

Minutes MCCPTA Delegates Assembly
October 27, 2009
Carver Educational Service Center

The business meeting was preceded by a Program on Technology within MCPS from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Mr. Sherwin A. Collette, Chief Technology Officer, Montgomery County Public Schools presented "Promoting Excellence in Education."

Call to Order

President Kay Romero called the business meeting to order at 7:50 pm.

Mission Statement

Rebecca Smondrowski, VP For Legislation, read the PTA Mission Statement.

Approval of Agenda and September 22, 2009 Minutes

Kay Romero, President, moved to amend the agenda to move New Business before Reports, so that we could make sure votable items were covered first. The amendment was seconded and approved on voice vote.

The minutes from the September 22, 2009 DA were approved as submitted by voice vote.

Treasurers Report

Jaimie Jacobson, Treasurer, reported that dues from locals are being received, and there are still more to be deposited. He asked the Delegates to remind their PTAs to pay their MCCPTA and MD PTA dues. He also reported that he is paying bills as they come in. This budget is a conservative one, since dues are our only income source. The report will be filed.

Unfinished Business

Kay explained to the Delegates that we have in place a motion that limits debate to 10 minutes per agenda item. She noted that unless someone moves to extend time, it is possible that someone might be cut off during the discussion phase of a motion.

Proposed Draft Resolution MCCPTA Operating Budget Priorities for FY2011

Pam Moomau, Operating Budget Committee Chair, gave an overview of the Operating Budget Priorities resolution. This is a major advocacy document for our organization. Because government revenues are down, it is important for us to communicate clearly what our priorities are. The budget situation for MCPS is currently uncertain. The State requires a Maintenance of Effort in local funding in order to get matching funds. Last

year, Montgomery County did not reach the Maintenance level. She discussed the Maintenance of Effort waiver request, and it's current status of not resolved. Without the Maintenance of Effort, funding from the State will be difficult. As the budget develops at the County Council level, we need to be able to modify our advocacy as necessary, and she will keep us informed of events as they unfold.

Since this motion is coming from committee, no second was necessary.

Joe Stewart, Magruder HS Delegate, offered the following amendment to the final priority:

Academic support for *all* students *including those* needing assistance and/or enrichment.

The motion was seconded and passed on voice vote.

Bill Jacobs, Olney ES Delegate, offered the following amendment to the first priority:

Minimum possible class sizes, *with due consideration for the priorities below*.

The motion was seconded.

Molly Moynihan, Chevy Chase ES Delegate, asked if the items were in order of priority in the document? Pam Moomau responded that they were not. Molly then added that if they were not, then she opposed the motion.

Rich Edelman, Wootton Cluster Coordinator, spoke in favor of the amendment, stating that with a tight budget, if we emphasize class sizes, they could cut other things, and once things are cut, they are hard to reinstate.

Andrea Bernardo, AVP Churchill, Richard Montgomery, Rockville, Wootton clusters, moved to extend debate for 10 minutes. The motion was seconded. A voice vote in favor was reinforced by a standing vote that showed only 18 opposed the motion.

Laura Siegel, Churchill Cluster Coordinator, stated that once programs are cut, they are hard to reinstate, but if class sizes are raised, they do tend to go back down eventually.

Paul Scott, Richard Montgomery HS Delegate, spoke against the motion, and was concerned that it made it look like we were prioritizing the priorities.

Vanessa Melendez, Little Bennett ES Delegate, asked if we could instead combine some of the priorities? Kay responded that we were discussing the current amendment, and she could bring an amendment once this motion is resolved.

Molly Moynihan, Chevy Chase ES Delegate, moved an amendment that we move the item up to the top.

Bill Jacobs, Olney ES Delegate, stated that the friendly amendment was acceptable.

The amendment failed on a voice vote.

Molly Moynihan, Chevy Chase ES Delegate, offered an amendment to the second paragraph:

Be it resolved that the MCCPTA Delegates approve the following operating budget priorities for the organization to concentrate on this budget year, *each item to be given due consideration in relation to the others.*

The motion was seconded.

