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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in regular session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, November 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Ms. Sharon Cox, President  
in the Chair  
Mrs. Nancy Navarro  
Mrs. Patricia O'Neill  
Ms. Sarah Horvitz, Student Board Member  
Mr. Larry Bowers, Acting Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Steve Abrams  
Dr. Charles Haughey  
Ms. Valerie Ervin  
Mr. Gabriel Romero  
Dr. Jerry Weast

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. Livleen Gill, Churchill Cluster
3. Elizabeth Enders, Richard Montgomery Cluster
4. Amy Hartley, Rockville Cluster
5. Stu Levin, Wootton Cluster
6. Melissa Rosenberg, Springbrook Cluster
7. Doreen Doherty, Paint Branch Cluster
8. Dawn Dolan, Blake Cluster
9. Deborah Stevens-Panzer, Sherwood Cluster
10. Northwest Cluster – Robert A. Weishaar, Jr.
11. Jud Ashman, Quince Orchard Cluster
12. Roger Hayden, Poolesville Cluster
13. Juan Johnson, Seneca Valley Cluster
14. Karen Nelson, PTA President
15. Lori Goodwin
16. Craig Brown
17. Janice Goldschmidt
18. Timothy Creagan, Cresthaven/Roscoe Nix PTA

The Board of Education asked the following questions:

1. Mrs. O'Neill asked staff to provide in writing the total number of schools that have not had a FACT assessment. What would be involved and the cost of a FACT assessment?
2. Mrs. Navarro asked if the County Council had a report on long-range facilities planning.
3. Ms. Cox requested information on the backlog on maintenance projects in Dr. de Winter's testimony.
4. Mrs. O'Neill noted Richard Montgomery High School and wiring for technology. She asked for information to the Board about decisions that the school administration makes in allocation of resources. What is the decision tree for high schools undergoing modernizations and new construction?
5. Ms. Cox requested information on the educational specifications in terms of language labs when staff plans high schools. What are the current instructional strategies?
6. Ms. Cox wanted a response on the concerns about delays in construction as the result of a lack of project monitoring.
7. Ms. Cox asked for information on the gym floor at Beall Elementary School and the lack of solvent for cleaning. Are other schools affected? How is MCPS addressing that issue?
8. In the Rockville Cluster, Ms. Cox asked for a response on the Maryvale Elementary School mold and HVAC issues.
9. Mrs. O'Neill asked staff to provide information to the Board on what it would cost to install artificial turf with the 15-year replacement and needed equipment.
10. Mrs. O'Neill inquired about the crown of the fields at Blake and the safety issues. Also, the position of the drains needs to be reviewed.
11. Mrs. O'Neill inquired about the narrow road and access to Farquhar. Has there been a review of the implications of Good Counsel High School's new entrance? Will there be a study of the drop-off and bus loop at Farquhar?
12. Mrs. Navarro indicated that she would submit questions in writing to staff.
13. Ms. Cox asked about repairs to handicap accessible doors at Briggs Chaney Middle

School. What is the status?

14. Ms. Cox noted that many speakers had inquired about security cameras. What is the status of installation of cameras and the criteria for making those decisions?
15. Mrs. O'Neill inquired about drainage at Northwest High School. Is this a design problem? Please check Northwest High School.
16. Ms. Cox requested an update and details of what is included in PLAR projects for Seneca Valley High School.
17. Ms. Cox asked staff to provide information on the fire marshal and the code issues in the lunch room at Rock Creek Forest Elementary School.

The meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.

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