

AT A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON THE 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CHRISTIANSBURG HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	Annette S. Perkins (6:20 p.m.)	-Chair
	James D. Politis	-Vice Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	William H. Brown	
	Gary D. Creed	
	Doug Marrs	
	John A. Muffo	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Assistant County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Ruth L. Richey	-Public Information Officer
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors
	B. Wendell Jones	-Chair, School Board
	Phyllis T. Albritton	-School Board Members
	Jamie M. Bond	
	Drema B. Foster	
	Penny J. Franklin	
	Joseph T. Ivers, Jr.	
	Brenda Blackburn	- School Superintendent
	Walter L. Shannon	-Assistant Superintendent of Operations
	Daniel Berenato	- Director of Facilities and Planning
	Lisa Radford	-Deputy Clerk to the School Board

CALL TO ORDER

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The group began with dinner provided by the Christiansburg High School Food Service Class.

Supervisor Perkins arrived at 6:20 p.m.

INTO WORK SESSION – 7:00 p.m.

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. Energy Projects
2. FY 2010-2011 Budget Update
3. School Facilities Update

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Gary D. Creed	None
William H. Brown	
James D. Politis	
Mary W. Biggs	
Doug Marrs	
John A. Muffo	
Annette S. Perkins	

Energy Projects

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Assistant Superintendent Walter Shannon provided information regarding the School’s interest in investing in Energy Performance Contract as a cost saving measure for schools that are high energy consumers. Entering into an Energy Performance Contract will allow facility improvements to multiple schools through-out the County by replacing old, inefficient operating systems with new, energy efficient systems. This would lower utility bills and maintenance costs. The savings from the lower utility bills would pay for the projects.

Dan Berenato, MCPS Director of Facilities, provided information about the benefits of using Energy Performance Contracting as follows:

- Facility upgrades achieved through self funding projects
- Installation of new, energy efficient technologies
- Reduced energy consumption, less expensive exposure to utility price increases
- Deferred maintenance backlogs reduced
- Quantifiable reductions in annual maintenance costs/downtime
- Improved comfort and building control capabilities

The Commonwealth of Virginia has contracts with fourteen (14) Energy Performance Contractors and after issuing a RFP, and MCPS awarded a contract to PEPCO. The Energy Performance Contracting process is as follows:

- Execute Technical Energy Audit (TEA) Agreement(Completed)
- Contractor completes TEA (Completed)
- Determine final project scope
- Execute performance contract documents
- Perform design and construction per project scope
- Upon completion, initiate measures and verification reporting

Pepco has identified the following energy conservation measure projects for a total of \$4.7 million:

- Lighting Retrofits
- Water Conservation
- Weather Seal and Insulation
- Building Direct Digital Controls Upgrades
- Building HVAC Upgrades
- Chillers Replacements
- Recommissioning HVAC Systems

Mr. Shannon reported that MCPS has an opportunity to issue 0% interest bonds that are available through the State's Qualified School Construction Bonds for School Energy Efficiency Improvement Projects. He stated that the timing is critical if MCPS wants to take advantage of this opportunity.

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged that upgrading schools to more energy efficiency products will lower the operating costs; however, they questioned the amount of debt the County could afford and if the issuance of bonds even at 0% interest would affect the County's borrowing in the future.

Craig Meadows, Montgomery County Administrator, reported that the amount borrowed would go against the debt ceiling limit for the county. He believes there would be no significant risk involved in view of the opportunity presented by the 0% interest rate. Mr. Meadows stated he would be asking the Board of Supervisors to consider scheduling a public hearing at their Tuesday, April 20, 2010 meeting for the issuance of a Qualified School Construction Bonds for School Energy Improvement Projects at 0% interest rate for a possible 15 year term.

FY 2010-2011 Budget Update

Mr. Meadows reported additional information was released today in reference to the Governor's recommendation on the state budget. County staff is diligently working to see how these recommendations will impact the County's budget. The proposed budget does include a proposed four cent increase to the real estate tax rate.

The Board of Supervisors will have a special meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, April 20, to consider adoption of the real estate tax rate and FY 2010-2011 budget.