Laura Siegel, Churchill Cluster Coordinator, spoke in opposition.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

Roni White, Strathmore/Bel Pre ES Delegate, offered an amendment to the third priority:

Empirically based, developmentally appropriate, fully supported curriculum implementation,

The motion was seconded.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

Carol Salsbury, VP for Programs, moved to extend debate for 10 minutes. The motion was seconded. A standing vote was taken, and the motion passed, with 51 in favor, 46 opposed.

Roni White, Strathmore/Bel Pre ES Delegate, moved an amendment to the fourth priority:

Effective staffing for special education students,

The motion was seconded.

Beth Kennington, Northwest Cluster Coordinator, spoke against the amendment, stating that it sounded like we were specifying performance by the use of the word effective, not staffing numbers.

Lara Wibeto, Darnestown ES Delegate, moved an amendment to the amendment to read:

Adequate and effective staffing for special education students,

She stated that both elements are important. The motion was seconded.

It passed on a voice vote.

At this point, a vote was taken on the entire motion as amended. It passed on a voice vote.

MCCPTA Resolution on FY2011 Operating Budget Priorities

Whereas, MCCPTA's mission is to speak for children and without question our highest budget priority is education;

Be it resolved that the MCCPTA Delegates approve the following operating budget priorities for the organization to concentrate on this budget year, each item to be given due consideration in relation to the others.

Minimum possible class sizes,

Well-maintained, safe, secure, mold-free school facilities,

Empirically based, developmentally appropriate, fully supported curriculum implementation,

Adequate and effective staffing for special education students,

Focus on adequate school-home as well as home-school communication,

and

Academic support for all students including those needing assistance and/or enrichment.

Proposed Draft MCCPTA Operating Budget Compact FY2011

Kay reminded the Delegates that if they are bringing a motion forward, then they need to submit a written motion slip, with their name on it.

Pam Moomau spoke to the Compact, stating that it is a long list of programs based on the MCPS Strategic Plan Goals. No second is required since it comes from committee.

Rich Edelman, Wootton Cluster Coordinator, moved to adopt the entire compact as a whole. The motion was seconded.

Denise Burcksen, Rachel Carson ES Delegate, spoke in opposition since she had brought an amendment from her PTA.

Rich Edelman, Wootton Cluster Coordinator, stated that if his motion were voted down, then there would be discussion of the Compact.

Paul Scott, Richard Montgomery HS Delegate, spoke in opposition to the motion, saying that debate was needed.

Bill Jacobs, Olney ES Delegate, spoke in opposition to the motion, stating that it would deprive the assembly of the opportunity to improve the compact.

The motion failed on voice vote.

Denise Burcksen, Rachel Carson ES Delegate, moved an amendment to goal 1, by adding another bullet point at the bottom:

Recategorize elementary schools based on school size and allocate resources and staffing equitably

The motion was seconded.

Denise spoke to her amendment, stating that they were asking for equity. There are approximately 10 elementary schools with over 700 students, and the way administrator and counselor resources are currently allocated means that larger elementary schools are receiving the same amount of staff as the smaller ones.

Beth Kennington, Northwest Cluster Coordinator, spoke in favor of the amendment. She stated that this type of advocacy might also help schools that are considered too small for renovation but need it.

Carol Salsbury, VP for Programs, moved that debate be extended 10 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed on voice vote.

Hajira Shariff, Oakland Terrace ES Delegate, spoke in favor of this motion, stating that currently photocopiers are allocated at one per elementary school, regardless of size.

Lori Goodwin, Sherwood ES Delegate, spoke against the amendment, stating that she understood the issue, but was concerned that the first portion of it could be interpreted differently.

Daria Daniel, Forest Knolls ES Delegate, asked for clarification on the meaning of recategorizing? In response, it was stated that at the MS and HS level, they are categorized based on the size of the student body, and that is what is being advocated for on the elementary school level.

Mary Griffin, Rosemary Hills ES Delegate, stated that the motion was confusing as written, and suggested alternate wording:

The allocation of resources and staffing based on elementary school size

The motion was seconded.

A motion was made to extend the time by 10 minutes. It was seconded and passed on voice vote.

