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The Board of Education of Montgomery County held a hearing at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on November 10, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Re: **PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
PROGRAM (CIP)**

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Mayor Sidney Katz, City of Gaithersburg
2. Jacob Rains, student
3. Kristin Tribble, MCCPTA President
4. Marcia Tivoli, Clarksburg Cluster
5. Laurie Augustino, Gaithersburg Cluster
6. Annie Ahmed, Magruder Cluster
7. Martha Crews, Watkins Mill Cluster
8. Craig Brown, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster
9. Barbara Ferry, Walter Johnson Cluster
10. Deborah Goldman, Whitman Cluster
11. George Gadbois, Wheaton Cluster
12. Susan Fleck, Blair Cluster
13. Kelly Giblin, Einstein Cluster
14. Frances Frost, Kennedy Cluster
15. Mary Abe, Northwood Cluster
16. Jane Snyder
17. Amanda Waugh
18. Carol Edelstein
19. Jenny Mitchell
20. Monica Hayes, East Bethesda Citizens Association
21. Stacey Erlenbach
22. Rebecca Fayed

23. Esther Schrader
24. Ilaya Hopkins
25. Arielle Grill
26. Sandy Chambers
27. Ori Lev
28. Ed Krauze
29. Sandra Van Bochove
30. Anne Hawkins
31. Fritz Hirst
32. Nancy Juda
33. Theresa Helfman Taylor

The Board of Education asked the following questions:

1. Dr. Docca asked for information on the --
 - a. Exterior paneling at Rocky Hill Middle School, and is it on the list to be repaired? What about the HVAC?
 - b. Lights at the rear of the school and lockers at Neelsville Middle School.
 - c. Construction debris at Montgomery Village Middle School.
2. Ms. Brandman inquired about the safety concern with a hole in the fence at Washington Grove Elementary School.
3. Ms. Berthiaume requested a cost analysis of comparable costs for next year's budget for (a) portable costs, including installation of moving both Chases' 6th grades to Westland, (b) the cost of likely portables, including installation, of a liberal transfer policy, and (c) staffing costs of providing equivalent options for curriculum to the sixth graders at the Chases.
4. Ms. Berthiaume noted that there is flexibility to increase the size on current additions. Could staff respond to increasing the Garrett Park Elementary School addition with cost estimates? Also, could the capacity of Tilden Middle School be increased in that construction model?
5. Mr. Barclay inquired about the complex issues in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster, which included:
 - a. The sixth grades remain for one year at the Chases with costs for programming to provide parity with middle school programs.
 - b. What happens in the interim years before the middle school is built?
 - c. What is more important – portables or program?
6. Ms. Berthiaume suggested a cluster/county overcrowding analysis to understand what is happening (data points can provide the parent population better insight into student matriculation patterns as well as the genesis for overcapacity at county schools). She cautioned on the tendency to move programs for capacity concerns.

7. Mr. Barclay asked the representative from the Walter Johnson Cluster if parents would be willing to look at new school structures, such as building up and not out.
8. Mr. Kauffman speculated that there could be a new way of looking at capacity issues, such as extended periods with staggered schedules to take advantage of the space that is currently available.
9. Mr. Barclay asked for information on the playground space for Piney Branch Elementary School. He wanted an update on the status with the school backed up to a county park.
10. Mr. Barclay inquired about the lockers in the team rooms at Northwood High School and what can be done to bring those lockers up to par.
11. Ms. Berthiaume requested an update on the roof on Wheaton Woods Elementary School.
12. Ms. Berthiaume inquired about an update on the bathrooms at Montgomery Knolls Elementary School.
13. Ms. Brandman noted that a number of people had testified about security cameras. What is the schedule, and what needs will be left unmet?
14. Ms. Berthiaume asked about the work at Wood Acres Elementary School and whether the core will be modernized.
15. Ms. Berthiaume noted that the modernization will be complete in January 2015 for Rock Creek Forest Elementary School. Is there a possibility that the recommendation to build a second middle school would delay that modernization?
16. Ms. Berthiaume noted the enrollment projection of 750 students at Wyngate Elementary School. Is there a contingency plan if there are more students?
17. Ms. Brandman asked about the addition at Bradley Hills Elementary School and whether there was ease of access to the HVAC system and efficiencies of looking at the drainage.
18. Mrs. O'Neill asked what technology is lacking at the Chases.
19. Ms. Berthiaume asked what the operational costs and staffing would be to restore the Chases to the 2008 levels. How much would be the cost if the Chases shared foreign language and technology teachers?
20. Ms. Berthiaume asked about the portables at North Chevy Chase Elementary School and the adequacy of the HVAC systems for heat and air conditioning.

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

President

Secretary

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