The Board of Education of Montgomery County met at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on November 19, 2009, at 7:06 p.m.

Present: Ms. Shirley Brandman, President in the Chair
Mr. Christopher Barclay
Ms. Laura Berthiaume
Dr. Judy Docca
Mr. Michael Durso
Mr. Timothy Hwang
Mr. Philip Kauffman
Mrs. Patricia O'Neill
Dr. Jerry Weast, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 500-09 Re: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by members present:

Resolved, That the Board of Education approved its agenda for November 19, 2009.

Re: BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EAST SILVER SPRING, PINEY BRANCH, SLIGO CREEK AND TAKOMA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND SILVER SPRING INTERNATIONAL AND TAKOMA PARK MIDDLE SCHOOLS

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was placed on the table:

WHEREAS, In March 2009, the superintendent of schools convened a boundary advisory committee composed of representatives from East Silver Spring, Piney Branch, Sligo Creek, and Takoma Park elementary schools and Silver Spring International and Takoma Park middle schools; and

WHEREAS, The Boundary Advisory Committee met from March through June 2009 and
submitted a report to the superintendent of schools on June 10, 2009, with committee member option evaluations and Parent Teacher Association position papers on six boundary options; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools reviewed and carefully considered the Boundary Advisory Committee's report, Parent Teacher Association position papers, and feedback from the community at large and on October 15, 2009, presented a recommendation for elementary and middle school boundary changes for consideration by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, On November 5, 2009, the Board of Education conducted a work session to consider the superintendent of schools’ recommendation for boundary changes and requested one alternative to the superintendent's recommendation; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 11 and 12, 2009, in accordance with Board of Education Policy FAA, Long-range Educational Facilities Planning; and Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation FAA-RA, Long-range Educational Facilities Planning; on the superintendent of schools’ recommendation and Board of Education's requested alternative; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the boundaries for Sligo Creek, Takoma Park, and Piney Branch elementary schools and Silver Spring International and Takoma Park middle schools reflect the following reassignment:

Reassign Zones SC4 and SC5 from Sligo Creek Elementary School to Takoma Park and Piney Branch elementary schools and from Silver Spring International Middle School to Takoma Park Middle School.

Zones SC4 and SC5 include the area located northeast of Long Branch, southeast of Carroll Avenue, southwest of University Boulevard, and bounded on the east by the Montgomery County and Prince George’s County line; and be it further

Resolved, That the boundary changes be implemented with the following phasing schedule:

Reassign zones SC4 and SC5 from Sligo Creek Elementary School to Takoma Park Elementary School, beginning in August 2010 with Grades K–1.

Grade 2 students at Sligo Creek Elementary School in the 2010–2011 school year will be grandfathered at Sligo Creek Elementary School and then articulate to Piney Branch Elementary School for Grade 3 in the 2011–2012 school year.

Reassign zones SC4 and SC5 from Sligo Creek Elementary School to Piney Branch

Grade 5 students at Sligo Creek Elementary School in the 2010–2011 school year will be grandfathered at Sligo Creek Elementary School and then articulate to Silver Spring International Middle School for Grades 6–8 and will not be impacted by the boundary change.

Reassign zones SC4 and SC5 from Silver Spring International Middle School to Takoma Park Middle School, beginning in August 2012 with Grade 6.

Grades 6–8 students at Silver Spring International Middle School beginning in the 2010–2011 school year will be grandfathered at Silver Spring International Middle School and will not be impacted by the recommended boundary changes. The phased change will begin with Grade 6 students from zones SC4 and SC5 in the 2012–2013 school year. These students would have attended Piney Branch Elementary School in Grade 5 during the 2011–2012 school year.

RESOLUTION NO. 501-09  Re:  AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EAST SILVER SPRING, PINEY BRANCH, SLIGO CREEK AND TAKOMA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND SILVER SPRING INTERNATIONAL AND TAKOMA PARK MIDDLE SCHOOLS

On motion of Mr. Barclay and seconded by Ms Berthiaume, the following alternative was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education Reassign Zone ESS5B from East Silver Spring Elementary School to Sligo Creek Elementary School and from Takoma Park Middle School to Silver Spring International Middle School. (Zone ESS5B includes the western portion of the East Silver Spring Elementary School service area, that includes the area bounded—in clockwise order—by Route 29, Georgia Avenue, Thayer Avenue, Fenton Street, Burlington Avenue, East West Highway, Blair Mill Road, and the Montgomery County and District of Columbia line.)