Hajira Shariff, Oakland Terrace ES Delegate, moved an amendment to the amendment:

Equitable allocation of elementary school resources and staffing based on school size

It was seconded.

Merry Eisner, Churchill cluster coordinator, started that she was concerned about the fact that schools are being built bigger now, and asked the assembly to please consider the full ramifications of this motion.

Denise Burcksen, Rachel Carson ES Delegate, stated that her PTA felt this was important, and did understand that it could impact MSs and HSs and other elementary schools.

Lori Goodwin, Sherwood ES Delegate, wondered if this could result in part time counselors at smaller elementary schools?

Rich Edelman, Wootton Cluster Coordinator, spoke against the motion, stating that he was concerned about the use of the word equitable, and that it could cause some schools to lose resources.

Roni White, Bel Pre/Strathmore ES Delegate, spoke in favor of the motion, stating that she agreed with the word equitable, but disliked the word adequate, because to her it means bare minimum, and was in favor of fairness.

Laura Siegel, Churchill Cluster Coordinator, spoke in opposition, stating she felt using equitable could result in an overall resource reduction, if the school system chose to raise the ceiling. She felt this could be harmful in the long run.

Andrea Bernardo, AVP Churchill, Richard Montgomery, Rockville, Wootton clusters, spoke against the amendment, and was concerned that Title I schools already effect equity, and thinks the motion could just create problems.

Paul Weckstein, Piney Branch ES Delegate, offered a friendly amendment to use the words adequate and equitable. It was accepted.

Adequate and equitable allocation of elementary school resources and staffing based on school size

Jim Keenan, Quince Orchard Cluster Coordinator, also offered a friendly amendment to modify school size to school enrollment. It was also accepted.

Adequate and equitable allocation of elementary school resources and staffing based on school ***enrollment***

A motion was made to extend time by 10 minutes, was seconded.

Juan Johnson, AVP Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley clusters, explained that the motion that limits debate applies to the entire motion and all amendments, and there is no separate time for each amendment.

The motion passed on a standing vote.

Jim Roberts, Takoma Park MS Delegate, moved to call the question on the amendment. It was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

The amendment passed on a voice vote.

Adequate and equitable allocation of elementary school resources and staffing based on school enrollment

Vivian Sretchen, Northwood HS Delegate, asked for a clarification on Bullet point 2, specifically what it means? Pam Moomau explained that it meant that we preferred teachers would be in classroom more, and that training would not be done during the school day, thus requiring substitute teachers.

Goal 2 – no amendments were proposed.

Goals 3 and 4 – no amendments were proposed.

Goal 5 – no amendments were proposed.

A vote was then taken on the entire compact as amended and it passed on a voice vote.

MCCPTA FY2011 OPERATING BUDGET COMPACT

The Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations (MCCPTA) believes that an Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) must provide funding to make progress towards the fundamental requirements described in this budget compact. This compact will provide the basis for testimony before the Board of Education and the County Council and in other forums concerning the MCPS Operating Budget for FY 2011. MCCPTA will not support any budget, MCPS Strategic Plan, or other planning or policy document, that does not make progress towards the requirements of this compact.

Goal 1 of the MCPS Strategic Plan: Ensure Success for Every Student.

MCPS must focus on raising academic performance of all students so that all may reach their full potential. There is a need for uniformly high expectations that all students, including Special Education, ESOL, and Gifted/Talented students, will succeed and will have their needs met. There must be sufficient funding for programs to raise the performance of under-performing students. There must also be adequate funding to enhance the performance of students who have attained satisfactory levels of performance but who can do better, and to challenge students who exceed satisfactory levels of performance but are able to perform at even higher levels. In order to further these goals, MCCPTA supports the following initiatives from the former years and encourages continued support for these initiatives:

- *Reduced class sizes throughout the County*
- *Reduction in the use of substitute teachers in the classroom for teacher training*
- *Math content coaches*
- *Educational facilities officers and other security measures*

In addition, the budget should provide for the following:

- *Certification in the appropriate content areas for middle school teachers teaching high school courses and specialty courses offered in signature programs*
- *More staffing for art, music, and physical education*

