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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Mrs. Nancy Navarro

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

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Ricky Ford, Kennedy Cluster
2. Pam Megna, Northwood Cluster
3. Diane Dickson, Einstein Cluster
4. Bladimir Duenas, Montgomery Blair Cluster
5. Karen Smith, Wheaton Cluster
6. Paula Robinson, Whitman Cluster
7. Liz Sadove, Walter Johnson Cluster
8. Jack Hayes, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster
9. Susan Young, Watkins Mill Cluster
10. Ted Willard, Magruder Cluster
11. Steve Augustino, Gaithersburg Cluster
12. Jamie Jacobson, Clarksburg Cluster
13. Leslie Cuneo, Damascus Cluster
14. Jean Schlesinger, Bradley Hills Education Foundation
15. Marci Young, Bradley Hills Elementary School PTA
16. Preston Kavanagh, Friends of Centerway Park
17. Richard Levine
18. Jane Rice
19. Craig Brown
20. Patrick Dunn
21. David Dennison
22. Beatrice Hanson

23. Kathy Boehlert
24. Ken Karbeling
25. Natasha Frazier
26. Eden Fisher Durbin
27. Liz Kruger
28. Kathryn Desmond

The Board of Education asked the following questions:

1. Mrs. O'Neill asked about the student parking at Einstein. Is staff looking for solutions to student parking? Is there sufficient staff parking?
2. Mr. Barclay inquired if there had been a request for a traffic study at Glenallen, and said that, if not, the school staff needs to make that request.
3. Mr. Barclay requested an update on the pool at Piney Branch.
4. Mr. Moskowitz asked for a comparison of the student parking spaces at Einstein and other high schools.
5. Dr. Docca asked if there was consideration to expand the staff parking at Georgian Forest.
6. Ms. Cox asked for information about cluster and quad-cluster special education programs. Where are the programs, and how often have those programs been moved over the past five years?
7. Mr. Barclay inquired about security cameras. Does MCPS have cameras in gymnasiums? Is this a plan for the future?
8. Mr. Barclay asked about the rollout of any new security systems in middle and high schools and the ability to get into and out of the school by staff.
9. Ms. Brandman asked when Lee was last inspected for mold, and what were the results.
10. Mrs. O'Neill asked about the Farmland sidewalk. Could someone look into that situation?
11. Mrs. O'Neill said she had heard from the Tilden staff. What is the status of the HVAC?
12. Ms. Brandman asked what happens to an HVAC project that is overbid. What happens in terms of priority and the subsequent HVAC projects?
13. Ms. Brandman inquired about the cost of the assessment for FACT scores.
14. Mr. Abrams inquired about the pluses and minuses of adjusting the schedule, and what process would be followed by Redland with something less than the recommendation. He asked for an evaluation and response on Mr. Willard's suggestion regarding the efficacy of that approach and a report on the possible implications.
15. Mr. Moskowitz wanted to know the cost difference between "green" portables and the standard portable. What are the benefits? Where does MCPS have "green" portables?
16. Dr. Docca asked if additions were possible at Montgomery Village and Neelsville

- middle schools.
17. Dr. Docca wanted to know how close Washington Grove was to getting the work completed.
 18. Mrs. O'Neill asked about gym floors at Woodfield, Clearspring, and Bradley Hills elementary schools. What is creating the problem? Are renovations/repairs planned for the future?
 19. Ms. Cox inquired about the reduction of blacktop at Little Bennett due to the placement of portables. What will be available for students during recess compared with other schools?
 20. Ms. Cox asked if the portables at Matsunaga could be shifted, replaced with "green" portables, or replaced with more permanent modular construction.
 21. Dr. Docca wanted to know how various projects are advertised to the community.
 22. Mr. Barclay asked about wireless technology for Gaithersburg High School and other high schools.
 23. Ms. Brandman inquired about the class held on the stage at Bradley Hills. What is the plan to be in compliance with the fire marshal and code?

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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