The Board of Education of Montgomery County held a hearing at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on November 12, 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None  

Re: PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP)  

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. MCCPTA President: Janette Gilman  
2. Damascus Cluster: Jennifer McDonald  
3. Gaithersburg Cluster: Laurie Augustino  
4. Magruder Cluster: Martha Schaerr  
5. Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster: Dana Wright  
6. Walter Johnson Cluster: Mary Cassell  
7. Whitman Cluster: Elise Browne Hughes  
8. Wheaton Cluster: Shebra Evans  
9. Blair Cluster: Shruti Bhatnagar  
10. Einstein Cluster: Lana Pauls  
11. Kennedy Cluster: Frances Frost  
12. Northwood Cluster: Lory Green  
13. Sally McCarthy  
14. Linda Platt  
15. Beth Scofield  
16. Rita Ballesteros  

The Board of Education asked for followups based on the testimony:

1. Mr. Durso noted the security at Strawberry Knolls where a person can be buzzed in but not seen to assure the person gets to the office. How many schools have
administration offices that are not close to the entrances to monitor visitors?
2. Mrs. O’Neill cited the situation at Flower Hill’s all-purpose room with the placement of the refrigerators/freezer. Are there options to create space for these units?
3. Mrs. O’Neill asked for an update on the mold at Resnik and Shady Grove.
4. Ms. Brandman inquired as to where Resnik is on the priority list for HVAC.
5. Mr. Barclay wanted to know the added dollars for the HVAC projects. Please provide a list of schools that will be impacted.
6. Mr. Barclay needed clarification on the baseline for technology in holding schools. Will promethean boards be added to those schools?
7. Mr. Kauffman asked about the status of the small gym floor at Damascus High School. What is the condition? What are the anticipated repairs?
8. Ms. Brandman asked about the sequencing of the HVAC projects in the Damascus Cluster. Is each phase separately ranked?
9. Mr. Barclay reminded the community that there are non-capital options for solving capacity issues, such as boundary studies.
10. Mr. Durso inquired about the parking and drop off areas at Wyngate.
11. Mr. Kauffman noted the Walter Johnson Cluster’s testimony, what is the status of the leaking roof at North Bethesda?
12. Mrs. O’Neill asked for the status of the elementary site in the White Flint Sector.
13. Mr. Mannes inquired about the auxiliary gym at Pyle. What can be done? (Ms. Brandman asked that previous studies be sent to Mr. Mannes since he was not on the Board when it was done.)
14. Ms. Berthiaume noted that the land in the White Flint Sector was reserved and not dedicated. Does that mean the developer wants MCPS to buy the land? What would be the cost?
15. Mrs. O’Neill asked for an update on the electrically wiring problems at Blair.
16. Ms. Berthiaume asked about the statement that parents at Blair need to finance the repairs for electrical wiring. Please provide clarification.
17. Ms. Berthiaume asked for an update on the items for E. Brooke Lee windows, equipment, and ceiling tiles.
18. Ms. Berthiaume noted in the Sligo Creek letter there is reference to gutters and drains at the front entrance, and the water is eroding the base of the columns that support the roof. Please provide an update. What is the anticipated repair?
19. Mr. Barclay asked about the electrical and scoreboard issues in the gym at Blair.
20. Mr. Barclay inquired about the athletic field at Blair. Does MCPS support the facilities surrounding the field, such as concession stand, bathrooms, etc.? Please clarify which agency is responsible.
21. Mr. Barclay asked about the stairs and need for repair at Piney Branch. What is being done? Is there a work order?
22. Mrs. O’Neill asked about the core capacity and size of the gym at Wood Acres with the modernization.

The Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.