The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, November 22, 1988, at 8:10 p.m.

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

Absent:  None

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:  FY 1990 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND FACILITIES PROCESS

Mrs. DiFonzo announced that the Board would resume its deliberations on the capital budget and facilities process with Area 1. As usual, they would proceed by exception.

Re:  A MOTION BY MR. EWING ON HIGHLAND VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (FAILED)

A motion by Mr. Ewing to amend the capital budget by moving the modernization planning schedule for Highland View Elementary School to FY 1990 failed with Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, (Mr. Park), and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Rafel voting in the negative; Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, and Mrs. Praisner abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 600-88  Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

On motion of Mr. Ewing seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, (Mr. Park), Mrs. Praisner, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Rafel abstaining:

RESOLVED, That modernization planning funds for Highland View Elementary School be moved to the FY 1991 Capital Improvements Program.

Re:  A MOTION BY MR. GOLDENSOHN ON PLANNING FUNDS FOR OAKLAND TERRACE ELEMENTARY
Mr. Goldensohn moved and Mrs. Praisner seconded that planning funds for the modernization of Oakland Terrace Elementary School be moved to FY 1992.

RESOLUTION NO. 601-88  Re:  TABLING OF MR. GOLDENSOHN'S MOTION ON OAKLAND TERRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On motion of Mr. Goldensohn seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Goldensohn's motion that planning funds for the modernization of Oakland Terrace Elementary School be moved to FY 1992 was tabled.

RESOLUTION NO. 602-88  Re:  REORGANIZATION OF WHEATON HIGH SCHOOL CLUSTER

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Dr. Shoenberg seconded by Dr. Cronin, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Beginning in March, 1987, the Wheaton community requested a middle school study; and

WHEREAS, In May, 1988, the committee to study middle school conversion requested conversion for implementation during the 1989-90 school year; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended conversion of Parkland Junior High School to a middle school in 1989; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on recommendations and alternatives on November 16, 1988; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Wheaton High School reorganize to serve Grades 9-12 on and after July 1, 1989; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Parkland Junior High School on and after July 1, 1989, be reorganized to serve Grades 6-8; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Wheaton cluster elementary schools reorganize to serve Grades K-5 on and after July 1, 1989.

Re:  KENNEDY, MAGRUDER, ROCKVILLE, SHERWOOD, AND SPRINGBROOK CLUSTER BOUNDARY CHANGES

For the record, Dr. Cronin stated that he had looked at the Sherwood PTA Executive Board minutes and when the Northeast Mid-County Task Force was discussed a resident of Longmead was present. In addition, one member of the Sherwood Demographic Research Committee was a
Re: KENNEDY, MAGRUDER, ROCKVILLE, SHERWOOD, AND SPRINGBROOK CLUSTER BOUNDARY CHANGES

Dr. Cronin moved and Mrs. Praisner seconded the following:

