The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, November 15, 2001, at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL  Present:  Mrs. Nancy J. King, President in the Chair  
Mr. Kermit V. Burnett  
Ms. Sharon Cox  
Mr. Reginald M. Felton  
Mr. Walter Lange  
Mrs. Patricia B. O'Neill  
Mr. Dustin Jeter, Student Board Member  
Mr. Larry Bowers, Acting Secretary/Treasurer

Absent:  Mr. Steve Abrams

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

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

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Kensington Town Council B Glenn Cowan
2. Town of Poolesville B Jerry Klobukowski
3. City of Gaithersburg B Sidney Katz
4. Montgomery Village Foundation B Lon Hamann
5. Whitman Cluster B Ellen Berick
6. Wheaton Cluster B Nick Farson
7. Walter Johnson Cluster B Marney Jacobs
8. Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster B Alison Stansbury
9. Alan Schwartz, Area 3 Vice President
10. Seneca Valley Cluster B Meredith Walters
11. Poolesville Cluster B Link Hoewing
12. Quince Orchard Cluster B Roy Fleischer
13. Northwest Cluster B Patty Rapp
14. Watkins Mill Cluster B Gabe Romero
15. Magruder Cluster B Karen Fritz
16. Gaithersburg Cluster B Linda Dutka
17. Nancy Ketterer
18. Demos Chrissos
19. Sandy Cleaves
20. Sandra Christian
21. Pat Garity
22. Special Education Advisory Committee B Bob Astrove
23. Leslie Ridgway
24. Citizens for Smarter Growth B Mark O Connor
25. McKenney Hills & Carroll Knolls Civic Association B Larry Frank
26. Barb Pastel
27. Matthew Cuddy
28. College Gardens Civic Association B Luci Roberts
29. Jim Troy

The Board of Education Asked the following questions:

1. Ms. Cox asked staff for an update on the science facilities at John Poole Middle School vis-a-vis enrollment, and what MCPS normally provides at middle schools.

2. Regarding the Walter Johnson Cluster's testimony, Mr. Lange asked for a summary of the impact of the 1,000 new housing units along Rockville Pike.

3. Mrs. King asked for a fact sheet on the safety and evacuation issues raised in the Seneca Valley Cluster's testimony.

4. Ms. Cox asked for information on the feasibility of a more permanent solution on the lead in the water at Seneca Valley High School. Has there been a study?

5. Mr. Felton asked for information on the issue of the code violations at Seneca Valley High School.

6. Mrs. King asked for clarification on placing portables and the thermal heating system at Spark Matsunaga Elementary School.

7. Mr. Felton asked for an estimate of the cost to build a walkway to the upper athletic field at Zadok Magruder High School.

8. Mrs. King asked staff to address the safety issues and other concerns outlined in Ms. Garity's testimony about the Brookview Site.

9. Regarding Stephen Knolls School, Mrs. King asked staff to clarify the plans for the school. Also, Ms. Cox wanted to know what promises had been made.

10. Regarding McKenney Hills, Mrs. King asked for planning and special education staff to work together to develop a fact sheet describing the reasons and plans for that
facility. Mrs. O'Neill wanted staff to answer the questions in Mr. Frank's testimony.

11. Ms. Cox asked for information on the cost to equip a science room at Longview School for the three high school students.

9:05 p.m. Adjournment

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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