- Academic intervention/support such as summer learning opportunities for all students based on needs of the students throughout the County, not limited to Title I schools
- Adequate and equitable allocation of elementary school resources and staffing based on school enrollment

Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan: Provide an Adequate Instructional Program

As adequate educational staffing is achieved, it will become even more important to provide staff with the tools necessary to assure success. In order to further this goal, MCCPTA supports the following staff initiatives from the past several years and encourages continued support for these initiatives:

- Reform of the middle school curriculum to increase rigor and ensure instruction appropriate for each student.
- Expansion of accelerated and enriched programs into more secondary schools
- Improvements to technology and support for improved technology use
- Implementation of on-line achievement and reporting systems in all secondary schools
- Move toward hours based staffing for special education students in order to ensure the success of a move toward promoting education in the least restrictive environment

In addition, priority should be given to providing for the following academic and developmental supports for students

- Increased support for high school literacy
- More emphasis on providing a well-rounded curriculum including a rich science, social studies, and arts curriculum
- Improved staffing ratios for LAD
- Increased academic intervention/support resources, including:
 - Specific action/intervention plans for students not meeting standards under the grading and reporting policy
 - Specific action/intervention plans for students not meeting extracurricular activity eligibility requirements.
 - Consistent funding and implementation of special programs across the county
- Timely provision of new materials and textbooks when new curricula are introduced
- Improved vertical articulation to ensure students receive the foundation for future curriculum options.

Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan: Strengthen productive partnerships for education.

In a system with sufficient teaching resources in adequate buildings, other supports will still be needed to ensure a quality education for all children. We support continuation of the following former initiatives:

- Enhanced translation services
- Expanded study circles
- Parent access to on-line achievement and reporting systems in all secondary schools

However, there is a desperate need for enhanced communication and outreach at the local school level, especially in light of the growing number of families with limited knowledge of English. There is also a need for more general support for students and families. Therefore, we request more support for the following:

- Local school based resources for communications, especially with non-English speaking parents, and increased translation services
- Additional guidance counselors, pupil personnel workers, and other staff to address social/emotional/developmental needs at all levels
- Comprehensive countywide plan to grow the school volunteer base

Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan: Create a Positive Work Environment in a Self-Renewing Organization.

Development, retention, and recruitment of talented educational, administrative, and support staff are fundamental to maintaining a high quality of education in Montgomery County. The following initiatives are needed:

- Reduction in high turnover rate for staff from Principals to building services staff
- Increased diversity in hiring
- Focus on providing timely teacher training BEFORE the roll-out of new curricula
- Adequate training for all staff, including supporting services.

Goal 5 of the Strategic Plan: Provide high quality business services that are essential to the educational success of students.

MCCPTA recognizes that the supporting services, including maintenance, plant operations, transportation, and other central office functions play a key role in student achievement. Outcome measurement should be used to rigorously evaluate programs for effectiveness and efficiency. It is imperative that the business model for delivering all MCPS services include accountability to parents. We support the following initiatives in prior and current plans:

- New budget document: Superintendent's Recommended Operating Budget in Brief

- *Program to improve school building security through increased surveillance in secondary schools and around elementary school entrances*

We urge attention to the following:

- *Assessment of new programs and curricula before and after implementation, to ensure that sufficient course materials, guidebooks, and implementation documents are available*
- *Evaluation of the use of new technology to ensure that it is the most cost-effective way to increase student performance*
- *Improved nutritional value for school lunch and a la carte menu selections*

Finally, the setting in which education takes place should not be neglected. For optimal learning our schools, including portable classrooms, must provide an environment where the children feel safe and their health is protected.

