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November 11, 2009

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on November 11, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Ms. Shirley Brandman, President  
in the Chair  
Mr. Christopher Barclay  
Ms. Laura Berthiaume  
Dr. Judy Docca  
Mr. Michael Durso  
Mr. Timothy Hwang  
Mr. Philip Kauffman  
Mrs. Patricia O'Neill  
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

Re: **PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITALIMPROVEMENTS  
PROGRAM AND BOUNDARIES**

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Kay Romero, President, MCCPTA
2. Jeffrey Slavin, Mayor, Town of Somerset
3. Sidney Katz, Mayor, City of Gaithersburg
4. Margot Bloch, student
5. Anna Brookes, student
6. Lily Kirsch, student
7. Noa Myers, student
8. Kira Goo, student
9. Heather DeMocker, student
10. Brenda Platt
11. Nadine Bloch
12. Judith Koenick
13. May Abe, Northwood Cluster
14. Kelly Giblin, Einstein Cluster
15. Baldimir, Montgomery Blair Cluster
16. Mary Anne Gadbois, Wheaton Cluster
17. Martha Crews, Watkins Mill Cluster
18. Patrick Dunn, Magruder Cluster
19. Steve Augustino, Gaithersburg Cluster
20. Jaimie Jacobson, Clarksburg Cluster
21. Dawn Lee, Damascus Cluster
22. Keith Parsky, Whitman Cluster
23. Barbara Ferry, Walter Johnson Cluster

24. Craig Brown, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster
25. Bob Hydron, President, Montgomery Village Foundation
26. Stacey Erlenbach
27. Scott Joftus
28. Janis Sartucci
29. Joann Scribner
30. Debbie Spielberg
31. Liz King
32. Peter Gimbrere
33. Bruce Hawkins
34. Lindsay Hoffman
35. Stacey Palosky
36. Valerie Valentine
37. Karen FitzGerald

The Board of Education asked the following questions:

1. Mr. Kauffman (Romero testimony) asked for the HVAC upgrades and whether we have a list of projects that are planned in FY 2011 and also in the replacement/modernizations line item expenditure list for FY 2011 and FY 2012.
2. Mr. Barclay was interested in the Takoma Park proposal for a dishwasher, and he would like to see the process moved along in an orderly manner to see what can be done.
3. Ms. Berthiaume (Romero testimony) inquired about the discrepancy of an increase of \$14.4 million and \$5.7 million from the FY 2011 and FY 2012 projects in the Master Plan adopted in June 2009. She asked for an explanation about the increase of money without any apparent increase in projects.
4. Ms. Berthiaume asked for projected costs on feasibility studies for Strawberry Knolls and Summit Hall elementary schools.
5. Ms. Berthiaume asked for a staff response on the Burke Design feasibility study.
6. Mrs. O'Neill suggested that the feasibility study on the Burke Design be postponed since it is not included in the CIP. Also, she would like to see salary and benefits included in the study.
7. Ms. Berthiaume (Kennedy Cluster) inquired about the statement that Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School, built in 1966, has never been renovated, and there is no date for modernization. She asked for an explanation, and where the school is on the modernization list. Do we have a date?
8. Mr. Barclay (Einstein Cluster) asked about the overcrowding at Oakland Terrace Elementary School and the options.
9. Mr. Barclay (Wheaton Cluster) inquired about the black box dance studio at Loiederman Middle School. What is it?

10. Mr. Barclay (Wheaton Cluster) asked about exterior cameras. Are there interior cameras? Where is the system with middle school security cameras?
11. Ms. Brandman inquired about the enrollment for Oakland Terrace Elementary School even after McKenney Hills opens.
12. Ms. Berthiaume (Gaithersburg Cluster) wanted to know what it would take to accelerate the design and bid to a maximum of 12 months on Hoover Middle School, Gaithersburg High School, and Glenallan, Beverly Farms, and Bel Pre elementary schools.
13. Mr. Kauffman wanted a report on Neelsville Middle School addressing the issue of the gymnasium floor and the mold in the carpets. Is there a plan to address these issues?
14. Mr. Barclay asked about the ADA compliance issue at Damascus Elementary School.
15. Ms. Brandman (Magruder Cluster) asked about the replacement of science cabinets and sinks.
16. Ms. Berthiaume wanted to know about the question on whether the system is doing an adequate job of inspections at the end of construction to make sure there is no breach of contract. She wanted to take a look back to see how we are doing, how the buildings are holding up, and if construction partners are being held to the contract.
17. Ms. Brandman asked about the roof replacement funding. With HVAC there was an inventory, how are the roofs handled?
18. Ms. Berthiaume inquired about the cost of a feasibility study to convert Rocking Horse Road Center into an elementary school, to include projecting the space to act as swing space for future use as a middle school (an elementary school that could be designed to later function as a middle school).
19. Mrs. O'Neill added that along with a study on the possibility of converting Rocking Horse Road Center, she would like the implications on the operating budget of adding another school. What are the implications for the International Student Admissions Office and the Residency Compliance Unit?

The Board of Education adjourned its meeting of November 11, 2009, at 9:35 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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