The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Piney Branch Elementary School, Takoma Park, Maryland, on Wednesday, September 18, 1985 at 8 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:  Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg, President in the Chair
          Dr. James E. Cronin
          Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo
          Mr. Blair G. Ewing
          Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner

Absent:  Dr. Jeremiah Floyd
         Mr. John D. Foubert
         Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye

Others Present:  Dr. Wilmer S. Cody, Superintendent of Schools
                 Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent

Re:  ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Shoenberg announced that Dr. Floyd was out-of-town but would listen to the tape of the hearing and that Mr. Foubert was unable to be present.

Re:  PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE BLAIR CLUSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The following individual appeared before the Board of Education:


   Mrs. Praisner requested information from staff on the enrollment and projections at Montgomery Knolls for the last four years and also a review by the superintendent of whether there was any expectation of portables at the present time or whether for the subsequent years only. Mr. Ewing stated that 33 children in three of the kindergarten classes at Montgomery Knolls was way too large and asked what staff was planning to do about it.


   Dr. Cronin requested that, if the superintendent planned to continue grade pairing, he make a recommendation for September 23 of what would be done with the students who are in the K-2 program out-of-school in their application to the French program.

4.  Roberta Holland, New Hampshire Estates Elementary School
    Steven Craft
    Laura Argueta
    Patricia Bonnet
    Lilian Hernandez
5. Michael Richman and Pat Smith, Rolling Terrace Elementary Schools

Dr. Cronin requested that staff inform Mr. Richman of the exact size of the addition for Rolling Terrace.

6. Carol Hanniffy, Oak View Elementary School
   Daniel Craig
   Michael Malbin
   Linda Williams

Mr. Ewing requested that, given Mr. Craig's statement that pairing the English program at Oak View and New Hampshire Estates placed the burden of transportation to and from the paired campuses on minority students, the superintendent examine and raise with legal counsel the question of whether the Board has a problem from the point of view of its attorney. Dr. Cronin asked how many students in K-6 were being bused into that particular program since a number of students in the K-6 program were drawn from outside the area and, if the Spanish program were shifted, if it would be possible by the end of the week to get some kind of discussion with the community so some of their concerns might be alleviated. Dr. Shoenberg asked how the two kinds of Spanish programs might relate if they were both in the same school and what the people who are part of the current Spanish program at Oak View might expect in a situation in which they might be transferred to Rolling Terrace. Dr. Cronin requested an assessment of whether assistant principals or other staff would be needed at Oak View to handle the program if English were paired with New Hampshire Estates.


Mr. Ewing requested information from the superintendent before September 23 as to what difficulties, if any, would be presented from the point of view of staff if the Board made it possible for both New Hampshire Estates and Oak View students to have access automatically without recourse to the transfer policy process to either of the two magnet programs that operate.

    Carrie Moore

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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