RESOLUTION NO. 502-09  Re:  BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EAST SILVER SPRING, PINEY BRANCH, SLIGO CREEK AND TAKOMA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND SILVER SPRING INTERNATIONAL AND TAKOMA PARK MIDDLE SCHOOLS
On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, In March 2009, the superintendent of schools convened a boundary advisory committee composed of representatives from East Silver Spring, Piney Branch, Sligo Creek, and Takoma Park elementary schools and Silver Spring International and Takoma Park middle schools; and

WHEREAS, The Boundary Advisory Committee met from March through June 2009 and submitted a report to the superintendent of schools on June 10, 2009, with committee member option evaluations and Parent Teacher Association position papers on six boundary options; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools reviewed and carefully considered the Boundary Advisory Committee’s report, Parent Teacher Association position papers, and feedback from the community at large and on October 15, 2009, presented a recommendation for elementary and middle school boundary changes for consideration by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, On November 5, 2009, the Board of Education conducted a work session to consider the superintendent of schools’ recommendation for boundary changes and requested one alternative to the superintendent’s recommendation; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 11 and 12, 2009, in accordance with Board of Education Policy FAA, Long-range Educational Facilities Planning; and Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation FAA-RA, Long-range Educational Facilities Planning; on the superintendent of schools’ recommendation and Board of Education’s requested alternative; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the boundaries for East Silver Spring, Sligo Creek, Takoma Park, and Piney Branch elementary schools and Silver Spring International and Takoma Park middle schools reflect the following reassignment:

Reassign Zones SC4 and SC5 from Sligo Creek Elementary School to Takoma Park and Piney Branch elementary schools and from Silver Spring International Middle School to Takoma Park Middle School

Zones SC4 and SC5 include the area located northeast of Long Branch, southeast of Carroll Avenue, southwest of University Boulevard, and bounded on the east by the Montgomery County and Prince George’s County line
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Zone ESS5B includes the western portion of the East Silver Spring Elementary School service area, that includes the area bounded—in clockwise order—by Route 29, Georgia Avenue, Thayer Avenue, Fenton Street, Burlington Avenue, East West Highway, Blair Mill Road, and the Montgomery County and District of Columbia line; and be it further

Resolved, That the boundary changes be implemented with the following phasing schedule:

Reassign zones SC4 and SC5 from Sligo Creek Elementary School to Takoma Park Elementary School, beginning in August 2010 with Grades K–1.
Grade 2 students at Sligo Creek Elementary School in the 2010–2011 school year will be grandfathered at Sligo Creek Elementary School and then articulate to Piney Branch Elementary School for Grade 3 in the 2011–2012 school year.

Reassign zones SC4 and SC5 from Sligo Creek Elementary School to Piney Branch Elementary School, beginning in August 2010 with Grades 3–4.
Grade 5 students at Sligo Creek Elementary School in the 2010–2011 school year will be grandfathered at Sligo Creek Elementary School and then articulate to Silver Spring International Middle School for Grades 6–8 and will not be impacted by the boundary change.

Reassign zones SC4 and SC5 from Silver Spring International Middle School to Takoma Park Middle School, beginning in August 2012 with Grade 6.
Grades 6–8 students at Silver Spring International Middle School in the 2010–2011 school year will be grandfathered at Silver Spring International Middle School and will not be impacted by the recommended boundary changes. The phased change will begin with Grade 6 students from zones SC4 and SC5 in the 2012–2013 school year. These students would have attended Piney Branch Elementary School in Grade 5 during the 2011–2012 school year.

Reassign zone ESS5B from East Silver Spring Elementary School to Sligo Creek Elementary School, beginning in August 2010 with Grades K–4.

Grade 5 students at Piney Branch Elementary School in the 2010–2011 school year will be grandfathered at Piney Branch Elementary School and then articulate to Takoma Park Middle School.
Reassign zone ESS5B from Takoma Park Middle School to Silver Spring International Middle School, beginning in August 2012 with Grade 6.

