The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at Eastern Intermediate School, Silver Spring, Maryland, on Thursday, June 9, 1988, at 7:40 p.m.

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

Absent: Dr. James E. Cronin
Mr. Andrew Herscowitz

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

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - NEW HAMPSHIRE ESTATES

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Dan Cleverdon, Co-president, PTA
2. Carol Benders, Co-president, PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mrs. Praisner requested a copy of Dr. Ayers' May 23 memo to Dr. Lancaster on community use of New Hampshire Estates Elementary School. She also asked for a staff response about the impact on classroom space in that memo and whether they were talking about classrooms dedicated to afterschool and before-school use or classrooms dedicated full-time to those community activities. She also requested a staff reaction to some of the community's requests for additional positions and the feasibility of doing so within this budget for the next school year.

Regarding door-to-door busing, other than for special education students, Mrs. DiFonzo asked where else in the county MCPS provided door-to-door busing. She also asked about pupil/teacher caseload ratio across the county with regard to ESOL students and what it was specifically at New Hampshire Estates. She asked about the current counselor situation as well.

Dr. Shoenberg inquired about the degree to which MCPS had implemented the new academic magnet program for New Hampshire Estates in reading/language arts as detailed in the August 21, 1985 plan. He asked about the degree to which staff thought the fuller development of the program along these lines would be a desirable aspect of the program.
Re: PUBLIC HEARING FOR OAK VIEW ELEMENTARY

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Kathryn Faith
2. Nancy Grace
3. Michael Malbin, PTA president
4. Robert Hoffman, co-vice president, French Immersion
5. Daniel Craig, co-vice president, English Program

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mr. Ewing asked the superintendent to provide information on how many hours a day students from the French Immersion Program were in fact together in the classroom with students in the English program.

Re: BLAIR CLUSTER

Claudia Jacobson, cluster coordinator, appeared before the Board.

Re: CIVIC AND COUNTYWIDE ORGANIZATIONS

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Education:

1. Eric Peterson, Sligo Branview Community Association
2. Dan Edelstein, Longbranch Civic Association
3. Frank Lindh

RESOLUTION NO. 278-88  Re: RESTATEMENT OF DAY CARE RESOLUTION OF MAY 23, 1988

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

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to appoint two staff members to the committee on day care; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the following statement of the Board of Education's concerns be communicated to the committee and the members of the County Council:

The roles of MCPS, including the Board's policy on day care, will be recognized in a final plan for the pilots, which is to be approved by the Board. The Board wishes to review and approve an evaluation design for the program prior to the initiation of any pilots. Since the pilot program will be serving MCPS students (before and after their regular school day) in MCPS buildings and since there are instructional, regulatory, and capital implications for the initiation and continuation of these pilots, the Board of Education should be regularly consulted about the progress of this project. The Board will receive the results of the evaluation, review them and interpret them.
The Board is concerned about the availability of day care for all children in this county, not just kindergarteners, and would like to review the overall day care situation with the County Council and County agencies.

RESOLUTION NO. 279-88  Re: COMMENDATION OF DAVID HORNBECK

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Shoenberg seconded by Mr. Goldensohn, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Rafel abstaining; and Mrs. Praisner being temporarily absent:

WHEREAS, State Superintendent of Schools David Hornbeck will be leaving his position on July 1, 1988; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Hornbeck has served the state with distinction for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as State Superintendent, David Hornbeck has directed and guided improvements in public school education for children and youth in the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, David Hornbeck is committed to the principle of equal educational opportunity for all students, especially in the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, As president of the Council of Chief State School Officers, David Hornbeck has developed a national focus on the needs of "Students at Risk;" now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Education, superintendent of schools, and staff of the Montgomery County Public Schools extend deepest appreciation to David Hornbeck for his efforts and leadership in educational issues in the State of Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That best wishes be extended to David Hornbeck for his future endeavors in teaching and the law.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

-------------------------------------
PRESIDENT

-------------------------------------
SECRETARY

HP:mlw