WHEREAS, An advisory group was formed in 1986 to study enrollment and utilization changes among high school clusters in the middle and northeast part of the county and made recommendations to the superintendent; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education adopted actions for the Paint Branch and Springbrook clusters as part of the FY 1989 CIP; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent requested staff to study school enrollments, utilizations, and racial and socioeconomic balance in the Kennedy, Magruder, Rockville, Sherwood, and Springbrook clusters for consideration for the FY 1990 CIP; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended student reassignments for elementary, middle, and high schools following a study of staff and community comments; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 14, 15, and 16, 1988, on these recommendations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 1989, the boundaries for schools in the five clusters studied be modified as follows:
KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL, LEE MIDDLE SCHOOL, KENNEDY CLUSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Receive from Sherwood High School, Farquhar Middle School, and Sherwood Elementary School a portion of the Longmead subdivision south of Longmead Crossing Drive from and including Valleyfield Court, Valleyfield Terrace, Ashmont Court, and Ashmont Terrace, beginning with Grades K-4, 6, and 9 in September, 1989. Specific assignments of this area at the elementary level will be made in March, 1989.
- Receive from Springbrook High School, White Oak Intermediate School, and Westover Elementary School the future Doral subdivision east of Northwest Branch and north of Randolph Road. This area of currently unoccupied land will be assigned at the elementary level in March, 1989.
- Send to Rockville High School and Earle B. Wood Middle School the 14200 and 14300 blocks of Georgia Avenue (the Manor Apartments), beginning with Grades 6 and 9 in September, 1989.
- Send to Barnsley Elementary School the 14200 block of Georgia Avenue (the Manor Apartments), beginning with Grades K-4 in September, 1989.
- Send to Flower Valley Elementary School the 14300 block of Georgia Avenue (the Manor Apartments), beginning with Grades
ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, EARLE B. WOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL, BARNSLEY AND FLOWER VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- ROCKVILLE HIGH - Receive from Kennedy High School the 14200 and 14300 blocks of Georgia Avenue (the Manor Apartments), beginning with Grade 9 students in September, 1989.
- EARLE B. WOOD MIDDLE - Receive from Lee Middle School the 14200 and 14300 block of Georgia Avenue (the Manor Apartments), beginning with Grade 6 students in September, 1989.
- BARNSLEY ELEMENTARY - Receive from Strathmore Elementary the 14200 block of Georgia Avenue (the Manor Apartments), beginning with Grades K-4 in September, 1989.
- FLOWER VALLEY ELEMENTARY - Receive from Strathmore Elementary the 14300 block of Georgia Avenue (the Manor Apartments), beginning with Grades K-4 in September, 1989.

In addition to these reassignments of students, receive from the Magruder cluster the tract of land slated for future residential development known as Brooke Manor Country Club. This area is south of Emory Lane and west of Georgia Avenue.

SHERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, FARQUHAR MIDDLE SCHOOL, SHERWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- SHERWOOD HIGH - Send to Kennedy High School a portion of the Longmead subdivision south of Longmead Crossing Drive from and including Valleyfield Court, Valleyfield Terrace, Ashmont Court, and Ashmont Terrace, beginning with Grade 9 in September, 1989.
- FARQUHAR MIDDLE - Send to Lee Middle School a portion of the Longmead subdivision south of Longmead Crossing Drive from and including Valleyfield Court, Valleyfield Terrace, Ashmont Court, and Ashmont Terrace, beginning with Grade 6 in September 1989.
- KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - Send to the Kennedy cluster of elementary schools a portion of the Longmead subdivision south of Longmead Crossing Drive from and including Valleyfield Court, Valleyfield Terrace, Ashmont Court, and Ashmont Terrace, beginning with Grades K-4 in September, 1989. Specific assignment of this area at the elementary level will be made in March, 1989.

MAGRUDER HIGH SCHOOL, REDLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL, CASHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Send to the Rockville cluster of schools the tract of land slated for future residential development known as Brooke Manor Country Club. This area is south of Emory Lane and west of Georgia Avenue.

SPRINGBROOK HIGH SCHOOL, WHITE OAK INTERMEDIATE, WESTOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
o Send to the Kennedy cluster of schools the future Doral subdivision east of Northwest Branch and north of Randolph Road. This area of currently unoccupied land will be assigned for all grades, K-12, effective immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 603-88  Re:  A SUBSTITUTE TO THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON KENNEDY, MAGRUDER, ROCKVILLE, SHERWOOD, AND SPRINGBROOK CLUSTER BOUNDARY CHANGES

On motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Dr. Shoenberg, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; (Mr. Park), Mrs. Rafel, and Mrs. Praisner abstaining:

RESOLVED, That the following be substituted for the first bullet under Kennedy High School, Lee Middle School, Kennedy Cluster Elementary Schools:

o The Board declares an unusual circumstance to consider the following alternative:
  Consider an alternative to the current recommendation to include the area south and not include any houses bordering on Park Vista Drive.
  The Board of Education would consider this alternative at a public hearing on December 12 with a decision on December 13, 1988.

