The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, November 18, 1987, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Mr. Andrew Herscowitz
Mrs. Mary Margaret Slye

Others Present: Dr. Harry Pitt, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Paul L. Vance, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian

Re: ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Praisner announced that Mrs. Slye was home ill, and on doctor's orders she would not be attending the meeting. However, she would listen to the tape and read the testimony from the hearing.

Re: MUNICIPALITIES AND CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Lisa Tenney, Quail Valley Civic Association
2. Frank Bailey, Green Hills Civic Organization
3. Jim Castonguay, Meadowvale Homeowners Association
4. Trish Irwin, Damascus Planning Team
5. Nancy Hopkinson, Commissioners of Poolesville
6. Barbara Wells, Salem's Grant Civic Association
7. Jean Onofry, Clarksburg Civic Association
8. John Cusick, Pleasant Ridge and Overlea Homeowners
9. Nancy Shenk, Northern Gaithersburg Boundary Committee
10. Ken Roynstad, East Deer Park Homeowners

Re: WOOTTON CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Marilyn Van Degrift, coordinator
2. Alan Schoem, Lakewood PTA
3. Robbie Milberg, Travilah PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Dr. Cronin noted that there might be students wishing to leave Frost
to go to West early; however, they would not be provided with transportation. He asked the staff to look into the transportation issue.

Re: SENECA VALLEY CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Sandra Mizerek, coordinator
2. Terry Shoemaker, Jones Lane PTA
3. Bill Beane, Ridgeview PTSA
4. William Chen

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

In regard to Ridgeview, Mr. Goldensohn asked staff to look into whether the ICB could provide funds for the repair of the gym floor. Mrs. Praisner suggested that they look at maintenance needs at Ridgeview before it became a community school and maintenance needs now which might help them pinpoint the effect of the community use of schools. Dr. Thomas noted that the gym floor was scheduled for replacement in the CIP. Mr. Ewing asked staff to look at maintenance issues raised in Mr. Beane’s testimony regarding Ridgeview.

Re: POOLESVILLE CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Barry Miller, coordinator
2. Linda Cates, Monocacy PTA
3. Elizabeth Gentilcore, Poolesville PTA
4. Donna Bowers, Poolesville Jr./Sr. PTSA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Dr. Pitt asked Dr. Vance to work with the area office to get the Poolesville Task Force underway.

Re: MAGRUDER CLUSTER

Jan Reuter and Sally Schneider, co-coordinators, appeared before the Board.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Dr. Cronin asked for a list of schools constructed in 1966 or later which had already been modernized. In regard to stadium seating, Mrs. Praisner requested staff to provide the criteria or rationale for the differences in stadium seating.

Re: GAITHERSBURG CLUSTER

Carol Fanconi, Orrin McDaniels, and Frederic Wood, cluster coordinators, appeared before the Board.
Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Dr. Cronin asked for a staff response to the boundary issues raised in all the testimony. In particular he cited the attendance islands and East Deer Park. Mrs. Praisner suggested that this be done on November 23 prior to action on November 24. Mrs. Praisner asked about the impact of new roads such as 270 and M85 on schools. This information did not have to be part of the capital budget action.

Re: DAMASCUS CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Joanne Merrill, coordinator
2. Mike Thornett, Cedar Grove PTA
3. Carol Blackburn, Damascus HS PTSA
4. Karen Trunnell, Clarksburg PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

In regard to Clarksburg, staff agreed to relook at the heating system. Mr. Ewing inquired about the suitability of the old building for Head Start. Dr. Rohr agreed to look and see if there was a potential for moving this program to the main building or for providing a portable.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11 p.m.

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