The Board of Education of Montgomery County held a hearing at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on November 10, 2011, beginning at 7:02 p.m.

Present:  Ms. Shirley Brandman, Vice President
          in the Chair
          Ms. Laura Berthiaume
          Dr. Judy Docca
          Mr. Michael Durso
          Mr. Philip Kauffman
          Mrs. Patricia O’Neill
          Dr. Joshua Starr, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent:  Mr. Christopher Barclay
         Mr. Alan Xie

Re:  PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP)

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Kristin Trible, President, MCCPTA
2. Sidney Katz, Mayor of Gaithersburg
3. Alex Pike, Poolesville High School Student
4. Kyria Danna, Poolesville High School Student
5. Lory Green, Northwood Cluster
6. Frances Frost, Kennedy Cluster
7. Scott Harper, Einstein Cluster
8. Susan Fleck, Montgomery Blair Cluster
9. Shebra Evans, Wheaton Cluster
10. Sumbal Sheldon, Watkins Mill Cluster
11. Martha Schaerr, Magruder Cluster
12. Laurie Augustino, Gaithersburg Cluster
13. Jennifer McDonald, Damascus Cluster
15. Barbara Ferry, Walter Johnson Cluster
16. Craig Brown, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster
17. Karen Collishaw, Wootton Cluster
18. Monica Hayes, East Bethesda Citizenship Association
19. Jane Snyder, President, Wood Acres PTA
20. Takatsugu Amano
21. Amanda Waugh, Rock Creek Forest PTA
22. Susan Buchanan
The Board of Education asked the following questions:

1. Ms. Berthiaume asked about the non-functioning water fountains at Poolesville High School, and how is water provided for the students.
2. Mr. Kauffman asked for the HVAC repairs projected over the next two years (MCCPTA testimony). Please provide the analysis of the HVAC backlog.
3. Mrs. O’Neill asked about air conditioning in high school gyms (Blair Cluster).
4. Ms. Brandman commented on the capacity at Woodlin Elementary School and the addition (Einstein Cluster).
5. Ms. Brandman asked staff to investigate the sewer smells at Sligo Creek Elementary School (Blair Cluster).
6. Mr. Kauffman noted there was a reference to Highland View Elementary School and sewer smells.
7. Dr. Docca asked about the number and placement of portables at Pine Crest Elementary School.
8. Dr. Docca asked staff to review the list of updates for Sligo Middle School.
9. Mrs. O’Neill asked staff to review the safety issues regarding the extension of Teachers Way in Gaithersburg.
10. Ms. Berthiaume asked staff to review the Zadok Magruder High School’s orchestra pit, and what can be done.
11. Ms. Berthiaume asked if there was a recommendation from staff to upgrade Neelsville Middle School prior to the modernization.
12. Mr. Kauffman asked staff to review the security concerns at Summit Hall Elementary School (Gaithersburg Cluster).
13. Dr. Docca was concerned about the locks and keys at Neelsville Middle School. Can that situation be remedied?
14. Ms. Brandman asked if there was a list of rank-ordered projects to address ADA compliance.
15. Ms. Brandman asked staff to review the ADA concerns at Gaithersburg Middle School (Gaithersburg Cluster).
16. Mrs. O’Neill requested information on the number of schools that have auxiliary gyms (Whitman Cluster), the cost of an added gym, and enrollment of the
17. Mrs. O’Neill asked for an update on the land dedication in the White Flint Sector (Walter Johnson Cluster).
18. Ms. Berthiaume asked what triggers the impact tax (Great Seneca Corridor Development), and how much money has been received over the last three years.
19. Mrs. O’Neill asked staff to review the size of the addition to North Chevy Chase Elementary School. Is the enrollment projection viable (Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster)?
20. Dr. Docca noted conflicting information about the grade reorganization at Rosemary Hills Primary School. She asked staff to verify the number of students and demographics.

The Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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