The Board of Education of Montgomery County held a hearing at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on November 15, 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
Mrs. Patricia O’Neill
Mr. Larry Bowers, Acting Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Mr. John Mannes

Dr. Joshua Starr, Secretary/Treasurer

Re: PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP)

The following people testified before the Board of Education:

1. Jerome Klobukowski, Commissioner, Town of Poolesville
2. Mayor Sidney Katz, City of Gaithersburg
3. Phyllis Marcuccio, Mayor of Rockville
4. John Hall, Tom Moore, Mark Pierzchais (City Council Members)
5. Churchill Cluster: Melanie Twomey
6. Poolesville Cluster: Donna Lowell
7. Richard Montgomery Cluster: Jennifer Young
8. Rockville Cluster: Ann Hartley
9. Wootton Cluster: Chris Cartwright
11. Sherwood Cluster: Paul Geller
12. Clarksburg Cluster: Seenu Suvarna
13. Northwest Cluster: Sarah Kessler
14. Quince Orchard Cluster: Jeanne Ellinport
15. Seneca Valley Cluster: Kevin David
17. Joyce Breiner
18. Danica Holley

The Board of Education asked for followups based on the testimony:
1. Mr. Kauffman asked for the cost impact of moving up the Richard Montgomery Elementary School #5 by one year.
2. Ms. Berthiaume asked for the cost to upgrade the public address system at Poolesville Elementary School.
3. Mr. Kauffman inquired about the Children’s Resource Center, and can staff update the Board on the county’s plan to move it to Broome. What is the current thinking?
4. Ms. Berthiaume noted a letter from the Wootton Cluster raised concerns about potential changes in boundaries as developments come on line. When are those developments scheduled to actually produce students and will those students be assigned to the Wootton Cluster or will there be redistricting?
5. Mrs. O’Neill inquired about the issue of the trees and the falling limbs at Briggs Chaney. Has it been assessed?
6. Mrs. O’Neill wanted to know the status of the bathroom renovations? She was specifically concerned about Springbrook. Ms. Berthiaume thought that the Springbrook bathroom renovation was a long time to wait, and she asked staff to reassess that situation.
7. Ms. Berthiaume asked if there was any financing for renovations like Ridgeview with space rearrangements and locker replacement.
8. Mr. Barclay noted the mold situation at Drew and leaks at Nix. What is the long-term plan?
9. Mr. Barclay asked for a list of the schools that would be impacted if the $18 million was reinstated in the CIP for HVAC by the county council.
10. Mrs. O’Neill noted that under safe access to schools, she asked about the Clarksburg and Rocky Hill situation and has it been evaluated. Has staff followed up with the principals?
11. Mrs. O’Neill said that she was astonished at the situation at Montgomery Village. Could staff follow up on the work orders? Mr. Barclay commented that the components of the school should last longer than 10 years.
12. Mr. Barclay wanted information on the ADA compliance at the Clarksburg stadium.
13. Ms. Brandman pointed out that ADA issues were raised by the Poolesville Cluster at McNair. Please provide information.

The Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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