Grades 6–8 students at Takoma Park Middle School in the 2010–2011 school year will be grandfathered at Takoma Park Middle School and will not be impacted by the recommended boundary changes. The phased change will begin with Grade 6 students from zone ESS5B in the 2012–2013 school year. These students would have attended Sligo Creek Elementary School in Grade 5 during the 2011–2012 school year.

Re: RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERING CONSOLIDATION OF MONOCACY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT POOLESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was placed on the table:

WHEREAS, On October 23, 2009, the superintendent made a recommendation to consolidate Monocacy Elementary School at Poolesville Elementary School, beginning in August 2010; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Chapter 13A.02.09 of COMAR, concerning school closures and consolidations; Board Policy FAA, Long-range Educational Facilities Planning; and Montgomery County Public Schools’ Regulation FAA-RA, Long-range Educational Facilities Planning, the superintendent has recommended procedures to follow from December 2009 through March 2010; and

WHEREAS, The recommended procedures to follow were released on October 23, 2009, in Supplement A to the Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget and the FY 2011–2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP); and

WHEREAS, On October 23, 2009, Supplement A to the Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget and the FY 2011–2016 CIP was presented to Parent Teacher Association leaders at Poolesville Cluster schools and to staff at Monocacy Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Supplement A to the Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget and the FY 2011–2016 CIP has been widely distributed and is posted on the Montgomery County Public Schools website; and

WHEREAS, On November 5, 2009, the Board of Education conducted a work session on the Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget and the FY 2011–2016 CIP,
including Supplement A, the recommendation to consolidate Monocacy Elementary School at Poolesville Elementary School and the associated procedures to follow prior to action to consolidate the schools; and

WHEREAS, On November 11 and 12, 2009, the Board of Education conducted public hearings on the Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget and the FY 2011–2016 CIP, including Supplement A, the recommendation to consolidate Monocacy Elementary School at Poolesville Elementary School, and the procedures to follow prior to action to consolidate the schools; and

WHEREAS, The procedures to follow prior to Board of Education action on the consolidation of Monocacy Elementary School at Poolesville Elementary School were attached to this resolution; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approves the procedures outlined on the chart that provide for public review and comment on the recommendation to consolidate Monocacy Elementary School at Poolesville Elementary School; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Poolesville Cluster Parent Teacher Association leaders, the president of the Commissioners for the Town of Barnesville, the president of the Commissioners for the Town of Poolesville, the county executive, and the County Council.

Re: A SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION

On motion of Dr. Docca and seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following substitute resolution was placed on the table:

WHEREAS, On October 23, 2009, the superintendent recommended that Monocacy Elementary School be consolidated at Poolesville Elementary School, beginning in August 2010 due to: (1) declining enrollments at both schools with actual and projected enrollments in both schools being below capacity; and (2) concerns about the ability of Montgomery County Public Schools to provide a robust instructional program to Monocacy Elementary School given the enrollment levels; and

WHEREAS, In Supplement A to the Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget and the FY 2011–2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), the superintendent has recommended procedures for consolidation, with final action by the Board of Education no later than April 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education recognizes the significance of the concerns raised regarding the impact of the declining enrollment; however the Board also recognizes that
there are impacts throughout the Poolesville Cluster as a result of declining enrollment, including the underutilization of John Poole Middle School; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education desires that all creative options for addressing these clusterwide issues including possible consolidations should be explored with the active and broad involvement of the community; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education recognizes that a longer timeframe than proposed under Supplement A will be required for the community and MCPS to fully examine all possible alternatives for addressing enrollment concerns for all the Poolesville Cluster schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education does not adopt the Superintendent's Recommendation to Consolidate Monocacy Elementary School at Poolesville Elementary School (Supplement A) at this time and does not adopt the proposed procedures described in Supplement A; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board requests the superintendent of schools to convene a stakeholder workgroup of community leaders, community members, and school staff to review and make recommendations on all options for addressing the concerns expressed by the superintendent regarding the impact of declining enrollment on the instructional programs at both Monocacy and Poolesville elementary schools, as well as the impact on the middle and high schools in the Poolesville Cluster; and be it further

