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OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

OF THE

CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Special Meeting—Friday, April 10, 1981

at 10:00 A.M.

(Council Chamber—City Hall—Chicago, Illinois)

OFFICIAL RECORD.

Call to Order.

On Friday, April 10, 1981 at 10:00 A.M. (the day and hour appointed for the meeting), in the absence of Honorable Jane M. Byrne, Mayor and President Pro Tem. Alderman Edward R. Vrdolyak, the Deputy City Clerk, Daniel J. Burke, called the meeting to order.

Call for Special Meeting Read.

Deputy City Clerk, Daniel J. Burke, informed the City Council that the following call for the meeting was filed in the office of the City Clerk on April 6, 1981, at 3:03 P.M.

April 6, 1981.

*Honorable Walter S. Kozubowski,
City Clerk, City of Chicago:*

The undersigned aldermen of the City Council of Chicago hereby call a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Chicago for Friday, April 10, 1981 at 10:00 A.M. for the sole and only purpose of introducing a resolution to reject the Board of Education's Desegregation Plan.

This call for a special meeting of the City Council is made at the direction of the following aldermen as authorized by law for the above mentioned purpose.

(Signed) WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI, 23RD WARD,
(Signed) ROBERT T. KELLAM, 18TH WARD,
(Signed) MICHAEL SHEAHAN, 19TH WARD,
(Signed) ROMAN PUCINSKI, 41ST WARD,
(Signed) JOHN S. MADRZYK, 13TH WARD,
(Signed) RICHARD S. CLEWIS, 45TH WARD.

Determination of Quorum.

Deputy City Clerk, Daniel J. Burke, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Aldermen Barnett, Kenner, Bloom, Bertrand, Humes, Shaw, Majerczyk, Madrzyk, Burke, Brady, Barden, Streeter, Kellam, Sheahan, Stemberk, Lipinski, Shumpert, Ray, Carothers, Mell, Frost, Marcin, Cullerton, Laurino, Pucinski, Natarus, Oberman, Clewis, Schulter, Orr, Stone—31.

Quorum present.

On motion of Aldermen Oberman and Clewis, respectively, it was ordered noted in the Journal that Alderman Volini was absent due to a death in the family and Alderman Merlo absent due to illness.

Temporary Chairman Appointed.

Alderman Frost moved to appoint Alderman Edward M. Burke, as Temporary Chairman in the absence of the Mayor and President Pro Tem. The motion *Prevailed* by a viva voce vote.

Referred—PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO REJECT BOARD OF EDUCATION'S DESEGREGATION PLAN.

Aldermen Pucinski, Sheahan, Kellam, Lipinski, Madrzyk, Laurino and Stone submitted the following resolution:

Whereas, The Chicago Board of Education is circulating a proposed plan for desegregating Chicago's public schools which the Board claims is necessary to comply with the consent decree signed between the Board of Education and the United States Department of Justice; and

Whereas, The Chicago Board of Education is seeking public comment on its proposal; and

Whereas, Dr. Ruth Love, Chicago's new Superintendent of Schools, had no input into a desegregation plan she will have to administer; and

Whereas, A careful study of the proposed desegregation plan clearly shows that its provisions for compulsory bussing of students go beyond the requirements of consent decree; and

Whereas, Implementation of the proposed plan would provide little, if any, improved educational opportunities for disadvantaged children in the public school system; and

Whereas, The plan provides for transferring and clustering, which would destroy any incentive for students to enroll in public schools; and

Whereas, The proposed plan would drive families out of the public school system into private schools or outright movement to the suburbs; and

Whereas, Such flight would further erode Chicago's real estate tax base; and

Whereas, The plan calls for closing of many schools without justification; and

Whereas, Mayor Byrne has stated there would be no municipal funds to finance the plan; U.S. Senator Charles Percy has stated there would be no federal funds for the program; and Governor James Thompson has stated that there will be no state funds for the program; and

Whereas, The plan destroys carefully developed programs for 60,000 children presently enrolled in Special Education programs and another 75,000 children benefitting from bilingual education; and

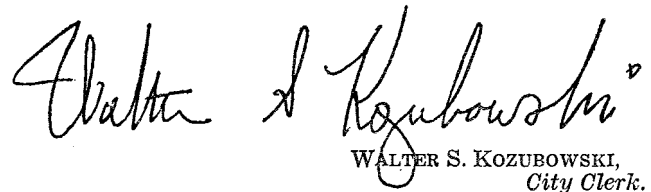
Whereas, The plan has no redeeming provisions to either overcome racial isolation or to assure equal distribution of educational resources; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council implore the members of the Chicago Board of Education to reject the proposed plan and continue to explore the advantages offered under voluntary programs, while standing prepared to involve itself in legal action which will represent the ideals, beliefs, traditions and human rights of the people of Chicago who have clearly demonstrated their opposition to the announced Student Desegregation Plan.

Two committees having been called, the foregoing proposed resolution was *Referred to the Committee on Committees and Rules*.

Adjournment.

Alderman Frost then moved that the City Council do *Adjourn*. The motion *Prevailed* and the City Council *Stood Adjourned*.


WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI,
City Clerk.