The following issues need to be addressed:

- *Increased recess supervision*
- *More attention to addressing discipline problems, especially at the middle school level, including the problem of gangs, bullying and risk to student safety*
- *Adoption by MCPS of objective standards for portable conditions and installation, routine building systems maintenance, and prompt response to unanticipated repair and maintenance needs*
- *Revision of salary structures or increased outside contracting for positions that are persistently vacant, such as HVAC mechanics and speech and language therapists*
- *More maintenance and repair personnel, particularly HVAC mechanics*
- *Expanded indoor air quality staff, with training in building envelope issues*
- *Increased staffing of building services*
- *Reassessment and adjustment of traffic patterns around schools to promote pedestrian safety*
- *Reassessment of bus stop placement to promote safety*
- *More activity buses to promote participation in after school programming as well as a safe return home from after-school programs*
- *BMPs (Building Maintenance Plans) for all new schools and increased implementation of BMPs for all other aging MCPS schools*

The MCCPTA recognizes that an Operating Budget that satisfies all of these requirements will necessitate a continued strong commitment to education by Montgomery County. Such a commitment and investment, however, is more than justified by the benefits a well-resourced educational system provides to the community.

Kay then stated that we would be skipping the CIP resolutions, since our CIP chair, Steve Augustino, was not in attendance due to an emergency.

Proposed Amendments to MCCPTA Bylaws

Andrea Bernardo, Bylaws Committee Chair, introduced the bylaws amendments. She explained the reasoning behind the changes we are proposing, that we need to reduce the size of our BOD in order to be able to reduce our quorum to conform with the MD PTA Council Bylaws template. Each of the amendments will be voted on separately.

Proposed Amendment 1

Kevin David, Seneca Valley Cluster Coordinator, opposed this amendment, because he feels this is an attendance issue.

Laura Siegel, Churchill Cluster Coordinator, stated that we would still need 50% to make quorum, and wanted to know if the voting privileges at a DA would be addressed for the Cluster Coordinators that were no longer voting members of the BOD?

Andrea Bernardo, Bylaws Committee Chair, stated that her committee would bring forward conforming amendments once these amendments were acted upon.

A Delegate asked how many people would the BOD need for a quorum if this amendment were passed? Andrea Bernardo replied that it would vary, depending on how many people hold multiple positions, but the number would be approximately 25.

Joe Stewart, Magruder HS Delegate, spoke in favor of the amendment, stating that the BOD is out of balance as it currently stands.

Rich Edelman, Wootton Cluster Coordinator, spoke in favor of the amendment, and stated that this is not an attendance issue. Cluster Coordinators attend a lot of meetings and do a lot, so it is logical to divide attendance at meetings so that all the CCs from one cluster do not have to attend all meetings. His preference for the BOD composition is to only have MCCPTA Officers and AVPs be voting members. He reminded everyone that the BOD does not make organizational policy, but rather that occurs at the DA.

Carol Salisbury, VP Programs, moved to extend time by 10 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed on voice vote.

Patti Twigg, Secretary DA, moved an amendment to the motion to make the wording conform to actions taken at the last BOD meeting.

chairs of non-standing committees,

The motion was seconded and passed on voice vote.

ARTICLE VIII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3. The members of the board of directors shall be elected officers, area vice presidents, one cluster coordinator per cluster, and chairs of standing committees. A parliamentarian (non-voting) may be appointed by the president, subject to approval by the executive committee. The immediate past president of MCCPTA, members of the Maryland PTA board of directors residing in Montgomery County, other cluster coordinators, chairs of non-standing committees, subcommittee chairs and committee points of contact may participate in discussion at the meetings, but will not be permitted to vote, and thus will not count in the quorum.

Proposed Amendment 2

Andrea explained that this amendment is to increase incentive to attend by reducing the number of meetings per year. Since it comes from committee, no second needed. Motion passed on voice vote.

Article VIII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 6. Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held nine times per year unless the board of directors votes exceptions.

Proposed Amendment 3

Andrea read this motion. Since it comes from committee, no second needed.

Juan Johnson, AVP Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley clusters, moved that it be amended to read 2 instead of 4. He stated that we are trying to create atmosphere where people attend BOD meetings.

fails to attend *two (2)* consecutive board of directors meetings without being excused,

Motion was seconded.

Rich Edelman, Wootton Cluster Coordinator, spoke in opposition to the amendment and the entirety of the motion. He feels that Cluster Coordinators work hard, and this amendment is punitive.

Mike Dixon, Clarksburg HS Delegate, asked for clarification, wanting to know if excuses would be accepted for missing meetings? Andrea responded they would, and that the intent of this proposed change was not necessarily to kick people off, but rather to create a culture of encouraging attendance.

