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The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, November 10, 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
Ms. Valerie Ervin, Board Member-Elect
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Kermit V. Burnett
Mr. Sagar Sanghvi, Student Board Member
Mr. Steve Abrams, Board Member-Elect

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

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Cindy Kerr, MCCPTA President
2. Ana Janckson-Curtis, Montgomery Blair Cluster
3. Gail Melson, Einstein Cluster
4. Will Rabinovich, Northwood Cluster
5. Mark Rother, Kennedy Cluster
6. Armando Sullivan, Argyle Middle School
7. Susan Joyce Thomas, Bel Pre Elementary School
8. Sherry Warren, Strathmore Elementary School
9. Nick Farson, Wheaton Cluster
10. Mary Anne Gadbois, Parkland/Belt Middle Schools
11. Anita Crawley, Harmony Hills Elementary School
12. Dianne Marino, Viers Mills Elementary School
13. Angelo Mangano, Weller Road Elementary School
14. Christine Mizelle, Wheaton Woods Elementary School
15. Janis Sartucci, Churchill Cluster
16. Kate Savage, Richard Montgomery Cluster
17. Kevin Byrne, Rockville Cluster
18. Stuart Levin, Wootton Cluster
19. Terri Salus, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster

20. Jane de Winter, Walter Johnson Cluster
21. Deborah DeMille-Wagman, Whitman Cluster
22. Amy Sutter, President, Committee for Excellence at Richard Montgomery (CERM)
23. Tim Creagan, Cresthaven ES PTA, Vice President for Facilities
24. Kathryn Hopps, Hillandale Citizens Association
25. Cyril Draffin, Deerfield Weathered Citizens Association
26. Sandy Vogelgesang, West Bradley Citizens Association
27. David Kaleko
28. Luc Brami, Washingtonian Woods Homeowners Association
29. Mark Ascher
30. Cynthia Sung
31. Kenneth Parker
32. David Primmer
33. Beatrice Chester, Old Georgetown Village Homeowners Association
34. George Cody
35. Jay Weinstein
36. Michael Clem
37. Jenny Tao
38. Gregory Scott Rogers
39. Courtenay Ellis
40. Steven Green
41. Geoffrey Wolfe
42. Jack Machado
43. Scott Langerman
44. Amy Porter
45. Herb Hawvermale
46. Michael Waller
47. David Tiktinsky
48. Reva Gambrell
49. Michael Fanshel
50. Mark Adelman
51. Rosanne Hurwitz
52. David Ottalini, Silver Spring International Middle School PTA

The Board of Education asked the following questions:

1. Mr. Lange noted that several clusters raised issues about facilities in support of the academy programs. Could there be a summary of the facilities that are planned to support the academy programs and the timeline for building those supplemental facilities?
2. Regarding Northwood's testimony, Mr. Lange was concerned about the state of the

- athletic fields with a cost and timeline for the renovation of those fields. Also, could there be a cost for the replacement of lockers at Northwood?
3. In testimony, Silver Spring International Middle School and Sligo Creek Elementary School identified a malfunctioning PA system. Mr. Lange asked for a report on that situation.
 4. Mr. Lange noted that there was concern about the floor in the auxiliary gym at John F. Kennedy High School. What is the state of the floor?
 5. Dr. Haughey asked for an update on the status of the seeding of the fields at Wheaton High School.
 6. Dr. Haughey asked for a brief statement on the impact of first choices in the consortium admission process. Several schools asked for a guarantee of first choice in the consortium.
 7. Mr. Romero asked about the lockers at Northwood High School. Staff replied that the physical education lockers were replaced, and the other lockers were refurbished and/or painted.
 8. Mrs. O'Neill requested an update on ADA compliance and the elevator at Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School.
 9. Regarding Lee, Ms. Cox asked if the school staff had put in work orders for the bathroom doors.
 10. Ms. Cox asked for information on the statement that playgrounds have been dismantled and not replaced. How is MCPS using the funds in the CIP?
 11. Regarding Churchill's testimony, Mr. Romero inquired if there would be a need for a new elementary school in that cluster by 2020. Mr. Lavorgna stated the modernizations planned for all the elementary schools in the cluster and the capacity of those schools could be increased.
 12. Regarding Rockville's testimony, Mr. Romero inquired about the HVAC guidelines for relocatables.
 13. Regarding Richard Montgomery's testimony, Mr. Lange asked how much funding MCPS must get from the state this year so that the high school construction could begin this summer. Mr. Lavorgna stated that the request for the state is for \$28.8 million and the County Council has appropriated its share of the funding.

14. Dr. Haughey noted that the Churchill and Wootton clusters mentioned bathroom problems. Is this a maintenance problem or a need for capital funding?
15. Dr. Haughey asked about the recent experience with the fires at Richard Montgomery High School.
16. Mr. Lange inquired about the steps taken to address the traffic safety questions that were raised in the Walter Johnson testimony with respect to Walter Johnson High School and Tilden Middle School.
17. Dr. Haughey asked for information on the accidents around Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School.
18. Dr. Haughey inquired about the likelihood of a moratorium being triggered as mentioned in the Walter Johnson testimony.
19. Mrs. O'Neill wanted to know why so much money is needed to finish the partially completed rooms at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School.
20. Mr. Romero noted that a six-classroom addition at Westland Middle School was postponed until 2008. What would be the range of the costs of accelerating the addition?
21. Dr. Haughey asked for a staff response to Mr. Ottalini's testimony on existing problems at Silver Spring International Middle School and the potential for alleviating those concerns.
22. With respect to Seven Locks, Dr. Haughey noted that there were discussions with the PTA about the awkwardness of doing renovations on that site. He asked for an update on what would be entailed if that were used as an elementary site.
23. Mrs. O'Neill requested clarification regarding Seven Locks/Kendale. She noted that MCPS does build schools on new sites, such as Montgomery Blair High School. Several people left the impression that this CIP will tear down or dispose of Seven Locks. Mr. Hawes remarked that there is no recommendation or plan to tear down Seven Locks Elementary School or surplus the property. Ms. Cox added that nothing would happen until the new building was ready for occupancy. Mrs. O'Neill stated that there would be hearings on disposition of the site. Mr. Hawes said that only the Board can determine that there is no educational need for the property and surplus it to the county. Mrs. O'Neill had heard testimony about a 740-student building. Mr. Lavorgna stated that the core capacity would be 740 students, but the design capacity would be

558 students.

24. Dr. Haughey wanted a very brief comment on the feasibility of using the Woodward site for a high school and old Tilden site for a middle school.
25. Regarding Ms. Chester's testimony, Mr. Romero asked if MCPS had purchased the Edson Lane property. Mr. Hawes replied that the land was dedicated by the developer for use as access to the school site, if needed. There are no covenants or restrictions on the use of the property.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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