RESOLUTION NO. 604-88  Re:  RECONSIDERATION OF THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION ON THE FIRST BULLET ON THE KENNEDY, MAGRUDER, ROCKVILLE, SHERWOOD, AND SPRINGBROOK CLUSTER BOUNDARY CHANGES

On motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mrs. DiFonzo, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, (Mr. Park), and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Mrs. Rafel and Mrs. Praisner abstaining:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education reconsider the first bullet on the Kennedy, Magruder, Rockville, Sherwood, and Springbrook Cluster Boundary Changes.

RESOLUTION NO. 605-88  Re:  AN AMENDMENT TO THE KENNEDY, MAGRUDER, ROCKVILLE, SHERWOOD, AND SPRINGBROOK CLUSTER BOUNDARY CHANGES

On motion of Dr. Cronin seconded by Mr. Goldensohn, the following resolution was adopted with Dr. Cronin, Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; (Mr. Park), Mrs. Praisner, and Mrs. Rafel abstaining:

RESOLVED, That the proposed resolution on the Kennedy, Magruder,
Rockville, Sherwood, and Springbrook Cluster boundary changes be amended to add the following:

WHEREAS, The Board desires to see another option involving the assignment of students from Sherwood to the Kennedy Cluster and has asked for that additional option; and

WHEREAS, An unusual circumstance exists because the Board needs to act on the Kennedy elementary schools before the February time frame; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education asks the staff to develop an option using the Intercounty Connector as the northern boundary in the Longmead area and that the superintendent be directed to schedule a public hearing.

For the record, Dr. Cronin stated that this was not a precedent for communities coming back to the Board and saying they did not know about proposed boundary changes. This did make them aware of a potential problem in dealing with a new community with a new civic association. However, he emphasized that this was not a precedent for other communities.

RESOLUTION NO. 606-88 Re: TABLING OF FIRST BULLET UNDER SHERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL IN THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON KENNEDY, MAGRUDER, ROCKVILLE, SHERWOOD, AND SPRINGBROOK CLUSTER BOUNDARY CHANGES

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

RESOLVED, That the bullets under Sherwood High School be tabled until the Board action on the proposed alternative.

RESOLUTION NO. 607-88 Re: KENNEDY, MAGRUDER, ROCKVILLE, SHERWOOD, AND SPRINGBROOK CLUSTER BOUNDARY CHANGES

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

WHEREAS, An advisory group was formed in 1986 to study enrollment and utilization changes among high school clusters in the middle and northeast part of the county and made recommendations to the superintendent; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education adopted actions for the Paint Branch and Springbrook clusters as part of the FY 1989 CIP; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent requested staff to study school enrollments, utilizations, and racial and socioeconomic balance in the Kennedy, Magruder, Rockville, Sherwood, and Springbrook clusters for consideration for the FY 1990 CIP; and
WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended student reassignments for elementary, middle, and high schools following a study of staff and community comments; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 14, 15, and 16, 1988, on these recommendations; and

WHEREAS, The Board desires to see another option involving the assignment of students from Sherwood to the Kennedy Cluster and has asked for that additional option; and

WHEREAS, An unusual circumstance exists because the Board needs to act on the Kennedy elementary schools before the February time frame; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education asks the staff to develop an option using the Intercounty Connector as the northern boundary in the Longmead area and that the superintendent be directed to schedule a public hearing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 1989, the boundaries for schools in the five clusters studied be modified as follows:

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL, LEE MIDDLE SCHOOL, KENNEDY CLUSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Receive from Springbrook High School, White Oak Intermediate School, and Westover Elementary School the future Doral subdivision east of Northwest Branch and north of Randolph Road. This area of currently unoccupied land will be assigned at the elementary level in March, 1989.
- Send to Rockville High School and Earle B. Wood Middle School the 14200 and 14300 blocks of Georgia Avenue (the Manor Apartments), beginning with Grades 6 and 9 in September, 1989.
- Send to Barnsley Elementary School the 14200 block of Georgia Avenue (the Manor Apartments), beginning with Grades K-4 in September, 1989.
- Send to Flower Valley Elementary School the 14300 block of Georgia Avenue (the Manor Apartments), beginning with Grades K-4 in September, 1989.

