The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, November 10, 2005, at 10:05 a.m.

Present: Mrs. Patricia B. O'Neill, President
in the Chair
Mr. Steve Abrams
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. Gabriel Romero

Re: PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND BOUNDARIES

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Jerry Klobukowski, Commissioner of Poolesville
2. Larry Giammo, Mayor of Rockville
3. Mark Adelman, Montgomery County Civic Federation
4. Sharon St. Pierre, Sherwood Cluster
5. Melissa Rosenberg, Northeast Consortium
6. Nicole Neal, Burnt Mills Elementary School
7. Tim Creagan, Cresthaven Elementary School
8. Carley Lee, Whitman Cluster
9. Jane de Winer, Walter Johnson Cluster
10. Alisa Levin, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster
11. Allyson Morrison, Watkins Mill Cluster
12. Ted Willard, Magruder Cluster
13. Linda Dutka, Gaithersburg Cluster
14. Leslie Cuneo, Damascus Cluster
15. Himanshi Singh
16. Carey Apple
17. Laura Shoemaker
18. Victoria Campbell Carter
19. John Moriarty, Walter Johnson High School PTSA
20. Sanjay Shastri
21. Gail Fredrick
22. Steven Stanhope
23. Mark Stunder
24. Jun Xu
25. Tammy Hertel
26. Lee Hertel
27. Michael Henry
28. Carolyn Gray
29. Sue Apple
30. Patrick O’Connell
31. Scott Webber
32. Sandy Hutto
33. David Lyles, Rocky Hill Middle School PTSA
34. Ruchi Khanna
35. Doty Hills

The Board of Education members asked the following questions:

1. Mr. Abrams called to say that he would like to request a follow up from last night’s testimony of Mayor Giammo, to the effect of requesting the Board’s counsel to advise as to the existing authority available for the City of Rockville to make contributions to schools within its jurisdiction without additional legislation, as it has done in the past vis-à-vis stadium lights, turf management, etc.

2. Ms. Cox asked for information on the HVAC at Poolesville High School.

3. Ms. Cox requested information from Mr. Giammo on whether any other municipalities have the ability to levy an impact tax.

4. Ms. Ervin asked for information on the down spout at Cresthaven Elementary School, and she mentioned the problem with the courtyard.

5. Mrs. Navarro said she would submit her questions in writing on November 11, 2005.

6. Ms. Cox inquired about the feasibility of replacing the black top at Paint Branch High School.

7. Ms. Cox thanked the Walter Johnson Cluster for commenting on the preferred range of enrollment since it is new in the CIP due to the revision of Policy FAA. She asked for a response from staff on the rationale and on what is the change.

8. Dr. Haughey asked about the Tech Mod and the aggregate reduction of computers in the Walter Johnson Cluster. Why is that necessary when the system is increasing technology usage?

9. Mr. Abrams asked staff to prepare information on Grades 9 and 10 with a range of flexible options for Grade 11 at Clarksburg High School.

The hearing adjourned at 9:15 p.m.