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

Re:  RECOMMENDATIONS TO AMEND THE FY 1990-95
     CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMS, BOUNDARY
     CHANGES AND SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS

Dr. Cronin explained that Dr. Pitt and staff would present
recommendations cluster by cluster, Board members would raise
questions, and Board members could propose alternatives to the
superintendent's recommendations. The public hearing on the
superintendent's recommendations and Board alternatives was scheduled
for Tuesday, February 21, and decisions would be made on March 14.

Re:  MIDDLE SCHOOL ORGANIZATION - SENECA
     VALLEY CLUSTER

Mrs. Praisner suggested that at some point the Board had to discuss
what an appropriate size would be for middle schools. In addition,
they should discuss the need for an additional high school in Area 3.
No alternatives were proposed.

Re:  CHURCHILL CLUSTER BOUNDARY
     RECOMMENDATIONS

No alternatives were proposed.

Re:  FLOWER VALLEY EAST - SECONDARY
     ARTICULATION

No alternatives were proposed.

Re:  MODERNIZATION OF OAKLAND TERRACE
No alternatives were proposed.

Re: KENNEDY CLUSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Mrs. Praisner asked if it would be possible to get a clearer map showing the boundaries for the elementary schools. Mrs. Hobbs requested additional information on the location of the children who would be able to walk to either Bel Pre or Strathmore. Mrs. DiFonzo said she would be interested in knowing about the distances involved and the actual walking routes (pathways, woods, etc.). Dr. Shoenberg asked that a paper be prepared showing the experiences MCPS had in pairing schools. Included in the paper should be information about the advantages of having all primary students in one school and all upper elementary students in another school. Mrs. DiFonzo asked that the paper describe paired schools that were not magnets, the reason for the pairing, previous pairings that no longer existed, and minority enrollment information about schools in the Blair cluster prior to pairing and after pairing. Mrs. Praisner suggested staff provide a review of the process used for staffing paired schools.

RESOLUTION NO. 69-89  Re: ALTERNATIVE FOR THE KENNEDY CLUSTER

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education request the following alternative:

Place those students coming into the Kennedy Cluster from the newly assigned Longmead Crossing housing development in the Strathmore service area. In turn, the attendance area known as the Connecticut Avenue Triangle be reassigned to Bel Pre (as described in the Bel Pre PTA letter of February 3, 1989, to Dr. Pitt).

Re: BOUNDARY CHANGES AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS AFFECTING SPRINGBROOK CLUSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Mrs. Praisner requested information on school bus routes using Notley Road including the types of buses and the number of buses. Dr. Shoenberg asked if they had traffic utilization figures for Notley Road and any information about accidents. Mrs. Praisner requested information on the path of the proposed intercounty connector over Notley Road.

RESOLUTION NO. 70-89  Re: ALTERNATIVE FOR THE SPRINGBROOK CLUSTER PEACHWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION

On motion of Mrs. Praisner seconded by Dr. Shoenberg, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education requests an alternative as described by the Peachwood Civic Association (authored by Richard V. Meyers); and be it further

RESOLVED, That staff contact the citizens association regarding their definition of the service area of the schools involved.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-89  Re: ALTERNATIVE FOR THE SPRINGBROOK CLUSTER STONEGATE ELEMENTARY

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education requests an alternative to keep the Stratford Woods area in Stonegate Elementary.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-89  Re: ALTERNATIVE FOR THE SPRINGBROOK CLUSTER WESTOVER ELEMENTARY

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education requests as an alternative the proposal for keeping Springbrook Zone 8 in the Westover service area (authored by Betty J. Whitney).

Re: ADJOURNMENT

The president adjourned the meeting at 11 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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