Terri Salus, AVP - Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Walter Johnson, Wheaton and Whitman clusters, spoke in favor of the amendment, stating that it only says may, not required to, remove from office for non-attendance.

Merry Eisner, Churchill Cluster Coordinator, stated that this wording is part of the current local bylaws template and probably will eventually be part of the council template. The intent of the item is to encourage attendance and notification if a person is unable to attend.

Jim Roberts, Takoma Park MS Delegate, asked how the non-voting cluster coordinators would figure into this requirement? Kay responded that the intent is to leave it to each individual cluster to choose who votes.

Jimelle Hobbs, Clarksburg HS Delegate, stated that the use of the word excused is vague, and wondered who determines what are valid excuses?

Paul Weckstein, Piney Branch ES Delegate, asked how this would be applied? Kay responded that the goal is to make sure any given cluster is being represented. Paul further stated that it should be clarified who needs to be there and how this requirement would be applied.

A vote was then taken on the amendment. It failed by a standing vote of 32 in favor and 44 against.

A vote was then taken on the original amendment. It passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE VIII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 9. The board of directors, by a two thirds (2/3) vote of its members present and voting, may remove from office a member who fails to perform his/her duties as outlined in these bylaws or the current standing rules, fails to attend four (4) consecutive board of directors meetings without being excused,

New Business

Election of Nominating Committee

Rebecca Smondrowski, VP Legislation, presented the slate for the nominating committee. She read from the bylaws on the requirements for the committee. She noted that there was one vacancy, and nominees were solicited from the floor.

Juan Johnson, AVP Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley clusters, stated that Beth Kennington wished to remove her name from the slate, and instead he was bringing forward the name of Susan Burkinshaw, with her permission.

Kevin David, Seneca Valley Cluster Coordinator, was also nominated from the floor.

The entire slate, as amended, was approved on voice vote.

B-CC, Walter Johnson, Wheaton, Whitman

Craig Brown – Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster Coordinator, BCC Cluster

Churchill, Richard Montgomery, Rockville, Wootton

Janette Gilman - Churchill HS Delegate & Hoover MS PTA Vice President, Churchill Cluster

Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Watkins Mill

Sonya Leaman - Clarksburg Cluster Coordinator, Clarksburg Cluster

Northeast Consortium (Blake, Paint Branch, Springbrook) and Sherwood

DeBora King – WT Page ES Northeast Consortium Rep & Briggs Chaney MS MCCPTA Delegate, Blake Cluster

Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley

Paul Morrison – Quince Orchard Cluster Coordinator, Quince Orchard Cluster

Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley

Kevin David - Seneca Valley Cluster Coordinator, Seneca Valley Cluster

At Large

Susan Burkinshaw - Northwest Cluster Coordinator, Northwest Cluster

Proposed Draft Resolution on FY 2011-16 CIP Priorities and Proposed Draft Resolution on Restroom Renovations

Kevin David, Seneca Valley Cluster Coordinator, moved the CIP proposed resolution. He stated that it was necessary to take action on these now since the Cluster Coordinators would be testifying before the BOE on CIP issues in early November.

Proposed Draft Resolution on Restroom Renovations

Kevin addressed the resolution, stating that Steve had been working very hard on this, and that testimony would be given on Nov. 11 and 12 before the BOE regarding CIP issues, and waiting until next month is too late. His motion was seconded.

Matt Baker, Whitman HS Delegate, moved to amend the motion, stating that there are schools in his cluster that want to be on the modernization schedule, and asked for language that states that. He moved to insert at the bottom:

That MCPS assess currently unassessed schools' restrooms as soon as practicable and accelerate the rate of renovations to upgrade substandard restrooms as quickly as possible.

The motion was seconded.

Merry Eisner, Churchill Cluster Coordinator, spoke in opposition, stating that this would defeat the whole point of the motion, because funds are limited and were trying to use the money in the most effective manner.

Matt Baker, Whitman HS Delegate, stated that he thought the whole point was to address the capital budget, and that his understanding was the maintenance is in the operating budget. He felt that available money should be used to continue with the rest room renovation program.

