The Board of Education of Montgomery County held a hearing at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on January 19, 2011, at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Mr. Christopher Barclay, President
in the Chair
Ms. Laura Berthiaume
Ms. Shirley Brandman
Dr. Judy Docca
Mr. Michael Durso
Mr. Philip Kauffman
Mrs. Patricia O’Neill
Mr. Larry Bowers, Acting Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Alan Xie

Re: FY 2012 OPERATING BUDGET HEARING

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Betsy Johnson, Argyle Magnet
2. Christina McCann, student
3. Alex Abdun-Nabi, student
4. Eric Rosenthal, student
5. Victor Kyle, student
6. Cecily Adams, parent
7. Daniel Arias and Richard Yarrow, MCR/MCJC
8. Robert Monsheimer, Montgomery County Taxpayers League
9. Lucy Lock, Damascus Cluster
10. Geri Shapiro, Churchill Cluster
11. Christopher Kelly, Richard Montgomery Cluster
13. Susan Fleck, Blair Cluster
14. Jean Claude Zenklusen, Einstein Cluster
15. Frances Frost, Kennedy Cluster
16. Stephanie Helsing, Northwood Cluster
17. George Gadbois, Wheaton Cluster
18. Joy White, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster
20. Jean Schlesinger, Whitman Cluster
21. Joyce Breiner, PTA President, Parkland Middle School
22. Carole Edelstein
23. Alysa Emden
24. David Holdefer/Sharon O'Donnell, School Psychologists Association
25. Liz Roth, Arc of Montgomery County
26. Sandy Chambers
27. Linda Krimm
28. Dylan Presman
29. Bob Astrove
30. Elizabeth Cullen
31. Liz Bikakis
32. Anne Madeo
33. Robina Barlow
34. Tom Jacobson

The Board members asked the following questions:

1. Ms. Berthiaume asked for staff explanation of Mr. Monsheimer’s special education statement that the budget will increase by $5 million.
3. In the Blair Cluster testimony, Ms. Brandman asked about the Title I principals’ recommendation to make summer school an invitation-only program. They requested information on that recommendation, how it compares in cost, and the number of students served.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.