Supervisor Perkins stated she will relay information from the Board of Supervisors meeting to the School Board directly following the meeting in an effort to provide them with the information they need at the School Board meeting to discuss the school budget.

Mr. Shannon stated that the school budget that will be presented to the School Board will still include the budget reductions presented in February. They are still looking at a reduction of \$702,000, 15 positions. The Board of Supervisors' action on the real estate tax rate will have a direct impact on the School Board's budget.

School Board members thanked the Board of Supervisors for their continuous support.

Facilities Update

Mr. Shannon provided information about the following vacant school facilities within the County but noted the School Board has not made any decisions yet about declaring these properties surplus:

- Elliston-Lafayette Elementary
- Shawsville Elementary
- Prices' Fork Elementary
- Former Blacksburg Middle School

Mr. Shannon reported that \$330,000 has been included in the budget to demolish the Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School; however, it is still open for discussion as to what to do with the school once it is vacant.

Supervisor Creed mentioned that the Shawsville Middle School Annex is being used by the Shawsville Lay Ministerial Association Food Pantry for a food pantry that serves the eastern part of Montgomery County. Supervisor Creed stressed the need for the food pantry and asked for a way to preserve this location. He noted that he has no problem in the demolition of the school but if the annex could be spared it would be good for the community.

Mr. Shannon reported that the school system has been supporting the efforts of the food pantry in the Shawsville/Elliston community. He stated that the annex is deteriorating and would need capital investment to bring it up to code. Currently, while there is electricity there is no water or heat in the building and no restrooms.

School Board Chair Wendell Jones noted that he will bring this issue up for further discussion at the School Board's meeting tomorrow evening.

Old Blacksburg Middle School Site: Board of Supervisors Chair Annette Perkins reported the Board of Supervisors is working with the Town of Blacksburg in regard to the old Blacksburg Middle School site. Once the School Board takes final action to declare the old BMS site surplus and turns the property over to the County, the Board of Supervisors will begin discussion on

what needs to be done with the property. If sold, all monies will be allocated for School capital projects.

Blacksburg High School Gymnasium: Mr. Shannon provided a brief update on the Blacksburg High School gymnasium. He shared pictures from the site and noted that the new subcontractor, Canada Contracting Company, is now on site. Mr. Shannon stated that work has begun on the shoring of the walls and the basement of the gymnasium structure. He reported they are working on a cost estimate for the replacement of the gym. The investigation on the cause of the roof collapse is on-going. They will know more when the demolition is complete and the roof is removed. Mr. Shannon also stressed they are looking at the entire school facility as it has the same structure as the gym.

Mr. Shannon also reported that the Blacksburg High School students will complete the school year at the Blacksburg Middle School. Updates will be posted on the MCPS web site.

Mr. Berenato reported that the majority of the athletic equipment from the gym has been removed with 95% of the equipment still in good shape. He stated the contractor will start the process of removing the roof on Tuesday, April 20th.

Mr. Berenato recommended that both Boards begin to think about the marketing of the Shawsville Elementary School and Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School if the School Board decides to surplus these two schools. He stated that the marketing strategy used for the sale of the Bethel Elementary School worked well.

OTHER BUSINESS

Shawsville Ruritan Club – Essay Contest - Supervisor Creed announced that the Shawsville Ruritan Club is sponsoring an Essay Writing Contest. The topic will be what the 4th of July means to them. There will be three age groups with the winner in each group winning a \$100 savings bond. Mr. Creed asked how he would go about the process of sponsoring this event.

Ms. Blackburn suggested Supervisor Creed contact her directly so she may help him.

OUT OF WORK SESSION - 8:20 p.m.

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
William H. Brown	None
James D. Politis	
Mary W. Biggs	
Doug Marris	
John A. Muffo	
Gary D. Creed	
Annette S. Perkins	

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by James D. Politis and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned to Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
James D. Politis	None
Mary W. Biggs	
Doug Marris	
John A. Muffo	
Gary D. Creed	
William H. Brown	
Annette S. Perkins	

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____
Annette S. Perkins F. Craig Meadows
Chair, Board of Supervisors County Administrator