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Rockville, Maryland
November 8, 2012

The Board of Education of Montgomery County held a business meeting at the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland, on November 8, 2012, beginning at 6:02 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
Mr. John Mannes
Mrs. Patricia O'Neill
Dr. Joshua Starr, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

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

With a quorum present, the Board of Education met in open session at 6:02 p.m.

To view specific sections or the entire meeting, please watch at
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/meetings/archive/2012/2012-1108.shtm>

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. 466-12(a) Re: **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for November 8, 2012.

Re: **FACILITIES WORK SESSION**

The purpose of the work session was to consider the Superintendent's Recommended FY 2014 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2013-18 Capital Improvements Program. Any significant modification to the recommendation would require an alternative which would require four votes.

Re: **DOWNCOUNTY CONSORTIUM
COMPREHENSIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CAPACITY STUDY AND ANY BOARD
ALTERNATIVES**

Staff explained that enrollment increases at elementary schools in the midsection of the Downcounty Consortium (DCC) are resulting in the overutilization of facilities. There is a need to conduct a comprehensive review of 12 elementary schools in this section of the DCC where classroom additions may be feasible at 7 of the 12 schools. At the conclusion of the study, the feasibility and cost of constructing additions will be compared to the cost of opening a new elementary school. Conducting the study, beginning in January 2013 and concluding it by the end of June 2013, will enable recommendations regarding the best solution to the space shortages to be presented in fall 2013 as part of the *Fiscal Year (FY) 2015–2020 Capital Improvements Program*.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Board members inquired about the following:

- Concern about space issues at Arcola Elementary School
- Will the growth lead to a moratorium under the Staging Policy
- Analyze the cost of a new school versus an addition; factor in the costs
- Add portables to small school sites
- Adding portables are a quicker fix than modernizations/additions
- Select a new school site or reclaim a former site
- Participating people in the study; keep the community informed
- Concern of the lack of services in this areas, such as health care
- Changes to service areas for elementary school and the impact on middle schools
- Consider modular construction
- Cost of the project

On motion of Mrs. O'Neill and seconded by Dr. Docca, the Board unanimously agreed by members present that there were no alternatives.

** Ms. Berthiaume joined the meeting at this point.

Re: **NEW HAMPSHIRE ESTATES AND OAK
VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AND ANY
BOARD ALTERNATIVES**

Staff stated that interest has been expressed by the New Hampshire Estates and Oak View elementary schools Parent Teacher Associations and the parent advocacy group, known as the "PreK–5 Neighborhood School Initiative," to explore the possible unpairing of New Hampshire Estates and Oak View elementary schools. New Hampshire Estates

Elementary School currently serves students in prekindergarten through Grade 2 and Oak View Elementary School currently serves students in Grades 3–5. If the two schools were unpaired, each school would serve students in prekindergarten through Grade 5. A roundtable discussion group process with members of the parent community is the best way to explore the possible unpairing of these schools.

Board members inquired about the following:

- Facilities implications for unpairing or boundary study
- The community welcomes a discussion on pairings

On motion of Mrs. O'Neill and seconded by Mr. Barclay, the Board unanimously agreed by members present that there were no alternatives.

Re: **CLARKSBURG CLUSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOUNDARY STUDY AND ANY BOARD ALTERNATIVES**

Staff stated that new residential development and associated enrollment increases at Cedar Grove and Little Bennett elementary schools have resulted in the need to open a new elementary school in the Clarksburg area. The new Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School is scheduled to open in August 2014 and will be located at the intersection of Blue Sky Drive and Snowden Farm Parkway in Clarksburg. A community process is needed in spring 2013 to review options for the new school's service area.

On motion of Mrs. O'Neill and seconded by Mr. Barclay, the Board unanimously agreed by members present that there were no alternatives.

Re: **MODERNIZATION PLANNING FOR SENECA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND PROJECTED OVER-UTILIZATION AT NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL AND ANY BOARD ALTERNATIVES**

The Northwest High School enrollment is increasing and is projected to be nearly 300 seats over capacity by 2018. As part of planning for the Seneca Valley High School modernization, there is a need to increase the capacity of the school from 1,298 to 1,996. Modernization is scheduled for completion in August 2018 for the building and August 2019 for site restoration. Modernization of Seneca Valley High School will address the overutilization at Northwest High School through future boundary changes,

The Board members inquired about the following:

- What are the implications of building a larger building on the Seneca Valley site
- Will the timetable for construction be affected if a larger building at Seneca Valley
- Big projects have been delayed in the past; what are the priorities of the Board

- Will Seneca Valley be modernized side-by-side or a holding school
- There is a challenge with modernization versus renovation to accommodate capacity
- Designs to increase capacity is made worse with increased enrollment is accompanied with delays in construction
- With the growing enrollment, there is always a need for capacity
- There will be a significant increase of portables at Northwest High School
- Are there any traditions that should be kept at Seneca Valley

On motion of Mrs. O'Neill and seconded by Mr. Barclay, the Board unanimously agreed by members present that there were no alternatives.

Re: **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDED
FISCAL YEAR 2014 CAPITAL BUDGET AND
AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2013-2018
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM**

Staff reported that the new school projects, additions, and elementary and secondary school modernizations included in the adopted FY 2013-18 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The superintendent's recommended amendments total \$14.17 million with reinstatement of funding for HVAC and PLAR as well as facility planning to address overutilization at various schools.

The Board members inquired about the following:

- Is there a priority list for HVAC and PLAR
- Are there strategies to refurbish a building such as Ridgeview
- Review HVAC projects to make sure it does not interfere with modernizations

Re: **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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