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Wheaton, Maryland March 14, 1983

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at Wheaton High School, Wheaton, Maryland, on Monday, March 14, 1983, at 8 p.m.

Present: Mr. Blair G. Ewing, President in the ROLL CALL Chair Dr. James E. Cronin Dr. Marian L. Greenblatt Mr. Kurt Hirsch Mrs. Suzanne K. Peyser Mrs. Marilyn J. Praisner Dr. Robert E. Shoenberg Absent: Mrs. Odessa M. Shannon Others Present: Dr. Edward Andrews, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Harry Pitt, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Robert S. Shaffner, Executive Assistant Mr. Thomas S. Fess, Parliamentarian Re: Announcement

Mr. Ewing announced that Mrs. Shannon was absent because of illness in her family.

Resolution No. 232-83 Re: Agenda for March 14, 1983

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

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for March 14, 1983.

Re: Blair/Einstein/Northwood Issues

Mrs. Praisner explained that she had attended every Board meeting since December 1. However, she was also a parent and an employee. Last Monday evening an emergency situation came up which delayed her arrival at the public hearing. She stated that she had read all the testimony and had listened to the tape of the meeting. Mr. E. Stephen Derby, Board attorney, reviewed state Board of Education decisions. Ms. Judy Bresler, Board attorney, described the status of school closure appeals.

Mr. Ewing suggested that the Board act on which high schools would remain closed or be open and then deal with the issue of high school, junior high school, intermediate, and elementary school boundaries. At the request of Mrs. Praisner, the superintendent described the working relationship between the public schools and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. He also reported on cost savings in school closures.

Resolution No. 233-83 Re: Rescheduling of Board Meeting

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

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education request MCCPTA to reschedule its March 17 meeting with the Board of Education; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education resume action on the Blair/Einstein/Northwood area schools on March 17, 1983, at 7:30 p.m.

Board members asked that they be provided with copies of the long-range facilities planning policy. The Board requested the superintendent to relook at the options to see if he could come up with a mix of options that was a little more acceptable to Board members. Mr. Ewing asked the superintendent to look at a variation of Option 3 in the February 17 memo and marry it with Resolution 876-82 in order to include the magnets, ESOL at Blair, and the ninth grade at Eastern/Takoma Park. Mrs. Praisner asked about converting the cosmetology rooms at Wheaton to regular classrooms, the cost of doing this, and the impact on the capacity at Wheaton. Mr. Ewing asked for information on why the renovation of C-building at Blair would take most of two years to do. Dr. Cronin asked for information on converting Eastern, Sligo, and Takoma Park to middle schools.

Mr. Ewing stated that Resolution 876-82 provided for a magnet at a 10-12 Blair High School; however, there was some discussion about difficulties in attracting students to a magnet which started in Grade 10. He asked for the superintendent's views on whether this was an educational program problem of some great dimension and whether the program could be in a ninth grade at another site. Dr. Shoenberg inquired about a middle school option which would tie into the superintendent's final recommendations in this area.

Resolution No. 234-84 Re: Adjournment

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

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting and reconvene at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 1983.

Re: Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 11 p.m.

President Secretary EA:mlw