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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, November 11, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Ms. Sharon W. Cox, President  
in the Chair  
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

Absent: Mr. Kermit V. Burnett  
Mr. Steve Abrams, Board Member-Elect  
Ms. Valerie Ervin, Board Member-Elect

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

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Jerry Klobukowski, Commissioners of Poolesville
2. Sonya Leamon, Damascus Cluster
3. Linda Dutka, Gaithersburg Cluster
4. Susie Scofield, Magruder Cluster
5. Allyson Morrison, Watkins Mill Cluster
6. Lauren Haven, Northwest Cluster
7. Jim Keenan, Quince Orchard Cluster
8. Jud Ashman, Kingsview Middle School
9. Lisa Watts, Ridgeview Middle School
10. Mark O'Connor, Brown Station Elementary School
11. Roy Fleischer, Rachel Carson Elementary School
12. Susan Gordon, Darnestown Elementary School
13. Kevin Gil, Diamond Elementary School
14. Tracy Solheim, Fields Road Elementary School
15. Bob Onsi, Jones Lane Elementary School
16. Lauren Haven, Spark Matsunaga Elementary School
17. Paul Morrison, Thurgood Marshall Elementary School
18. Bob Weishaar, Ronald A. McNair Elementary School
19. Liz Smith, Poolesville Cluster
20. Juan Johnson, Seneca Valley Cluster

21. Phil Kauffman, Northeast Consortium
22. Ellen Salins, Blake Cluster
23. Mary Edwards, Paint Branch Cluster
24. Melissa Rosenberg, Springbrook Cluster
25. Melissa Rosenberg, Francis Scott Key Middle School
26. Patt Silverthorn, White Oak Middle School
27. Dawn Dolan, William H. Farquhar Middle School
28. Mary Tucker, Brooke Grove Elementary School
29. Betsy Sirk, Cloverly Elementary School
30. Deborah Weiner, Cresthaven Elementary School
31. Richard Lithgow, Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School
32. Liana Asim, Jackson Road Elementary School
33. Cara Brockmeyer, Stonegate Elementary School
34. Barbara Werfel, Sherwood Elementary School
35. Michele Cade, Westover Elementary School
36. Tracey Dodson, Cannon Road Elementary School
37. Sharon St. Pierre, Sherwood Cluster
38. Jim Nickerson
39. Dohi Shin
40. Dorothy Eyerly
41. Tami Mensch and Debbi Asher
42. Joan Moeltner
43. Mindy Saffer
44. Don Campbell
45. Scott Jamison
46. JoAnn Shimpkee, President, West Riding Citizens Association
47. Darnell Daisey, Hampshire Green HOA
48. David Shin
49. Jerry Stringum
50. Debbie Murphy
51. Wayne Goldstein, MC Civic Federation
52. Al Dimatteo
53. Stephen Szot
54. Kate Marley-Emery
55. Shannon Arnold
56. David Jones
57. William Hunn
58. Dave Shelhardt
59. Steve Bolen
60. Fran Simons
61. Martin Cunniff
62. Gareth Owen

63. Debbie Kirkland
64. Julio Pena
65. Janet Webb
66. Vicki Webb
67. Sam Silverstein
68. Patsy Hurst-Moore
69. Julia Caswell Daitch
70. Mimi Brody
71. Ron Schwartz, Quince Orchard Park HOA

The Board of Education asked the following questions:

1. Mr. Lange noted that many clusters testified about maintenance issues. He encouraged cluster coordinators to work with principals to make sure that work orders for maintenance have been requested.
2. Dr. Haughey heard concerns about pedestrian accidents in the vicinity of schools. He wanted more information about incidents under school-related circumstances.
3. Regarding Watkins Mill Elementary School, Mr. Romero asked if the media center could be enlarged. Mr. Lavorgna replied that enlarging the media center is part of the educational specifications and will be done as part of the project.
4. Ms. Cox requested an update on the IAQ situation at Washington Grove Elementary School with the timeline and any flexibility in that timeline.
5. Regarding Thurgood Marshall Elementary School, Mr. Romero asked about the concerns of the fire marshal. Were those issues addressed as part of the comprehensive evaluation?
6. Regarding Seneca Valley High School and Fox Chapel Elementary School, Mr. Romero asked for a brief explanation of the FACT assessment. Mr. Lavorgna explained the process and noted that all schools have not been assessed due to the backlog of renovations and modernizations.
7. Mr. Lange inquired about the differences in bus mileage for Option 1 and Option 4 for the boundaries of Quince Orchard Middle School #2. Also, he wanted specific statistics on transportation's safety record.
8. Mrs. O'Neill asked if there was a budget for boundary studies. Mr. Lavorgna replied that there are no separate costs for studies.

9. Regarding Paint Branch High School, Mr. Lange asked for the costs associated with auditorium lighting and replacement of the paving in the courtyard.
10. Mr. Lange asked about securing medications at William H. Farquhar Middle School.
11. Mr. Lange inquired about the slippery floor conditions at William H. Farquhar Middle School.
12. Ms. Cox wanted information on the request for traffic studies in the Banneker/Briggs Chaney testimony. What is the relationship of the school system and the other government agencies in conducting traffic studies?
13. Mrs. O'Neill noted that homeowners from Hampshire Greens Citizens Association stated that the Board assigned Hampshire Greens to a school to racially isolate this community. It was her understanding that the region was assigned school attendance areas prior to the development of the community. Mr. Lavorgna explained that when the boundaries were adjusted for the creation of the Northeast Consortium, the area now known as Hampshire Greens was assigned to Drew/Key. There was no way to predict the racial composition of the community prior to the development being built and populated.
14. Mrs. O'Neill asked if there were other schools where students travel further than 9.6 miles. Mr. Lavorgna stated that some of the schools in rural areas of Montgomery County have students that travel farther.
15. Mrs. O'Neill asked if the Llewellyn Manor Way is assigned to White Oak Middle School even though the community is closer to William H. Farquhar Middle School.
16. Mr. Lange remarked that he was impressed by the attendance of people interested in boundaries and facilities. However, he hoped that parents and community members would be more intent on offering their input for educational planning and programs.
17. Regarding Dr. Nickerson's testimony, Dr. Haughey asked for a history on the assignment of Drew's students to middle schools.
18. Dr. Haughey asked for the present and anticipated diversity in three middle schools – William H. Farquhar, Francis Scott Key, and White Oak.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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