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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 15, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present:                   Mrs. Patricia B. O'Neill, President  
  in the Chair  
  Mr. Stephen Abrams  
  Mr. Kermit V. Burnett  
  Ms. Sharon Cox, Board Member-Elect  
  Mr. Reginald M. Felton  
  Mrs. Beatrice B. Gordon  
  Mrs. Nancy J. King  
  Mr. Christopher Lloyd, Student Board Member  
  Ms. Mona M. Signer  
  Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent:                   Mr. Walter Lange, Board Member-Elect

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

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1.     MCCPTA - Linna Barnes
2.     Karin Leszczynski – Churchill Cluster
3.     Jerry Loux – Richard Montgomery Cluster
4.     Kevin Byrne – Rockville Cluster
5.     Gigi Godwin – Wootton Cluster
6.     David Peña – Paint Branch Cluster
7.     David Peña – Springbrook Cluster
8.     David Peña – Blake Cluster
9.     Sherry Davis – Northeast Consortium
10.    Patti Gagnani – Sherwood Cluster
11.    Charles Dana
12.    David Mullin
13.    Tiffany Freeman
14.    Patricia Winters

Board of Education members asked the following questions and made comments:

1.     Mrs. King asked about media center security, do most middle schools have security

systems, and what is the plan for Hoover.

2. Ms. Signer asked about what core improvements are planned for Potomac Elementary School.
3. Mr. Abrams asked if College Gardens and Lakewood elementary schools could work with the City of Rockville for advanced funding of gymnasiums. Does MCPS need to do anything in the CIP?
4. Mr. Abrams asked what steps must be taken to accelerate the construction of Richard Montgomery High School.
5. Mrs. O'Neill asked about the safe access onto Seven Locks Road at Seven Locks Elementary School and are there any interim plans before the modernization.
6. Mrs. Gordon asked for an update on the short- and long-term needs on the ballast/electrical problem in all schools.
7. Mrs. Gordon noted that in the past when there were more than 13 portables, there was a portable restroom facility. She asked for information on the possible siting of such a facility at Cresthaven and Board Acres elementary schools.
8. Mrs. Gordon asked when there would be a plan developed jointly with Park and Planning for the ballfields on the adjacent 7 acres of land at Paint Branch High School.
9. Ms. Signer requested information on the portables for Cresthaven and whether the adjacent land could be used for playfields.
10. Ms. Signer asked about what core improvements are planned for the Board Acres Elementary School classroom addition.
11. Mr. Abrams asked Food Service for information on replacement hardware (latches, hinges, etc.).
12. Mr. Abrams asked whether the Family and Consumer Science and science labs at Farquhar Middle School could be repaired outside the CIP or through the CIP.
13. Mrs. Gordon asked how the program is affected without the use of stoves in the Family and Consumer Science room at Farquhar Middle School.
14. Mr. Felton was concerned by the reference to health and safety hazards in

Sherwood's testimony in the multi-purpose room at Greenwood Elementary School and in the Family and Consumer Science Laboratory at Farquhar Middle School. He asked if the school system had consulted with the Montgomery County Health and Fire departments to determine the condition of the facility. How can the community be informed when there is and is not a safety or health hazard?

15. Mr. Lloyd asked for information about paving the grassy area near the 6th grade wing at Farquhar Middle School.
16. Mr. Abrams asked what the facility implications are for the placement of a French Immersion Middle School program in the upcounty. What sites could be available for the program?
17. Mrs. Gordon requested copies of the expansion of the French Immersion program decisions the Board had made in the past.

The hearing ended at 8:30 p.m.

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