Pam Moomau, MCCPTA Operating Budget Chair, spoke in opposition to the amendment. She stated that the amount of money in the capital budget going toward this program would not fix the problem, since they are not actually doing real renovations.

Jim Roberts, Takoma Park MS Delegate, spoke in opposition to the amendment, stating that he thought it weakened it.

Lori Goodwin, Sherwood ES Delegate, spoke in opposition to the amendment, and stated that instead she would like to see the final bullet point strengthened. She wants BOE to re-evaluate the current program.

Carol Salsbury, VP Programs, moved to extend time by 10 minutes. It was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

The amendment failed on a voice vote.

Lori Goodwin, Sherwood ES Delegate, moved to add as a final point:

That MCCPTA recommends that BOE pursue restroom renovation through a streamlined approach which uses MCPS dollars effectively and efficiently, and addresses facility deficiencies in a timely manner.

Her motion was seconded.

Juan Johnson, AVP Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley clusters, spoke in opposition to the amendment, stating that the renovation program as it currently stands is not working. They are not doing actual renovations, just repairing what is broken.

Sheila Hahn, Carderock ES Delegate, spoke in opposition to the amendment, stating that she felt it was confusing. She wondered exactly what we were saying? She would like to see it clarified.

Leslie Meyers, Bannockburn ES Delegate, spoke in favor of the amendment, stating that their school is on the current list, and they are pursuing this, and do not want to see the whole program scrapped.

A vote was then taken on the amendment and it failed on voice vote.

Anne Witkowsky, Bethesda ES Delegate, asked about the financial implications of shifting this to the operating budget? Pam Moomau responded that she asked a good question, and that she was not optimistic that additional money would be added to the operating budget. It will be a very difficult budget year, and she felt that reinforcing our message on the importance of maintenance is a good thing.

Carol Salisbury, VP for Programs, moved to extend time by 10 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed on voice vote.

Anne Witkowsky, Bethesda ES Delegate, asked if this motion would reinforce maintenance? Pam Moomau replied that she felt it would give it an extra push.

Greg Williams, Rock Creek Valley ES Delegate, stated that there is a restroom renovation list, and this motion just asks that things be fixed, and that otherwise schools not on the list would have no work done.

Beth Kennington, Northwest Cluster Coordinator, spoke in opposition to the motion, stating that she was involved with a school that had a summer renovation and it was worth it for what they did.

Sheila Hahn, Carderock ES Delegate, spoke in opposition to the motion, stating that it seemed the only way to get maintenance is to be on the list for renovation.

Lori Goodwin, Sherwood ES Delegate, spoke in favor of the motion, questioning if the restroom renovation program was effective. She stated that it could take 10 years to get on the list, and what about in the meantime?

Paul Scott, Richard Montgomery HS Delegate, spoke in favor of the motion, stating that maintenance is neglected, and the basic requirements need to be addressed.

Lara Wibeto, Darnestown ES Delegate, moved to call the question. It was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

A vote was then taken on the full motion, as presented, and it passed on a voice vote.

***MCCPTA Resolution on the Restroom Renovation Project In the FY 2011-2016
Capital Improvement Program***

WHEREAS, in November, 2009, the Montgomery County Board of Education will consider a Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget appropriation request and a FY 2011–2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) request;

WHEREAS, the Recommended CIP is expected to contain a recommendation regarding the continuation of an existing Restroom Renovation project to an additional 108 schools in the county;

WHEREAS, individual schools have submitted comments on the conditions of the restrooms for MCPS' consideration in evaluating the 108 schools for the next phase of the project;

WHEREAS, MCPS has recently completed an initial group of restroom renovations consisting of 47 schools renovated over a four year period;

WHEREAS, the CIP Committee has been studying the Restroom Renovation project results and has met with MCPS staff regarding the scope and timing of the next phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, the CIP Committee has received feedback from individual schools regarding the level of satisfaction with the initial group of restroom renovations;

THEREFORE, MCCPTA RESOLVES:

THAT the quality, cleanliness and condition of restrooms in county schools is vital to providing a safe, secure and modern environment for students;

THAT MCCPTA supports the implementation of a county-wide maintenance program to ensure that all school restrooms are maintained in good working order and that all fixtures and facilities are promptly repaired,

THAT the maintenance program should improve ventilation in all restrooms;

THAT the maintenance program should ensure that all restrooms are kept clean and well-supplied throughout the year;

THAT the maintenance program should be developed with clear, identifiable goals and that permits public monitoring of its implementation; and

THAT MCCPTA recommends that the Board of Education consider whether the extension of the Restroom Renovation project under its current scale and scope is a worthwhile expenditure of capital funds in the current environment.

Proposed Draft Resolution on FY 2011-16 CIP Priorities

Kevin David then moved the second CIP resolution. He feels that we need to take advantage of current bids coming in low due to the bad economy. His motion was seconded.

Merry Eisner, Churchill Cluster Coordinator, spoke in favor of the resolution, stating that the resolution is based on what was voted in last spring.

Leslie Meyers, Bannockburn ES Delegate, moved to reinsert the restroom renovation in the last paragraph, since it was in the Feb 2009 resolution.

THAT MCCPTA further supports prioritizing available funds to support county-wide programs for HVAC Replacement, Roof Replacement, **Restroom Renovation**, Building Modifications and Program Improvements, Planned Life Cycle Asset Replacement and School Security Improvements.

The motion was seconded.

Mike Dixon, Clarksburg HS Delegate, moved to amend it to state instead restroom maintenance based on the previous discussion.

THAT MCCPTA further supports prioritizing available funds to support county-wide programs for HVAC Replacement, Roof Replacement, **Restroom Maintenance**, Building Modifications and Program Improvements, Planned Life Cycle Asset Replacement and School Security Improvements.

The motion was seconded.

Kevin David, Seneca Valley Cluster Coordinator, spoke in opposition, stating that maintenance is in a different budget category, and thus does not belong here.

Greg Williams, Rock Creek Valley ES Delegate, spoke against the motion to amend, stating that it contradicts what is in the resolution we just passed.

Lara Wibeto, Darnestown ES Delegate, spoke in opposition to the amendment, stating that restroom renovations are already included under the umbrella of building modifications and program improvements.

Leslie Meyers, Bannockburn ES Delegate, spoke in favor of the amendment, stating that it did not contradict prior resolution, and is important.

A vote was taken on the amendment and it failed on a voice vote.

Everett Shupe, Clarksburg ES Delegate, moved to call the question. It was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

A vote was then taken on the entire motion as presented, and passed on a voice vote.

***Resolution on the FY 2011 Capital Improvement Program Budget
And FY2011-2016 CIP***

WHEREAS, in November, 2009, the Montgomery County Board of Education will consider a Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget appropriation request and a FY 2011–2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) request;

WHEREAS, in order to implement the FY 2011-2016 CIP the county and the state must make available sufficient funding sources from the state and county budgets, including at least \$40 million in state school construction funding;

WHEREAS, in this fiscal environment, the availability of sufficient funding is subject to significant uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, the types of projects planned in the FY 2011 Capital Budget appropriation request and the amended FY 2011-2016 Capital Improvements Program would provide critical school additions, modernizations and other improvements to provide students with safe, secure and adequate learning facilities;

THEREFORE, the MCCPTA RESOLVES:

THAT the County and State should provide adequate funding to ensure that critical school projects may proceed forward as planned;

THAT the State should provide school construction funding to the County in an amount at least equal to \$40 million;

THAT the County and the Board of Education should reconcile budgetary restraints in a way that does not harm the educational opportunities provided to all students and that provides all students with a safe, healthy and modern learning environment for education;

THAT MCCPTA supports prioritizing available funds to ensure that planned school additions and modernizations are not delayed; and

THAT MCCPTA further supports prioritizing available funds to support county-wide programs for HVAC Replacement, Roof Replacement, Building Modifications and Program Improvements, Planned Life Cycle Asset Replacement and School Security Improvements.

There being no further urgent business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Patti Twigg
Secretary, Delegates Assembly