Resolved, That the charge of the workgroup include soliciting input and ideas from the broad Poolesville community on ways to address the issues of declining enrollment in the schools and its attendant impact on instructional programming identified by the superintendent; and be it further

Resolved, That the recommendations of the workgroup and the superintendent’s recommendations be presented to the full Board for consideration and determination of next steps no later than June 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 503-09Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION

On motion of Mrs. O’Neill and seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following amendment was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the substitute motion to read:

That the recommendations of the workgroup be forwarded to the superintendent,
and the superintendent’s recommendations be presented to the full Board for action through the normal Capital Improvements Program process in November 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 504-09 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION

On motion of Mr. Kauffman and seconded by Ms. Berthiaume, the following amendment was adopted Mr. Barclay, Ms. Berthiaume, Dr. Docca, Mr. Durso, (Mr. Hwang), Mr. Kauffman, and Mrs. O’Neill voting in the affirmative; Ms. Brandman abstaining:

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the substitute motion to read:

That the Board requests the superintendent of schools to convene a stakeholder workgroup of community leaders, community members from the Poolesville Cluster and the adjacent clusters of Clarksburg and Northwest, and school staff to review and make recommendations on all options for addressing the concerns expressed by the superintendent regarding the impact of declining enrollment on the instructional programs at both Monocacy and Poolesville elementary schools, as well as the impact on the middle and high schools in the Poolesville Cluster.

RESOLUTION NO. 505-09 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION

On motion of Ms. Berthiaume and seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following amendment was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education replace the third Resolved with the following language:

That the charge is to be a roundtable discussion group among the above clusters to identify approaches to address the underutilization of schools in the Poolesville Cluster.

RESOLUTION NO. 506-09 Re: CONSOLIDATION OF MONOCACY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT POOLESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On motion of Dr. Docca and seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following substitute resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, On October 23, 2009, the superintendent recommended that Monocacy Elementary School be consolidated at Poolesville Elementary School, beginning in August 2010 due to: (1) declining enrollments at both schools with actual and projected enrollments
in both schools being below capacity; and (2) concerns about the ability of Montgomery County Public Schools to provide a robust instructional program to Monocacy Elementary School given the enrollment levels; and

WHEREAS, In Supplement A to the Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget and the FY 2011–2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), the superintendent has recommended procedures for consolidation, with final action by the Board of Education no later than April 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education recognizes the significance of the concerns raised regarding the impact of the declining enrollment; however the Board also recognizes that there are impacts throughout the Poolesville Cluster as a result of declining enrollment including the underutilization of John Poole Middle School; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education desires that all creative options for addressing these clusterwide issues including possible consolidations should be explored with the active and broad involvement of the community; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education recognizes that a longer timeframe than proposed under Supplement A will be required for the community and MCPS to fully examine all possible alternatives for addressing enrollment concerns for all the Poolesville Cluster schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education does not adopt the Superintendent’s Recommendation to Consolidate Monocacy Elementary School at Poolesville Elementary School (Supplement A) at this time and does not adopt the proposed procedures described in Supplement A; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board requests the superintendent of schools to convene a stakeholder workgroup of community leaders, community members from the Poolesville Cluster and the adjacent clusters of Clarksburg and Northwest, and school staff to review and make recommendations on all options for addressing the concerns expressed by the superintendent regarding the impact of declining enrollment on the instructional programs at both Monocacy and Poolesville elementary schools, as well as the impact on the middle and high schools in the Poolesville Cluster; and be it further

Resolved, That the charge is to be a roundtable discussion group among the above clusters to identify approaches to address the underutilization of schools in the Poolesville Cluster; and be it further

Resolved, That the recommendations of the workgroup be forwarded to the superintendent, and the superintendent’s recommendations be presented to the full Board for action
through the normal Capital Improvement Program process in November 2010.


