The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, November 15, 1988, at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dr. James E. Cronin, Vice President in the Chair
Mr. Blair G. Ewing
Mr. Bruce A. Goldensohn
Mr. Chan Park
Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner
Mrs. Vicki Rafel
Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg

Absent: Mrs. Sharon DiFonzo

Others Present: Dr. Harry Pitt, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Paul L. Vance, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian
Mrs. Catherine E. Hobbs, Board Member-elect

Re: PUBLIC HEARING - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND FACILITIES PROCESS - AREA 3

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Cronin announced that Mrs. DiFonzo was out of town. When she returned, she would listen to the tapes of the meeting and read the testimony.

Re: MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTYWIDE ORGANIZATIONS, AND CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Robbie Milberg, North Potomac Citizens Association
2. William Price, Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce
3. Bill Moore, Poolesville Planning Commission
4. Debbie Anzalone, Northwest Montgomery County Coalition

Re: DAMASCUS CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Joanne Merrill, cluster coordinator
2. Linda Bennett, Cedar Grove PTA
3. Nancy Little, Woodfield PTA
4. Shelly Connolly, Clarksburg PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Mr. Ewing asked that the Board be provided with information on the Clarksburg Master Plan.
Re: GAITHERSBURG CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Beth Rydzewski, co-cluster coordinator
2. Kathy Centeno, Rosemont PTA
3. Orrin McDaniels, Gaithersburg High School PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Board members asked that staff look into overcrowding in Summit Hall, Rosemont, and Washington Grove and the timing and placement of additions. Dr. Cronin also asked staff to note that Gaithersburg Elementary School would like to retain the Saybrooke community. Dr. Pitt suggested including an asterisk in the capital budget to note the on-going assessment of the enrollment situation in the Gaithersburg cluster.

Re: MAGRUDER CLUSTER

Sally Schneider appeared before the Board.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

In regard to Muncaster Mill Road, Mrs. Praisner indicated that she would like to have whatever information was available on possible changes in the road. She noted that they had an MCPS/county task force working on planning for new roads.

Re: POOLESVILLE CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Barry Miller, co-cluster coordinator
2. Tookie Gentilcore, co-cluster coordinator

Re: QUINCE ORCHARD CLUSTER

Terry Shoemaker, cluster coordinator, appeared before the Board.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Dr. Shoenberg suggested adding a note to the capital budget that potential population from Kentlands was not included in staff projections and, in fact, another elementary school and a middle school might be needed.

Re: SENECA VALLEY CLUSTER

Sandra Mizerek, co-cluster coordinator, appeared before the Board.

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE
Mrs. Praisner said that she was pleased to see communities discussing the middle school organizations. However, as she looked at growth in the county and as they talked about adding clusters, she felt they had to look at the number of administrative areas and the number of schools in each one.

Re: WATKINS MILL CLUSTER

Frederic L. Wood, cluster coordinator, appeared before the Board.

Re: WOOTTON CLUSTER

The following individuals appeared before the Board:

1. Alan Schoem, cluster coordinator
2. Barbara Rubin, Wootton PTSA
3. Robbie Milberg, Travilah PTA

Re: BOARD/COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Dr. Rohr was asked to check into obtaining additional property near Wootton High School for expansion of the playing fields. Mrs. Praisner asked staff to add a note in the cover memo for the capital budget that projections did not include yield from projects that were still in process. In other words, staff should acknowledge that they were aware of planning but did not build in projections until plans were complete.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The vice president adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

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VICE PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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