APPROVED 10-2004 Rockville, Maryland March 3, 2004

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Preser	nt: Mr. Sharon W. Cox, President in the Chair Mr. Reginald M. Felton
	Dr. Charles Haughey
	Mr. Walter Lange
	Mrs. Patricia B. O'Neill
	Mr. Gabe Romero
	Mr. Sagar Sanghvi, Student Board Member
	Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Kermit V. Burnett

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

## Re: **PUBLIC HEARING ON FACILITIES**

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

- 1. Michelle Yu, MCCPTA, President
- 2. Dan Sachs, Housing Opportunities Commission
- 3. Janis Sartucci, Churchill Cluster
- 4. Julie Dobson, Potomac Elementary School

Absent:

- 5. Chris Rigaux , Seven Locks Elementary School
- 6. Ellen Paul, Walter Johnson Cluster
- 7. Anne Carson and Ellen Salins, Northeast Consortium
- 8. Mary Edwards, Benjamin Banneker Middle School
- 9. Barbara Turner, Briggs Chaney Middle School
- 10. Doreen Doherty, Burtonsville Elementary School
- 11. Lori Wartman, Cloverly Elementary School
- 12. Tina Connolly, Fairland Elementary School
- 13. Sandy Rogers, Galway Elementary School
- 14. Robbie Culbreath, Greencastle Elementary School
- 15. Rob Paulsen, William Tyler Page Elementary School
- 16. Lilo Mitz
- 17. Rosanne Hurwitz
- 18. Susan Biro

- 19. Suzanne Weiss, Cabin John Middle School PTSA
- 20. Sharon Bourke, Winston Churchill High School PTSA
- 21. Nancy Fitzgerald
- 22. Diana Conway
- 23. Heidi Dubin
- 24. Vera Tizabi
- 25. Brenda Willett
- 26. Nan Kennelly
- 27. Geri Shapiro
- 28. Stephanie Disson
- 29. Linda Ackerman, Bells Mill Elementary School PTA
- 30. Karin Laszczynski
- 31. Mark Rother
- 32. Charles Doran
- 33. Carlotta Wells
- 34. Carol Van Dam Falk, Robert Frost Middle School PTA
- 35. Susan Lu, Beverly Farms Elementary School PTA
- 36. Victor Frye, Wood Acres Elementary School PTA
- 37. George Barnes, West Montgomery County Citizens Association
- 38. Jana Gagner
- 39. John Bailey
- 40. Jeanne Mayo
- 41. John Phillips
- 42. Jim Keenan, Quince Orchard Cluster
- 43. John Ashman
- 44. Wayne Goldstein, Montgomery County Civic Federation Housing Committee
- 45. Daniel Reeder
- 46. Beatrice Chester
- 47. Alan Zawatsky

The Board of Education asked the following questions:

- 1. Mrs. O'Neill asked what the process would be to retrieve the Tuckerman Center for educational uses.
- 2. Mrs. O'Neill asked that the Board be provided with a list of properties that are leased for other purposes. Mr. Lange asked for a comprehensive list of all MCPS properties that are undeveloped with a description. Also, Mr. Lange wanted a listing, description, and location (relative to clusters) of MCPS facilities in use by other organizations.
- 3. Mr. Felton requested staff to provide options to address overcrowding in the Churchill Cluster without the Brickyard site.

- 4. Mr. Felton asked if a loan on the Brickyard property would yield the same benefit as the superintendent's recommendation, and he requested a professional opinion from staff.
- 5. Mr. Romero inquired if a feasibility study could be done based on the zoning and an assessment of the property.
- 6. Mr. Romero asked Mr. Sachs about his suggestion for profit sharing with a developer to benefit MCPS.
- 7. Ms. Cox wanted to know the difference between affordable housing and workforce housing. What would be the income levels and cost of the housing?
- 8. Ms. Cox asked about small developments (less than 10 housing units) that were not included in projections. Is actual impact data included in historical trends? If MCPS land is surplused, Ms. Cox asked if staff was considering the number of children that would be housed on that land who would need classroom space.
- 9. Ms. Cox noted that a boundary change with Potomac Elementary School would be a capital improvement since it relieves overcrowding.
- 10. If the land is surplused, Ms. Cox asked if a new school could be built sooner.
- 11. Ms. Cox asked Ms. Paul about her testimony regarding the usage of future school sites.
- 12. Mrs. O'Neill pointed out that the county executive asked for the land, and the school system is considering that request using its process. Since she has been on the Board, the school system has been retrieving property for educational use.
- 13. Ms. Cox pointed out that the Board boundary process has allowed for alternatives, and it is the public input process. She asked staff if the process was outlined with the boundary committee meetings.
- 14. Board members praised the Banneker and Briggs Chaney communities for cooperating with each other during the boundary review process.
- 15. Mr. Lange asked for statistics about the number of students around the county who suffer from unsatisfactory testing environments.
- 16. Mr. Romero asked about the ESOL rates incorporated in boundary studies. He

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inquired about the rates at both Banneker and Briggs Chaney for Options 3 and 3A.

17. Ms. Cox wanted a history of Board decisions when land was surplused.

The hearing was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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