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Rockville, Maryland  
November 2, 2011

The Board of Education of Montgomery County held a work session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on November 2, 2011, beginning at 6:08 p.m.

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

Absent: Mr. Alan Xie

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

Re: **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION NO. 488-11 Re: **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve its agenda for November 2, 2011.

**All or portions of the meeting can be viewed at**

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/meetings/archive/2011/2011-1102.shtm>

Re: **DISCUSSION**

Ms. Berthiaume clarified that there would no alternatives on the Superintendent's Recommended Capital Improvements Program.

Re: **BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BETHESDA, CHEVY CHASE, NORTH CHEVY CHASE, AND ROSEMARY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND ANY BOARD ALTERNATIVES**

The Superintendent's recommendation included:

1. Reassign the East Bethesda community (known as Zones B-5 and B-6 in the boundary study) from Rosemary Hills Elementary School to Bethesda Elementary School for Grades K–2, with continuance at this school through Grade 5.
2. Reassign the Paddington Square Apartments community (Zone BRH-8) and the area occupied by the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (Zone B-7) from Bethesda Elementary School to North Chevy Chase Elementary School for Grades 3–6 (when reorganization occurs, Grades 3–5). Both of these areas remain assigned to Rosemary Hills Elementary School for Grades K–2.
3. Reassign the portion of the Summit Hills apartments with addresses 1703 and 1705 East-West Highway (Zone NRH-12) from North Chevy Chase Elementary School to Chevy Chase Elementary School for Grades 3–6 (when reorganization occurs, Grades 3–5).

Re: **AN ALTERNATIVE TO BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BETHESDA, CHEVY CHASE, NORTH CHEVY CHASE, AND ROSEMARY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND ANY BOARD ALTERNATIVES**

On motion of Mrs. O'Neill and seconded by Dr. Docca, the following resolution was placed on the table:

Resolved, That the Board of Education place all five recommendations on the table for the purpose of the hearings.

Re: **DISCUSSION**

- Ms. Berthiaume stated that she would only support two of the recommendations as alternatives, since there is strong support of Option 5 and other support Option 3.
- Mr. Barclay thought the number of students is not the tipping point for the capacity for the school involved. He appreciated the actual numbers in the addendum and not percentages.

- Ms. Berthiaume did not want to convey the message that the process was at fault, but that the community should have the opportunity to advocate for their children.
- Ms. Brandman thought the superintendent's recommendation was well thought out. The purpose of an alternative is to give the community an opportunity to comment on a different option; however, the speakers at the hearings will address their concerns.
- Mr. Kauffman noted that if there are no alternatives offered, the community will still comment on whether or not they agreed with the recommendation.

Re: **AN ALTERNATIVE TO BOUNDARY  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BETHESDA,  
CHEVY CHASE, NORTH CHEVY CHASE,  
AND ROSEMARY HILLS ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOLS AND ANY BOARD  
ALTERNATIVES**

On motion of Mrs. O'Neill and seconded by Dr. Docca, the following resolution failed unanimously by members present:#

Resolved, That the Board of Education place all five recommendations on the table for the purpose of the hearings.

Re: **BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
ESTABLISHING THE SERVICES AREA OF  
DOWNCOUNTY CONSORTIUM  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #29 AND ANY  
BOARD ALTERNATIVES**

Dr. Starr recommended reassignment of the following neighborhoods from Oakland Terrace Elementary School to Downcounty Consortium Elementary School #29, beginning with Grades K-4 in the 2012-2013 school year:

1. Zones OT-3 and OT-4—the area south of Dennis Avenue, west of Georgia Avenue, north of I-495, and east of Brunswick Avenue, McKenney Hills Local Park, and the Downcounty Consortium Elementary School #29 school site.
2. Zones OT-9, OT-10, OT-11, OT-12, and OT-13—The area south of Dennis Avenue, east of Georgia Avenue, north of I-495, and west of Renfrew Road.

**Newport Mill Middle School and Sligo Middle School**

Dr. Starr recommended reassignment of the following neighborhoods from Newport Mill Middle School to Sligo Middle School, beginning with Grade 6 in the 2014-2015 school year. When fully phased in, this reassignment will result in all of the Downcounty Consortium Elementary School #29 service area articulating to Sligo Middle School.

1. Zones OT-3 and OT-4 as described above.

**Re: DISCUSSION**

Mr. Kauffman asked why there is a feasibility study for the capacity at Woodlin Elementary School. Ms. Berthiaume asked why the boundary study was not sufficient without a feasibility study and possible addition. Staff explained the addition at Oakland Terrace Elementary School will only address the needs of that school; there is a need for more capacity at Woodlin Elementary School.

