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November 12, 2008

The Board of Education of Montgomery County met at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on November 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Ms. Shirley Brandman, Vice President
in the Chair
Mr. Christopher Barclay
Ms. Sharon Cox
Dr. Judy Docca
Mr. Philip Kauffman, Board member-Elect
Ms. Quratul-Ann Malik
Mrs. Patricia O'Neill
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Steve Abrams
Mrs. Nancy Navarro

Re: **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND BOUNDARIES**

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Kay Romero, President, MCCPTA
2. Tony Tomasello, Assistant City Manager, Gaithersburg
3. Leslie Cuneo, Damascus Cluster
4. Jaimie Jacobson, Clarksburg Cluster
5. Steve Augustino, Gaithersburg Cluster
6. Dawn Trahern, Magruder Cluster
7. Martha Crew, Watkins Mill Cluster
8. Craig Brown, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster
9. Aimee House, Walter Johnson Cluster
10. Deborah Goldman, Whitman Cluster
11. Grace Barnes, Wheaton Cluster
12. Susan Fleck, Montgomery Blair Cluster
13. Kelly Giblin, Einstein Cluster
14. Ricky Ford, Kennedy Cluster
15. Mary Abe, Northwood Cluster
16. Ariel Grill
17. Marcela Karns, Lake Timberidge HOA
18. Monica Hayes, East Bethesda Citizens Association
19. Cyril Draffin, President, Deerfield Weathered Oak Citizens Association
20. Sam Campbell, President, Stephen Knolls PSA
21. Briana Jones, Gaithersburg Middle School PTA

The Board of Education asked the following questions:

1. Mrs. O'Neill asked staff to look into the situation at Clearspring Elementary School with the four classrooms with no heat.
2. Ms. Brandman asked about Garrett Park Elementary School and the gymnasium with the modernization.
3. Ms. Brandman wanted more information on the drainage issues on the field at Kensington-Parkwood Elementary School. What is involved for MCPS or other agencies?
4. Mr. Brandman inquired about assessing schools and core space. In testimony, there was representation that there might be fire code issues. (Bradley Hills)
5. Ms. Brandman wanted information on the Oak View chiller. Is it on the list, and how would it be prioritized?
6. Ms. Brandman asked if it would be possible to get a list of HVAC projected for the summer. Please provide for the next cycle.
7. Mr. Barclay asked about Stephen Knolls and the accessibility issues. How does MCPS deal with accessibility issues, such as bathrooms, playing fields, etc. How do students deal with these issues. Ms. Brandman wanted to know about hands-free soap and towel dispensers.
8. Mr. Barclay made a general statement about the difficulty of hearing the needs at schools and the realization that there was very little funding to correct these situations. He encouraged people to communicate with the Board in order to prove them with as much information as possible which would facilitate their decisions.
9. Ms. Cox associated herself with the remarks of Mr. Barclay. She thanked Ms. Campbell for her advocacy for Stephen Knolls and encouraged her to work with facilities staff to make improvements. Ms. Cox also encouraged people to contact the County Council and General Assembly for funding facilities projects.
10. Mrs. O'Neill was pleased that people continue to advocate for the needs of the students and facilities. However, funding for facilities in this out-year are very tight due to the fiscal constraints' imposed by the economy.

The Board of Education adjourned its meeting at 8:55 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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