The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Patricia B. O'Neill, President in the Chair
Ms. Sharon W. Cox
Ms. Valerie Ervin
Dr. Charles Haughey
Mrs. Nancy Navarro
Mr. Sebastian Johnson, Student Board Member
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Steve Abrams
Mr. Gabriel Romero

Re: PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND BOUNDARIES

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Cindy Kerr, President, MCCPTA
2. Juan Johnson, Seneca Valley Cluster
3. Karin Bonnett, Dr. Sally K. Ride Elementary School PTA
4. Marcia Tivioli, Fox Chapel Elementary School
5. John Leach, Poolesville Cluster
6. Jim Keenan, Quince Orchard Cluster
7. Lauren Haven, Northwest Cluster
8. Bob Murphy, Germantown Elementary School
9. Charlotte Kibak, Ronald McNair Elementary School
10. Claudia Saddler, Spark Matsunaga Elementary School
11. Deanne Marino, Wheaton Cluster
12. Mark Rother, Kennedy Cluster
13. Will Rabinovich, Northwood Cluster
14. Alies Muskin, Einstein Cluster
15. Chris Barclay, Montgomery Blair Cluster
16. Stuart Levin, Wootton Cluster
17. Steve Crowley and Caitlin Hendel, Rockville Cluster
18. Kate Savage, Richard Montgomery Cluster
19. Suzanne Weiss, Churchill Cluster
20. Dave Jefferson, Vistas at WoodCliffe Park
21. Steve Wolpe
22. Bob Caverly
23. David Weinel
24. Sifang Zhou
25. Doug Sunshine, President of Woodcliffe Park HOA
26. Amy Toole, Seneca Valley High School PTA
27. Andy Civetti, Alyssa Climenson and Taylor Williams
28. Brian Fisher
29. Donna Glendenning
30. Frank Xie
31. Yan Li
32. Anurag Babbar
33. Ken Brawn, Kingsview Village HOA
34. Harlivelen Gill, Seven Locks Elementary School PTA
35. Grace Tang
36. Gloria Diallo, Galway Elementary School PTA
37. Geoffrey Wolfe, West Bradley Citizens Association
38. Ralph Miller, Deerfield Weathered Oak Citizens Association
39. Simone Lobo
40. Christopher Pratt
41. Matt Amann, Piney Branch Elementary School PTSA
42. Leigh Giles-Brown, President, East Silver Spring Elementary School PTA
43. Fran Maane
44. William Sullivan
45. Jay Weinstein
46. Marcia Tivioli, Fox Chapel Elementary School PTA
47. Patti Aston
48. Scott Langerman
49. Cyril Draffin
50. Althea Hunt, Mario A. Loiederman Middle School PTA
51. Liza Mannian
52. Tina Sanford
53. Doug Taylor
54. Lester Bonnett

The Board of Education members asked the following questions:

1. Ms. Cox asked staff to comment on the safety issues mentioned by the Poolesville Cluster: (1) Monocacy drop-off issues; (2) indoor air quality (IAQ) issues at Monocacy Elementary School and Poolesville High School; and (3) PA system at Poolesville Elementary School. The Quince Orchard Cluster questioned the fire alarm system at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School.

2. In writing, Mr. Abrams wanted to know the impact of the Clarksburg High School starting with grades 9–10, and if there is a hybrid with the grades 9–11 transition.

3. Mrs. Navarro asked for clarification on the following: (1) fire watchers and the fire
alarm system at Northwood; (2) possibility and options for more parking spaces at Albert Einstein High School; (3) outdoor lighting at Bel Pre Elementary School; (4) an outdoor covering for Glenallan Elementary School; and (5) feasibility of acquisition of the sites mentioned in the testimony of the Montgomery Blair Cluster.

4. Dr. Haughey wanted clarification about Montgomery Blair Cluster’s testimony on the demographic assumptions of multi-family dwelling units in Silver Spring.

5. Ms. Ervin asked about the roundtable discussions at Sligo Creek Elementary School. She wanted to know why East Silver Spring and Piney Branch elementary schools were not included and said the community believes it is not a complete process. Could the timeline be slowed down? Please look at the calendar to develop an adequate schedule.

6. Ms. Cox requested information on Wheaton High School’s request for two more labs. Please comment on outdoor lighting at Bel Pre Elementary School, East Silver Spring Elementary School, and Argyle Middle School. Generally, please provide background information on where the system is with playground replacements, how many schools do not have playgrounds, and what the plan is from the perspective of staff.

7. Dr. Haughey asked for the count on the number of portables currently in use in the Churchill Cluster. Is there a current safety audit on the conditions at Richard Montgomery High School? Regarding College Gardens Elementary School, has the system changed program allocations or classroom requirements since the plans were developed?

8. Ms. Cox inquired about the issues regarding the restrooms at Robert Frost Middle School, and if there were maintenance work orders. What is the status? What are the concerns about IAQ issues? What is the status of the HVAC at Maryvale Elementary School?

9. Mr. Johnson asked about the bathrooms at Beverly Farms Elementary School and Herbert Hoover Middle School.

10. Mrs. Navarro wanted to know the impact on the superintendent’s recommendation if the SM2B area went to Spark Matsunaga Elementary School and not Northwest Elementary School #7.

11. Ms. Ervin asked about SM2B and whether the community should be subdivided. How many children are there?

12. Mrs. O’Neill asked if Kingsview Village was built out.
13. Mr. Johnson asked what the current plans and preliminary options were for Seven Locks Elementary School.

14. Ms. Cox noted that the intention was not to close Seven Locks Elementary School but to move the children and staff into a new building.

15. Mrs. O’Neill inquired about building replacement schools that have kept the same name as the old facility.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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