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Rockville, Maryland
November 6, 2008

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on November 6, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Nancy Navarro, President
in the Chair
Mr. Christopher Barclay
Ms. Shirley Brandman
Ms. Sharon Cox
Dr. Judy Docca
Ms. Quratul-Ann Malik
Mrs. Patricia O'Neill
Mr. Philip Kauffman, Board Member-elect
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Steve Abrams

or () indicates student vote does not count. Four votes needed for adoption.

Re: **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

RESOLUTION NO. 395-08 Re: **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Ms. Cox, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for November 6, 2008.

Re: **BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION FOR BELLS MILL, POTOMAC, AND SEVEN LOCKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Dr. Weast recommended the following:

From Seven Locks Elementary School to Bells Mill Elementary School:

- Reassign zones S9 and S10 in August 2009. Phase in this reassignment, beginning with Grades K–4 in August 2009. Zones S9 and S10 include communities south of Marseille Drive and north of Democracy Boulevard, that are currently the northernmost portion of the Seven Locks Elementary School service area and are bounded on the east by the boundary line for Bells Mill Elementary School and

School and Potomac Elementary schools.

From Potomac Elementary School to Seven Locks Elementary School and from Herbert Hoover Middle School to Cabin John Middle School:

- For elementary school boundary changes, reassign zones P4, P7, and P8 in August 2010. Phase in this reassignment, beginning with Grades K–4 in August 2010. Zone P4 includes the communities south of Democracy Boulevard and north of River Road that include homes on Bent Cross Drive, Iron Gate Road, Iron Gate Court, Halter Court, Spicewood Lane, and a portion of Newbridge Drive (south of the Seven Locks Elementary School boundary), and the eastern portion of Sorrell Avenue (the Falconhurst and Camotop communities). Zones P7 and P8 encompass the Avenel community.
- For middle school boundary changes, reassign zones P4, P7, and P8 in August 2012. Phase in this reassignment, beginning with Grade 6 students in August 2012.

Chinese Immersion Program Students:

- Allow students from Potomac Elementary School zones P4, P7, and P8, who have entered the Chinese Immersion program at Potomac Elementary School up through the 2009–2010 school year, to complete the program at that school.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Mrs. O'Neill pointed out that staff did an extraordinary job in incorporating the community's desires. This has been a fair and balanced boundary recommendation. The only concern of the community is the one-year decrease in enrollment which would affect staffing. However, there was no need for an alternative resolution.

Ms. Brandman noted that Radnor's capacity is 274 and questioned whether the holding school's capacity will accommodate Potomac Elementary School. Staff stated that there will be portables to accommodate 329 students.

Ms. Barclay inquired about the transportation for the 10 Chinese Immersion students at Potomac Elementary School. Staff explained that there was not an estimate at this time, since it is a small area.

Re: **BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION FOR CLARKSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #8**

Dr. Weast's recommendation reassigns the following neighborhoods to Clarksburg Elementary School #8, beginning with Grades K–4 in the 2009–2010 school year:

From Cedar Grove Elementary School

- Zone CG2—The area of the Milestone community that is north of Route 27, west of Route 355, and east of Observation Drive.
- Zone CG3—The area of the Milestone community that is north of Route 27, west of Observation Drive, and east of Interstate 270.
- Zone CG4—The area that is south of Route 27, west of Route 355, and east of Interstate 270.
- Zone CG5—The area of Green Ridge Estates that is east of Route 355, west of Route 27, and south of the high school boundary line for Clarksburg High School.
- Zone CG6—The area that is east of Route 27 and south of the high school boundary line for Clarksburg High School.

From Clarksburg Elementary School

- Zone C4—The area that is south of West Old Baltimore Road, west of Route 355, and east of Interstate 270.
- Zone C5—The area of Green Ridge Estates that is east of Route 355.

Little Bennett Elementary School

Dr. Weast's recommendation reassigns the following neighborhoods from Little Bennett Elementary School to Cedar Grove Elementary School, beginning with Grades K–3 in the 2009–2010 school year:

To Cedar Grove Elementary School

- Zone LB6—The area including Running Brook Acres, the planned Clarksburg Village community (Phase 2), and other homes that are east of Little Seneca Creek.
- Zone LB8—The area of Arora Hills that is west of Skylark Road, east of Little Seneca Creek, and south of Piedmont Road.
- Zone LB9—The area including Park Ridge and other homes that is north of Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park, south of Little Seneca Creek, and east of Remae Court.

Re: DISCUSSION

Ms. Cox noted that the parents of Cedar Grove have raised a concern about under-enrollment. She thought the community would be more comfortable if there was a specification to this boundary change that transfers would be considered for LB 6, 8, and 9 for the Grade 5 students to Cedar Grove.

Re: **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDED
FY 2010 CAPITAL BUDGET AND AMENDED
FY 2009–2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
PROGRAM**

The recommended amendments include the following:

- Scope changes and additional funding for six addition projects (\$3.5 million less in FY 2010):
 - Brookhaven, Fairland, Harmony Hills, Jackson Road, Montgomery Knolls and Rock View elementary school
- HVAC increased from \$5.6 to \$10 million for FY 2010
- Relocatable classrooms increased from \$3.125 to \$4.125 million for FY 2010
- New countywide project, County Water Quality Compliance, to address regulatory requirements, \$500,000 for FY 2010

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Barclay asked what MCPS was complying with in the new countywide project, County Water Quality Compliance, to address regulatory requirements, \$500,000 for FY 2010. Staff explained that it will be consulting services to identify all stormwater discharge on all of the property owned by MCPS. This also entails staff training, upgrading fuel facilities, and other requirements. Formally, MCPS was under the county's permit.

Ms. Cox wanted to know what the HVAC increase includes. Staff explained that the request system has been bar coding all HVAC equipment to understand the maintenance and replacement requirements. Part is due to delay in some construction, but there is a large inventory of equipment that needs attention or replacement on a realistic time schedule.

From three years ago, Mr. Barclay wanted to know what MCPS is doing differently as a result of planned priorities in maintenance, such as HVAC.

Mrs. O'Neill asked about the feasibility study for Bradley Hills Elementary School's addition. Are there added funds involved in expanding the feasibility study to evaluate the core space? Staff replied that the core space would be evaluated as part of the study.

Ms. Brandman inquired about the enrollment for a school that would trigger consideration for an addition and the need for a higher number of classrooms. She agreed with staff that there would not be a savings unless the trigger was increased to more than 10 needed

classrooms.

Mrs. O'Neill thought it would be important to show delegates the specific costs of projects and new or old legislation. This could include delays in the legislative district, prevailing wage, sidewalks from state construction funds, bathrooms, HVAC, and safety issues.

Ms. Brandman asked about the moratorium with overutilization of 120 percent. Staff explained that the numbers were based on last year's numbers because the County Council adopts the policy on July 1 of each year. Ms. Brandman asked about the impact of the program and any additional funding that might be needed.

Re: **BOARD OF EDUCATION ALTERNATIVES**

Board of Education members offered no alternative resolutions.

RESOLUTION NO. 396-08 Re: **ADJOURNMENT**

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting of November 6, 2008, at 8:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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