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The Board of Education of Montgomery County held a hearing at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on January 11, 2012, beginning at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Mr. Alan Xie

Re: **FY 2013 OPERATING BUDGET HEARING**

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Kristin Tribble, President of MCCPTA
2. Sumbal Sheldon, Watkins Mill Cluster
3. Martha Schaerr, Magruder Cluster
4. Kathy Lloyd, Gaithersburg Cluster
5. Jennifer McDonald, Damascus Cluster
6. Virginia Twombly, Sherwood Cluster
7. Reva Gambrell, Springbrook Cluster
8. Princess Akwura-Igwebuike, Paint Branch Cluster
9. Larry Edmonds, Blake Cluster
10. Kevin David, Seneca Valley Cluster
11. Jim Keenan, Quince Orchard Cluster
12. Beth Kennington, Northwest Cluster
13. Janet Sanchez. Clarksburg Cluster
14. Julie Reiley
15. Chris Lloyd
16. Judith Amick, Montgomery County School Psychologists Association
17. Deb Fagin
18. Jeannette Marin, School Library Media Programs
19. Mini Varughese, Cedar Grove Elementary School PTA
20. Margarita Sol

The Board of Education asked the following questions:

1. Mr. Kauffman asked for the cost to fully implement hours-based staffing model at all middle schools for this year.
2. Mr. Kauffman asked for the dollar figure for the backlog of maintenance requests. (Number of work orders and requests filled.)
3. Ms. Berthiaume inquired if there were any budgetary barriers to making the Curriculum 2.0 kindergarten and Grade 1 available on line for parents.
4. Ms. Berthiaume asked for the cost of the middle years program in the Watkins Mill Cluster. Is there a grant or foundation money available?
5. Ms. Berthiaume asked if there would be a budget impact to allowing middle school reform courses to be offered in non-middle school reform schools.
6. Ms. Berthiaume asked for information on copier service calls and the average days copiers are out of service. Please update the old list.
7. Ms. Berthiaume inquired about the cost for a refrigerator for Flower Hill Elementary School.
8. Ms. Brandman asked if the lack of a refrigerator at Flower Hill stood in the way of them providing Maryland Meals for Achievement.
9. Mr. Barclay asked for clarification on how Alternative1 allocations are made, such as staffing levels.
10. Several Board members asked for information about Title I funding, roles, limitations, and allocations. There was a request for comparison data on Title I over the last five years. Please describe focus schools. What are the cut off numbers, and who makes the decision on Title I? How is a Parent Community Coordinator funded?
11. Ms. Brandman asked for a comparison with other Maryland jurisdictions on allocating school psychologists. Do they have a formula?

The hearing ended at 8:50 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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