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, EARLE B. WOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL, BARNESLEY AND FLOWER VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- ROCKVILLE HIGH - Receive from Kennedy High School the 14200 and 14300 blocks of Georgia Avenue (the Manor Apartments), beginning with Grade 9 students in September, 1989.
- EARLE B. WOOD MIDDLE - Receive from Lee Middle School the 14200 and 14300 block of Georgia Avenue (the Manor Apartments), beginning with Grade 6 students in September, 1989.
- BARNESLEY ELEMENTARY - Receive from Strathmore Elementary the 14200 block of Georgia Avenue (the Manor Apartments),

- FLOWER VALLEY ELEMENTARY - Receive from Strathmore Elementary
   the 14300 block of Georgia Avenue (the Manor Apartments),

- In addition to these reassignments of students, receive from
   the Magruder cluster the tract of land slated for future
   residential development known as Brooke Manor Country Club.
   This area is south of Emory Lane and west of Georgia Avenue.

MAGRUDER HIGH SCHOOL, REDLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL, CASHELL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

- Send to the Rockville cluster of schools the tract of land
  slated for future residential development known as Brooke
  Manor Country Club. This area is south of Emory Lane and west
  of Georgia Avenue.

SPRINGBROOK HIGH SCHOOL, WHITE OAK INTERMEDIATE, WESTOVER ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

- Send to the Kennedy cluster of schools the future Doral
  subdivision east of Northwest Branch and north of Randolph
  Road. This area of currently unoccupied land will be assigned
  for all grades, K-12, effective immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 608-88  Re: REORGANIZATION OF SPRINGBROOK HIGH
SCHOOL CLUSTER

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

WHEREAS, Beginning in December, 1987, the Springbrook community
undertook a middle school study; and

WHEREAS, In May, 1988, the committee to study middle school
conversion requested conversion for implementation when two
facilities would be available; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent recommended conversion of White Oak
Intermediate School to a middle school and the reopening of the
Francis Scott Key facility as a middle school in September, 1991; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on
recommendations on November 16, 1988; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That White Oak Intermediate School on and after July 1,
1991, be reorganized to serve Grades 6-8; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Francis Scott Key facility be reopened in
September, 1991, to serve Grades 6-8 and be assigned to the
Springbrook cluster; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Springbrook cluster elementary schools reorganize
to serve Grades K-5 on and after July 1, 1991; and be it further

RESOLVED, That assignment patterns to the two middle schools be established as part of a comprehensive solution for student assignments and school boundaries, Grades K-8, by March 15, 1989.

RESOLUTION NO. 609-88 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1990 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, NORTH SPRINGBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Mr. Ewing, the following resolution was adopted with Mrs. DiFonzo, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Goldensohn, (Mr. Park), Mrs. Praisner, Mrs. Rafel, and Dr. Shoenberg voting in the affirmative; Dr. Cronin being temporarily absent:

RESOLVED, That the FY 1990 Capital Improvements Program be amended to include construction funds to open North Springbrook Elementary School when the Springbrook Cluster went to the middle school organization.

RESOLUTION NO. 610-88 Re: FY 1990-95 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP) AS AMENDED

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

WHEREAS, In accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland and Montgomery County, the superintendent of schools has prepared a recommended FY 1990 Capital Budget request and FY 1990-95 Capital Improvements Program; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 14, 15, and 16, 1988, on these recommendations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve a FY 1990 Capital Budget request totaling $101,475,000 as shown on the summary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve a FY 1989 Capital Budget supplemental appropriation request of $29,962,000 as shown on the summary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the priority list for state-eligible projects in FY 1990 and the Six-year Capital Improvements Program (FY 1990-95).

For the record, Mrs. Praisner explained that the capital budget was not complete because of the piece associated with asbestos removal. Dr. Pitt added that he has personally talked with Mr. Kramer and Mr. Subin about the asbestos issue, and they were aware that MCPS would be coming in with a multiyear program for asbestos removal.
For the record, Mr. Ewing stated that he was in favor of stadium lighting, but he was not in favor of the Council's method of funding these lights. He thought that lights should be publicly funded, but he was pleased that schools were getting stadium lighting.

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

HP:mlw