On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was placed on the table:

WHEREAS, In accordance with §5-306 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the superintendent of schools released the Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget and the FY 2011–2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) on October 28, 2009; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the Montgomery County charter and the biennial CIP process, in odd-numbered fiscal years such as FY 2011, all CIP projects will be reviewed and considered by the county executive and the County Council; and

WHEREAS, The timing is ideal to invest in our infrastructure because the current economic conditions have resulted in significantly lower construction costs and lower interest rates; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County has an opportunity to sell general obligation bonds to fund our much needed capital projects before construction prices return to their previous levels of more than $280 per square foot; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a work session on November 5, 2009, to review the superintendent’s recommendations which include, over the next six-year planning period:

- The opening of one elementary school.
- The opening of one middle school.
- The construction of 11 school additions.
- The planning and construction of nine new elementary school addition projects and one high school addition project.
- The modernization of 3 high schools, 3 middle schools, and 12 elementary schools.
- The construction of 10 elementary school gymnasiums.
- The construction of facility improvements to two middle schools.
- The funding for the Facility Planning project to conduct the next round of Facilities Assessment with Criteria and Testing assessments for modernizations.
• The funding for the Restroom Renovation project to provide additional funds for schools identified in the second round of assessments.
• The funding for systemic projects such as Planned Life-cycle Asset Replacement; Roof Replacement; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning; Indoor Air Quality; and Improved Safe Access; and

WHEREAS, The Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget and the FY 2011–2016 CIP include recommendations for conducting two boundary studies—one to be conducted in winter 2010 to evaluate the reassignment of the western portion of the Bethesda Elementary School service area to Bradley Hills Elementary School and the other to be conducted in spring 2010 to evaluate the reassignment of Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School from Rocky Hill Middle School to John T. Baker Middle School; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent’s recommendation directs Montgomery County Public Schools staff to begin conversations with a multistakeholder work group to review the possibility of collocating the Carl Sandburg Learning Center on the Maryvale Elementary School campus and constructing one new facility; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent’s recommendation directs Montgomery County Public Schools staff to form a roundtable discussion group to obtain community input on overutilization, articulation, and unique pairing and grade organizations at Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools. Representatives from Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools and Westland Middle School are recommended to participate as stakeholders on this roundtable discussion group; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 11 and 12, 2009, on the superintendent’s recommendations for all capital and non-capital items in the Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget and the FY 2011–2016 CIP; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approves a FY 2011 Capital Budget appropriation request totaling $175,262,000 and an FY 2011–2016 CIP request totaling $1.494 billion; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approves the revised FY 2011 State CIP request in the amount of $139,127,000 for FY 2011; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approves the individual capital and non-capital items included in the Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget and the FY 2011–2016 Capital Improvements Program; and be it further
Resolved, That the Board of Education approves an elementary school boundary study to evaluate the reassignment of the western portion of the Bethesda Elementary School service area, that articulates to the Walt Whitman Cluster secondary schools, to Bradley Hills Elementary School; this boundary study will be conducted in winter 2010 and will include representatives from both Bethesda and Bradley Hills elementary schools, with Board of Education action in March 2010; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approves a boundary study to explore the option to reassign Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School from Rocky Hill Middle School to John T. Baker Middle School; this boundary study will be conducted in spring 2010 and will include representatives from Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School and Rocky Hill and John T. Baker middle schools with Board of Education action in November 2010; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approves Montgomery County Public Schools staff to begin conversations with a multistakeholder work group to review the possibility of collocating the Carl Sandburg Learning Center on the Maryvale Elementary School campus and constructing one new facility; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approves the formation of a roundtable discussion group for spring 2010 to address overutilization, articulation, and unique pairing and grade organizations at Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools. Representatives from Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools and Westland Middle School will participate in this roundtable discussion group; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the county executive and County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 507-09 Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDED FY 2011 CAPITAL BUDGET AND THE FY 2011–2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

On motion of Mrs. O’Neill and seconded by Ms. Berthiaume; the following amendment was adopted unanimously: #

Resolved, That the Board of Education amend the language to read:

That the Board of Education approves a boundary study to explore the option to reassign Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School from Rocky Hill Middle School to John T. Baker Middle School; this boundary study will be conducted in winter 2009–2010 and will include representatives from Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School and
RESOLUTION NO. 508-09  Re: AN AMENDMENT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDED FY 2011 CAPITAL BUDGET AND THE FY 2011–2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

On motion of Ms. Brandman and seconded by Mr. Barclay; the following amendment was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education add a Resolved to read:

Resolved, That given the extreme overcrowding at Oakland Terrace Elementary School and the projected increase in enrollment to 873 students for the next academic year, the Board of Education asks the superintendent and MCPS staff to work with the Oakland Terrace Elementary School staff and community to explore options to relieve overutilization, including an interim satellite placement for one or two elementary grade levels, to begin with the 2010–2011 school year pending the reopening of McKenney Hills in August 2012.


