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Rockville, Maryland  
November 11, 2010

The Board of Education of Montgomery County held a hearing at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on November 11, 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  
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Alan Xie

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

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Jerome Klobukowski, Commissioner, Town of Poolesville
2. Phyllis Marcuccio, Mayor, City of Rockville
3. John Britton, Councilmember, City of Rockville
4. Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember, City of Rockville
5. Delegate Luiz Simmons
6. Barbara Davidson, Town of Barnesville
7. Cheryl Moss Herman, Richard Montgomery Cluster
8. Aissa Sires, Rockville Cluster
9. Stuart Levin, Wootton Cluster
10. Reva Gambrell, Springbrook Cluster
11. Larry Edmonds, Paint Branch Cluster
12. Patti Twigg, Blake Cluster
13. Virginia Twombly, Sherwood Cluster
14. Beth Kennington, Northwest Cluster
15. James Keenan, Quince Orchard Cluster
16. Susan Defnet, Poolesville Cluster
17. Kevin David, Seneca Valley Cluster
18. Stephanie Egly
19. Jerry Levine
20. Caroline Taylor, Montgomery Countryside Alliance
21. Delores Milmoie, Audubon Naturalist Society
22. Gegi Leeger
23. Anne Madeo

24. Dawn Albert
25. Alpa Kaji
26. Christina Ginsberg, Twinbrook Citizens Association
27. Teresa Defino

The Board of Education asked the following questions:

1. Mr. Kauffman asked staff about the suggestions from the Wootton Cluster and whether there was any way to accommodate those concerns about a process to just address new developments within the cluster short of doing a boundary study.
2. Ms. Brandman wanted information on safety issues: (1) fencing at Meadow Hall Elementary School, and (2) elevator installation at Twinbrook Elementary School.
3. Ms. Berthiaume noted the sale of the former Robert E Peary High School and encouraged people to testify before the County Council on November 23, 2010. It is not wise to deplete inventory sites for public education.
4. Mrs. O'Neill asked if staff has worked with the State Highway Commission or county government on the issue of a sidewalk along Route 108 near Sherwood High School.
5. Mr. Kauffman asked for information on the restrooms at Briggs Chaney Middle School and Springbrook High School, plus the floor tile issue at James Hubert Blake High School
6. Mr. Barclay requested an update on security cameras at elementary, middle and high schools.
7. Ms. Berthiaume asked for an update on the sinks and plumbing at Stonegate Elementary School as well as why the paint is chipping and the plans for repair.
8. Ms. Berthiaume asked whether the addition at Christa McAuliffe Elementary School means that the planned Waring Station elementary school is being coordinated with the addition. Are the two schools related or not?
9. Ms. Berthiaume asked for a list of Seneca Valley Cluster HVAC work orders. What orders have been submitted this school year that remain open. What is the explanation?
10. Ms. Brandman asked for an update on the Thurgood Marshall Elementary School pedestrian safety. What information do we have? Could the Board be an advocate?

11. Ms. Brandman asked staff to comment on the request to think about how to convene a community conversation around Rachel Carson Elementary School, and what would be the time and forum.
12. Ms. Berthiaume sought clarification of the status of ADA compliance, especially as it relates to Twinbrook Elementary School.
13. Ms. Berthiaume asked why Poolesville High School is not added to the modernization list.
14. Ms. Berthiaume confirmed that the recommendations for the feasibility study for the Richard Montgomery Cluster is for facilities and not programmatic decisions, such as the Chinese Immersion program.
15. Ms. Berthiaume asked for a binder with the timeline for the Edison Roundtable. Also, she wanted a staff response on whether or not to reconstitute the Edison Project Team based on countywide stakeholders.
16. Mrs. O'Neill asked for the names of the people involved in the Edison/Wheaton Roundtable.
17. Mr. Barclay asked for an update, clarification, and purpose of the Edison/Wheaton Roundtable.
18. Mr. Berthiaume asked about the timeline, and what will the Board be voting on in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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