The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, May 15, 1986, at 7:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mr. John D. Foubert

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

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Cronin announced that Mr. Foubert would not be present because he was involved with the election of the new student Board member.

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - WOODWARD/WALTER JOHNSON HOUSING PLAN

1. Paul Schwab, Tilden Intermediate School PTSA.
2. John Wunderlich, Walter Johnson High School PTSA
3. Brenda Sandler, Kensington-Parkwood, Wyngate, and Ashburton Elementary Schools PTA
4. Mark Allen, Farmland PTA
5. Mike Farrar and Robert Bernstein, Woodward High School PTSA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Board members clarified points raised in community testimony on their position regarding the vandalism in the Woodward community, the information provided by the superintendent in regard to TAC committee minutes, and their voting records on the closure of Woodward. Board members questioned staff regarding modifications needed to the Walter Johnson building, the timing of those changes, and the impact of the proposed work on the school program. Staff supplied information on the core facilities of Walter Johnson versus the core facilities being proposed for the new Quince Orchard High School. Dr. Cody agreed to cost out the modifications and provide that information to the Board, and Mr. Ewing asked that when there was a major disagreement over modifications that the Board be informed before the item was rejected out of hand. Dr. Cronin requested that staff be specific in spelling out which summer they proposed to do certain modifications. In response to questions about running a split
Dr. Phil Rohr, director of planning, stated that the Budget Office had estimated it would take $500,000 for utilities, one-of-a-kind staff, and custodial/cafeteria services.

Re: WOODWARD/WALTER JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL HOUSING PLAN

Mr. Ewing moved and Mrs. Praisner seconded the following:

WHEREAS, The Transitional Advisory Committee has recommended that the planned split campus year be eliminated, and that the full Woodward/Walter Johnson High School consolidation begin in September 1987; and

WHEREAS, After careful review, the superintendent and staff believe that the combined campus can be accommodated on the Walter Johnson High School site beginning in September 1987 by recapturing seven teaching stations within Walter Johnson and placing ten relocatable classrooms on site; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on May 15, 1986, by the Board of Education on the proposed housing plan; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Board of Education resolution number 576-85 is amended to provide that all students from the consolidated Woodward/Walter Johnson High School are housed at Walter Johnson High School beginning in September 1987.

RESOLUTION NO. 290-86 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON WOODWARD/WALTER JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL HOUSING PLAN

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed resolution on Woodward/Walter Johnson High School Housing Plan be amended by the following additional Resolved clause:

RESOLVED, That the superintendent provide the Board of Education with reports on the consolidation process monthly through the school year through June 1988.

RESOLUTION NO. 291-86 Re: WOODWARD/WALTER JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL HOUSING PLAN

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

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1987; and

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WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on May 15, 1986, by the Board of Education on the proposed housing plan; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Board of Education resolution number 576-85 is amended to provide that all students from the consolidated Woodward/Walter Johnson High School are housed at Walter Johnson High School beginning in September 1987; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the superintendent provide the Board of Education with reports on the consolidation process monthly through the school year through June 1988.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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