The Board of Education of Montgomery County met in special session at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on October 12, 2006, at 7:05 p.m.

Present:  
Dr. Charles Haughey, President in the Chair  
Ms. Sharon W. Cox  
Mrs. Patricia O'Neill  
Ms. Sarah Horvitz, Student Board Member  
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent:  
Mr. Steve Abrams  
Ms. Valerie Ervin  
Mrs. Nancy Navarro  
Mr. Gabriel Romero

Re:  PUBLIC HEARING ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND OPERATING BUDGET

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Mamie Albrecht – Individual  
2. Jane de Winter – MCCPTA  
3. Stephanie Aramayo – Identity  
4. Francisco Cartagena – Identity  
5. Preston Rico – Asian American Parent Advocacy Council  
6. Deborah DeMille-Wagman – Whitman Cluster  
7. Joan Karasik – Transition Work Group  
8. Candace Kattar – Identity  
9. Carla Satinsky – League of Women Voters  
10. Beth Isen – Guidance Advisory Council at Whitman High School  
11. Enrique Zaldivar – Upcounty High School Magnet Group  
13. Jeff Hooke – Individual  
14. Mark Adelman – Montgomery County Civic Federation  
15. Teresa Jones – Wood Acres Elementary School PTA  
16. Sharon Clink – Individual  
17. Marvin Weinman – Montgomery County Tax Payers League  
18. Bonnie Cullman – President of MCEA  
19. Susan Loftus – Individual  
20. Terrence McPherson – President of MCR  
21. Heather Borsum – Individual  
22. Sharon Barbee – Individual  
23. Linda Adelson – Individual  
24. Ellen Paul – Individual  
25. Elizabeth Gamero – Individual  
27. Brian Roberts – Montgomery County Education Forum
28. Diane McHale – Individual
29. Michael Hagan – MCJC President
30. Adrienne Balanc – Member of Cresthaven/Roscoe Nix PTA
31. Lisa Carvallo – Individual
32. Yi-chun Chung – Individual
33. Nicholas Hurson – Individual
34. Corrina Shen – CCACC
35. Milena Garfield – Individual
36. Victor Salazar – Maryland International Corridor Youth Violence and Gang Prevention Networking Group
37. Rebecca Newman, President of MCAASP
38. Merle Cuttitta, President of SEIU, Local 500

Ms. Cox asked for information on the following questions:

1. Regarding the testimony of Francisco Cartagena (Identity) on HSA prep, she asked how staff is ensuring outreach to students so that they understand the benefits of those efforts.

2. Regarding the testimony of Enrique Zaldivar and Nicholas Hurson on the upcounty magnet eight-period day, she asked about comparable delivery based on other models, what is the effect of the magnet program, and does every student have to participate.

3. On JV Lacrosse, she wanted participation data over the past three years. How do the numbers compare to other sports, such as men's and women's basketball?

4. Regarding Mr. Weinman’s testimony, she stated there will be tentative policy adoption on October 23 with concurrent middle school reform. She encouraged the community to offer feedback on the policy to plan a successful middle school reform.

5. Regarding the testimony of Elizabeth Gamero, she wanted to know what the system was doing about rodent control at our schools.

The hearing concluded at 9:10 p.m.

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