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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 14, 2002, at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mr. Reginald M. Felton, President

in the Chair

Mr. Kermit V. Burnett Ms. Sharon Cox Mrs. Nancy J. King Mr. Walter Lange Mrs. Patricia B. O'Neill

Dr. Charles Haughey, Board Member-Elect Mr. Gabe Romero, Board Member-Elect Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Stephen Abrams

Mr. Mihyar Alnifaidy, Student Board Member

Re: PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CAPITAL BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

- 1. Jerry Klobukowski, Town of Poolesville Commissioners
- 2. Amy Sutter, Committee for Excellence at Richard Montgomery (CERM)
- 3. Dr. Wai-Yee Chan, Organization of Chinese Americans
- 4. Stephen Cohn, Milestone Home Owners Association
- 5. Sonya Leaman, Damascus Cluster
- 6. Karen Fritz, Magruder Cluster
- 7. Allyson Morrison, Watkins Mill Cluster
- 8. Tami Fries, Northwest Cluster
- 9. Mark O'Connor, Quince Orchard Cluster
- 10. Link Hoewing, Poolesville Cluster
- 11. Meredith Walters, Seneca Valley Cluster
- 12. Northeast Consortium Leslie Ridgway, Ellen Salins, Phil Kauffman
- 13. Patti Gragnani, Sherwood Cluster
- 14. Nanette Niu
- 15. Kevin Mohs
- 16. Bruce Olsson
- 17. Dale Ryan
- 18. Cynthia Sung
- 19. David Zwerdling

The Board of Education asked the following questions:

- 1. Ms. Cox asked how program capacity is calculated, including gymnasiums.
- 2. Mrs. O'Neill requested a schedule of schools needing gyms for which such projects are funded, are planned, or are not included in the CIP.
- 3. Mr. Lange noted that testimonies from clusters questioned MCPS long-range enrollment projections. Also, there had been reference to a study done by Mr. Alan Schwartz, MCCPTA Area Vice President. Mr. Lange asked staff to provide a comparison or a review of the differences between in Mr. Schwartz' commentary and MCPS projections.
- 4. Mr. Lange requested information about the air quality issues that were cited in the testimonies from the Quince Orchard and Seneca Valley clusters.
- 5. Mrs. O'Neill asked about the standards for school bathrooms that are not to be modernized. Has there been a feasibility study? What will it take to bring the bathrooms up to health standards? What is the cost?
- 6. Mr. Felton asked for an update on correcting fire code violations. Are there sufficient funds?
- 7. Mrs. King asked for a status report on when the access road and ADA accessibility at the stadium at James Hubert Blake High School will be addressed.
- 8. Mr. Felton requested the implications of a phase-in of the ESOL realignment at Springbrook High School. What will it mean for the budget and program?
- 9. Ms. Cox wanted to know the status of the air quality and asbestos concerns at William H. Farquhar Middle School.
- 10. Ms. Cox requested that Belmont Elementary School be added to the status report on air quality and environment issues.
- 11. Mrs. King asked if it is common that students share lockers (Sherwood testimony).
- 12. Mr. Lange noted that air quality status reports were requested for a number of individual schools. He asked if there was a comprehensive listing with a summary table of all the schools identified with air quality problems.
- 13. Mr. Burnett wanted staff to identify where there might be room for the placement of

a countywide Chinese Immersion program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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