On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Barclay, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, In accordance with §5-306 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the superintendent of schools released the Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget and the FY 2011–2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) on October 28, 2009; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the Montgomery County charter and the biennial CIP process, in odd-numbered fiscal years such as FY 2011, all CIP projects will be reviewed and considered by the county executive and the County Council; and

WHEREAS, The timing is ideal to invest in our infrastructure because the current economic conditions have resulted in significantly lower construction costs and lower interest rates; and
WHEREAS, Montgomery County has an opportunity to sell general obligation bonds to fund our much needed capital projects before construction prices return to their previous levels of more than $280 per square foot; and

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- The opening of one elementary school.
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- The funding for the Facility Planning project to conduct the next round of Facilities Assessment with Criteria and Testing assessments for modernizations.
- The funding for the Restroom Renovation project to provide additional funds for schools identified in the second round of assessments.
- The funding for systemic projects such as Planned Life-cycle Asset Replacement; Roof Replacement; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning; Indoor Air Quality; and Improved Safe Access; and

WHEREAS, The Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget and the FY 2011–2016 CIP include recommendations for conducting two boundary studies—one to be conducted in winter 2010 to evaluate the reassignment of the western portion of the Bethesda Elementary School service area to Bradley Hills Elementary School and the other to be conducted in winter 2010 to evaluate the reassignment of Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School from Rocky Hill Middle School to John T. Baker Middle School; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent’s recommendation directs Montgomery County Public Schools staff to begin conversations with a multistakeholder work group to review the possibility of collocating the Carl Sandburg Learning Center on the Maryvale Elementary School campus and constructing one new facility; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent’s recommendation directs Montgomery County Public Schools staff to form a roundtable discussion group to obtain community input on overutilization, articulation, and unique pairing and grade organizations at Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools. Representatives from
Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools and Westland Middle School are recommended to participate as stakeholders on this roundtable discussion group; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 11 and 12, 2009, on the superintendent’s recommendations for all capital and non-capital items in the Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget and the FY 2011–2016 CIP; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approves a FY 2011 Capital Budget appropriation request totaling $175,262,000 and an FY 2011–2016 CIP request totaling $1.494 billion; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approves the revised FY 2011 State CIP request in the amount of $139,127,000 for FY 2011; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approves the individual capital and non-capital items included in the Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget and the FY 2011–2016 Capital Improvements Program; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approves an elementary school boundary study to evaluate the reassignment of the western portion of the Bethesda Elementary School service area, that articulates to the Walt Whitman Cluster secondary schools, to Bradley Hills Elementary School; this boundary study will be conducted in winter 2010 and will include representatives from both Bethesda and Bradley Hills elementary schools, with Board of Education action in March 2010; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approves a boundary study to explore the option to reassign Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School from Rocky Hill Middle School to John T. Baker Middle School; this boundary study will be conducted in winter 2009–2010 and will include representatives from Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School and Rocky Hill and John T. Baker middle schools with Board of Education action in March 2010; and be it further

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Resolved, That the Board of Education approves the formation of a roundtable discussion group for spring 2010 to address overutilization, articulation, and unique pairing and grade organizations at Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools. Representatives from Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase,
and Rosemary Hills elementary schools and Westland Middle School will participate in this roundtable discussion group; and be it further

Resolved, That given the extreme overcrowding at Oakland Terrace Elementary School and the projected increase in enrollment to 873 students for the next academic year, the Board of Education asks the superintendent and MCPS staff to work with the Oakland Terrace Elementary School staff and community to explore options to relieve overutilization, including an interim satellite placement for one or two elementary grade levels, to begin with the 2010–2011 school year pending the reopening of McKenney Hills in August 2012.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the county executive and County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 510-09      Re:  ADJOURNMENT

On recommendation of the superintendent and on motion of Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting of November 19, 2009, at 9:11 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMARY SHEET
November 19, 2009

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