**Re: RECOMMENDATION FOR COLLOCATION  
OF CARL SANDBURG LEARNING CENTER  
AND MARYVALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
AND ANY BOARD ALTERNATIVES**

Dr. Starr recommended that the Board of Education adopt the collocation of Carl Sandburg Learning Center with Maryvale Elementary School, beginning in August 2018. Although the modernization for Maryvale Elementary School is scheduled for completion in January 2018, Dr. Starr believed that relocating Carl Sandburg Learning Center midyear would create too much disruption for the staff and students. Waiting until the beginning of the following school year will ensure a smooth transition for students and staff from Carl Sandburg Learning Center and minimize the impact for students with multiple disabilities. To move forward with the planning for the collocation, a recommendation will be made in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013–2018 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for FY 2013 facility planning funds to conduct a feasibility study for the project. The purpose of the feasibility study is to determine the scope, cost, and constructability for the collocation of the two schools. Staff and parents from both schools will participate in the feasibility study.

**Re: DISCUSSION**

Ms. Berthiaume noted that there is an industrial area near the school and it is a concern; hopefully, there could be a visual separation from the school. Will the current site of Carl Sandburg Learning Center be razed or utilized in a different capacity?

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

In order to formulate Dr. Starr's recommendations for the CIP, staff placed each project in six categories and then established the following priority for the categories:

- Compliance with regulations—Projects that are mandated by law or other government agencies.
- Capital maintenance—Projects that preserve our capital assets and maintain learning environments that are safe, secure, and comfortable.

- Capacity—Projects that build new schools and additions so facilities operate within capacity and core areas are not over utilized.
- Modernizations—Projects that bring our older facilities up to current educational program standards and assure a long life-cycle for these facilities.
- System infrastructure—Projects that allow MCPS support facilities to keep pace with enrollment increases as well as make needed improvements to these facilities.
- Technology modernization—This project funds computers and other technology upgrades to ensure students have access to up-to-date technologies.

Specifically, Dr. Starr's recommendation:

- Maintains the completion dates of seven elementary schools and one high school addition projects.
- Maintains the completion date of one new elementary school.
- Maintains the completion dates for all elementary school modernizations.
- Maintains the approved funding levels of many countywide systemic projects.
- Recommends six new elementary school and one middle school addition projects.
- Recommends two new elementary schools and one new middle school.
- Recommends a significant increase in funding for the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) project.
- Recommends completion dates for eight new elementary school modernizations as a result of the recent *Facilities Assessment with Criteria and Testing (FACT)* assessment.
- Recommends the remaining 39 schools assessed for restroom renovations be completed in the six-year CIP period.

For the reasons noted above, Dr. Starr's Recommended FY 2013 Capital Budget and FY 2013–2018 Capital Improvements Program totals \$1.489 billion, an increase of \$129.7 million or 9.13 percent over the previously approved six-year plan and includes \$278.8 million in expenditures for FY 2013, an increase of \$50 million over the previously approved FY 2013 expenditures. The recommended CIP includes funding for critical capacity projects through new schools and additions, modernization projects, and capital maintenance projects as well as compliance and system infrastructure projects and technology modernization.

#### Re: **DISCUSSION**

In addition, Dr. Starr gave the history and synopsis of the events leading to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2 decision. It was his recommendation to schedule a new site selection process and still open the school in 2017. Board members agreed that this was a good approach. However, the Board had concerns about the conveyance of the property by the county government when there was a reclamation clause in the agreement. Ms. Berthiaume asked staff to conduct a title search for property conveyed to the county government between 1985 and 1995.

At 9:10 p.m., Ms. Brandman left the meeting.

Further comments on the capital budget included:

- Mr. Barclay thought there is a need to have a comprehensive review of the needs for middle schools.
- Mrs. O'Neill was concerned about the ongoing need for bus depots and the county's Smart Growth decisions.
- Ms. Berthiaume was concerned about the growth test in the county and providing infrastructure, such as schools.
- Mr. Kauffman wanted to know of the list of projects, which ones could be delayed.
- Mr. Kauffman asked if alternative financing for projects have been considered, especially for HVAC.
- Ms. Berthiaume asked for a 2015-21 solution for more middle school seats (this could be a countywide discussion).
- Mr. Kauffman asked for a break down on the modernizations over the six years of the CIP. What are the numbers associated with the break down?
- Mr. Kauffman asked about the needs at the depots. What needs to be done? What would it cost? Please disaggregate planning and construction costs.

RESOLUTION NO. 498-11

Re: **ADJOURNMENT**

On recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Kauffman. the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting of November 2, 2011, at 10:09 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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