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Rockville, Maryland
January 10, 2013

The Board of Education of Montgomery County held a hearing at the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland, on January 10, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

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Re: FY 2014 OPERATING BUDGET HEARING

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Janette Gilman, President MCCPTA
2. Seenu Suvama, Clarksburg Cluster
3. Beth Kensington, Northwest Cluster
4. Paul Morrison, Quince Orchard Cluster
5. Kevin David, Seneca Valley Cluster
6. Blake, Paint Branch, and Springbrook provided written testimony only
7. Tina Velazquez, Sherwood Cluster
8. Jennifer McDonald, Damascus Cluster
9. Carrie Bohrer, Gaithersburg Cluster
10. Richard Edelman, Wootton Cluster
11. Debra Wotherspoon, School Psychologists Association
12. Sabrina Finlay, Pupil Personnel Workers Association
13. Jennifer Jones, Elementary School Counselors
14. Carol Brody, Elementary School Counselors
15. Mary Ellen Bombara, Elementary School Counselors
16. Fred Stichnoth
17. Angela Kronenberg, Sligo Creek Elementary School Parents
18. Robin Ficker

19. Justin Kim
20. Chris Lloyd

The Board of Education asked the following questions:

1. Mrs. Smondrowski asked for the cost of the IB middle years program in the Seneca Valley Cluster.
2. Mrs. Smondrowski asked for information about the copier at Shady Grove.
3. Mr. Durso noted the testimony of the Gaithersburg Cluster, and asked if there was a national standard for instrumental music.
4. Mr. Durso inquired about how high schools are selected for the College Institute.
5. Ms. Brandman inquired about the ratio of instrumental music. Are there other jurisdictions in Maryland that set a trigger based on enrollment? Is there a formula? Is there a national standard?
6. Mrs. O'Neill asked about the College Institute and how many students are impacted. Does the loophole in the Dream Act impact other early college programs? How many students are affected in each high school?
7. Mr. Durso commented that several years ago there was a major reorganization in relation to PPWs and psychologists, such as schedules and equipment. Has there been a study to determine if those adjustments are working and beneficial?
8. Ms. Brandman recalled that the Board looked at a formula for school psychologists and other jurisdictions that used formulas for staffing. Could that information be updated?
9. Regarding elementary school guidance counselors, Ms. Brandman asked for the elementary schools that do not currently have a full-time guidance counselor. How many are focus elementary schools? What would it cost for a full-time guidance counselor at every elementary school?
10. Regarding small elementary schools, such as Sligo Creek, Mr. Barclay asked what supports are provided for those schools that do not have two classes for each grade level?
11. Mr. Barclay inquired about Curriculum 2.0, and he asked about the cost for training and materials for implementation of the curriculum.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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