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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Nancy Navarro, President
in the Chair
Mr. Steve Abrams
Mr. Christopher Barclay
Ms. Shirley Brandman
Ms. Sharon Cox
Mr. Ben Moskowitz
Mrs. Patricia O'Neill
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Dr. Judy Docca

Re: **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND BOUNDARIES**

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Jane de Winter, President, MCCPTA
2. Jerry Klobukowski, Commissioner of Poolesville
3. Juan Johnson, Seneca Valley Cluster
4. Roger Hayden, Poolesville Cluster
5. Paul Morrison, Quince Orchard Cluster
6. Susan Burkinshaw, Northwest Cluster
7. Fran Simons, Sherwood Cluster
8. Dawn Dolan, Blake Cluster
9. Patti Twigg, Paint Branch Cluster
10. Nagma Husain, Springbrook Cluster
11. Carol Falk, Wootton Cluster
12. Laura Berthiaume, Rockville Cluster
13. Kate Savage, Richard Montgomery Cluster
14. Janette Gilman, Churchill Cluster
15. Lori Goodwin, Sherwood Elementary School PTA
16. Lyda Astrove
17. Bob Astrove
18. Joan Sabaka
19. Tom Jones
20. Anne Turner
21. Anne-Marie Kim
22. Jeanne Taylor

23. Janis Sartucci
24. Kristi Messer
25. Robert Ladden
26. Don Hauprich
27. Leslie Brents, Special Education Advisory Committee
28. Claudia Phelps
29. Jennifer Mazur
30. Shar Harouna
31. Gretchen Doughty
32. Peg Colm
33. Colleen Kennedy
34. Jerry Heupel, MCNeeds
35. Caius Kim
36. Veronica Mitchum
37. Robert Payne
38. Randy Santos

The Board of Education asked the following questions:

1. Mr. Abrams asked if the scope of the Ridgeview and Redland projects were reduced to meet budgetary concerns. What are the implications of the reduced scope of the work in terms of additional work to be performed at both schools? How does it impact their FACT scheduling or other types of scheduling considerations? Are there alternatives that were assessed with regard to delay of these scaled-down projects in consultation with the school communities on developing an appropriate remediation at a different time?
2. Mr. Barclay referred to Ms. Burkinshaw's testimony about Diamond Elementary School. What is the standard for lighting in the school when we have to go to generators?
3. Ms. Brandman asked how many LFI programs there were with no kitchen facilities.
4. Ms. Brandman asked about CIP page 4-91 with the proposal to move the ELC class into Jones Lane, which appears to be overcrowded. What was the decision-making process on why Jones Lane was selected, and whether there are any alternative schools that are not overcrowded?
5. Ms. Brandman asked for an update on lead abatement.
6. Mr. Barclay noted that testimony stated that there were critical systems at Paint Branch High School where fire alarms were out of date.
7. The superintendent's request has security cameras for high schools, and Mr. Barclay asked for a breakout of how many are for indoor and outdoor use.
8. Mr. Barclay asked for clarification on the bus drop off for Roscoe Nix Elementary School.
9. Ms. Cox asked for information on the mold at Farquhar. Has a request been made to IAQ, and what is the status?
10. Ms. Brandman heard many requests about HVAC systems. She asked whether there is a list of what projects will be done next? How much is the request for additional funding? What would be the added capacity?
11. Mr. Moskowitz asked what the gym floor was built with, what solvent was to be used, and how is it cleaned at Beall Elementary School.
12. Mr. Barclay asked what the difference was between a site coordinator and a project manager.

- (answered)
13. Ms. Cox referred to testimony about Maryvale not meeting fire codes. She asked for the status of Maryvale in meeting the required codes, and what is the gap between the code it was built to and the current requirements. Are there any safety issues as a result?
 14. Mr. Barclay asked about the cost per field for artificial turf. What are the long-term benefits? Are there any systemwide plans?
 15. Concerning artificial turf, Mrs. O'Neill asked about the insurance and liability associated with repairing fields. What is the long-term repair and renewal?
 16. Mrs. O'Neill heard a wish list from all of the clusters. She wondered what the price tag would be for all of these requests.
 17. Ms. Brandman thought there was a balance between capacity and maintenance needs. What is the funding for both of these issues? What would be the cost to clear up the backlogs.
 18. Mr. Barclay remembered that there are requests from each school at the end of the school year. Is that the time to put a ballpark figure on the capital improvement instead of maintenance requests?
 19. Mr. Abrams was interested in more alternatives to deal with the capacity issue of schools, such as extended day or year.
 20. Ms. Cox suggested that a work session should precede the CIP hearings.
 21. Ms. Cox asked about the fact that there are no bathrooms in several classes at Maryvale. How does that compare with other kindergarten, pre-K, Head Start, and CAPP in the system? What would it cost to provide bathrooms at Maryvale for the little kids.
 22. Mrs. O'Neill asked why Rock Terrace was not considered for closure based on inclusion along with other schools, such as Stephen Knolls and Sandberg.
 23. Referring to Ms. Harouna's testimony, Mr. Barclay asked for an explanation of what happened in the bathroom. What was done? Was the bathroom renovated on schedule?
 24. Mrs. O'Neill asked for the history and scope of the Takoma Park addition. (answered)

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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