could take several schools and build a case for utilization rates.

7. Dr. Cronin requested a summary paper on relocatable classrooms, the number in each area and how many were proposed for each area.

8. (see also #6) Dr. Cronin requested a paper on utilization, the different ways of looking at capacity ratings.

9. Mrs. Slye asked for a list of programs existing in the schools to better understand the proposed relocation of special education programs. She also requested more detail on the proposed move of these programs.

10. Mrs. Slye requested a list of schools which would exceed 90 percent capacity for more than one year and a list of the schools falling below 70 percent in the five year period.

11. Mrs. Slye asked for a paper on the costs of siting relocatable classrooms.

12. Mr. Ewing requested a paper on the differences between the superintendent's two options for Northwood and the one proposed by David Kaplan.

13. Mr. Ewing asked for information on the questions raised by the Takoma Park Junior High School community on keeping T.P. 7-9 for the foreseeable future and making Eastern into a junior high school due to proposal 1. (two answers, one with T.P. and one with both schools).

14. Mr. Ewing asked for clarification of counsel's paper on New Hampshire Estates and Rolling Terrace. He asked the superintendent to consider addressing high minority percentages at NHE this year or in the next two years.

15. Mr. Ewing asked staff to look into the possibility of having two intermediate schools serving Springbrook.

16. Dr. Cronin requested operating and capital costs involved in increasing the magnet at Blair by 200 students.

17. Dr. Cronin asked for information on the effects on the Takoma Park and Eastern magnets if Northwood remained open. He also asked for information on the impact of having Takoma Park 7-9 and Blair 10-12 in regard to students wanting to attend the magnet.

18. Mrs. Praisner requested information on the 1995 enrollment of high schools under options 1 and 2.

19. Mrs. Praisner asked for information as to where additions could be placed on the Blair campus.

20. Mrs. Praisner asked that staff provide options for Northwood that they considered and rejected and reasons as to why staff selected the two options presented.

21. Mrs. DiFonzo stated that there was a suggestion that Northwood did not have to have contiguous boundaries and requested staff reaction.

22. Mr. Ewing inquired about the possibility of using Pleasant View

to house Einstein students.

23. In regard to the proposed move of the Bridge School, Dr. Cronin asked why staff had not considered Richard Montgomery and Julius West.

24. Dr. Cronin asked when the study spoken to on page 28 would be completed (to relieve crowding and improve racial balance in the Blair cluster).

25. Mrs. Praisner requested information on schools wishing more portables than the number assigned to them in the facilities plan. (at a later time she also requested information on site problems with portables at Rosemary Hills).

26. Dr. Cronin asked to see a plan to address low enrollment and staffing to meet needs for Rock View (specifically what they were putting in that school between now and 1987).

27. Mr. Ewing requested information on Woodlin's proposed magnet program, the effect of such a program on enrollment.

28. For the future, Mrs. Praisner asked about the cost of the Cloverly renovation and plans for sewer line connections.

29. For the future, Dr. Cronin requested information on options for Peppertree Farm Apartments and the control they would put on transfers.

30. Dr. Cronin asked that staff contact citizens in the Olney area regarding their enrollment projections.

31. Mrs. DiFonzo asked for staff information on the plan suggested by Westover.

32. Mrs. Praisner requested an up-to-date map of subdivisions in the Springbrook area.

33. For the future, Dr. Cronin requested information on the possibility of relocating the QIE office to a junior high school so that classrooms could be used as resource rooms.

34. Mr. Ewing requested an explanation of enrollment figures for Wheaton and Parkland. Dr. Shoenberg also asked for projections for 1995 for those schools.

35. Dr. Cronin asked for information on what was being done to address the Walter Johnson situation, including boundary changes with the effects on Churchill, Hoover, and Cabin John, whether they could go to a ninth grade at Churchill, the question of returning to the original Walter Johnson boundaries, and whether programs in these schools would be affected if no changes were made.

36. Mrs. Praisner requested information on the number of students per grade this year at Walter Johnson and in 1991. She asked for information on other options they might consider for Walter Johnson (other than Churchill). She inquired about factors relating to other schools in the area that might prevent their considering this now.

37. Mrs. Slye requested information on growth in Area 2 elementary schools as a result of enrollment in the regular program or in special programs.

38. Mr. Ewing asked for a paper on a possible Walter Johnson and Woodward consolidation, advantages and disadvantages, when it could be done, and what the schools would look like in 1995 if nothing were done.

39. Mrs. Slye asked for a separate paper on what could be done to

deal with the Cabin John/Hoover situation.

40. Dr. Shoenberg suggested that the various options developed also look at the possibility of doing something about Richard Montgomery and consider when the Board should exercise all possible options.

41. Dr. Cronin asked for a full response on questions raised by the county executive regarding Wootton, Richard Montgomery, Gaithersburg, and Rockville.

42. For the meeting with the B-CC cluster, Dr. Cronin requested information on expansion of the language program at Rock Creek Forest and the cap on enrollment at North Chevy Chase.

43. Mrs. Praisner asked that staff respond to the Churchill community on capacity ratings and joint occupancy.

44. Mr. Ewing asked that staff take another look at the Ashburton proposal.

45. Mrs. Praisner requested information on Kensington Parkwood enrollment, how the projections for the school were met in September and what the projections were for 1991. Mr. Ewing asked for information on the enrollment of Kensington Parkwood students in magnets.

46. For the future, Mrs. Praisner requested information on the possible use of Concord.

47. Mrs. Slye inquired about utilization options and possible alternatives if they did not have the high school study in the Woodward area.

48. Mr. Ewing asked for a response to the Gaithersburg High School request for six portables.

49. For the future, Mr. Ewing inquired about the possibility of adding another elementary school in the up-county area (Damascus/Cedar Grove).

50. Mrs. Praisner asked staff to take another look at the assignment of the Hunters Wood subdivision.

51. Mrs. Praisner asked for enrollment information (1995) for Monocacy and what could be done in the near term to increase enrollment at that school. For the future, Mr. Ewing inquired about the quality of the program at the school.

52. Mr. Ewing asked for enrollment projections for 1995 for Poolesville Junior-Senior High School.

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:55 p.m.

President

Secretary

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