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Legislative Work Session/Joint Meeting Howard County
Council and the Howard County Board of Education
Web-based Virtual Meeting

Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>

Wednesday, July 8, 2020
9:30 a.m.

Minutes (approved)

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Councilmembers present: Deb Jung, Chairperson; Opel Jones; Christiana Rigby; Liz Walsh, Vice-chairperson; and David Yungmann.

Staff present: Diane Schwartz Jones, Council Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Michelle Harrod, Deputy County Auditor; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager

Board of Education members present: Mavis Ellis; Jennifer Mallo; Sabina Taj; Kristen Coombs; Christina Delmont-Small Vicky Cutroneo; Zach Koung. Not present: Dr. Wu

HCPSS Staff present: Scott Washington; Kathy Hanks; Renee Kamen; Daniel Lubely; Dr. Caroline Walker. Not Present: Dr. Michael Martirano

Administration Staff present: Jeff Bronow; Peter Conrad; Holly Sun; Maureen Arthurs Evans; Jennifer Sager

CR91-2020 - A RESOLUTION adopting the School Capacity Chart, pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County, to designate the elementary school regions, elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools constrained for new residential development during each of the following years as based on the definition of program capacity as defined by Howard County Public School System policy.

CR90-2020 - A RESOLUTION adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart for Fiscal Year 2021 pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County.

Renee Kamins reviewed schools that are over capacity and highlighted schools that are at 95% capacity and projected to go above capacity. 8 schools were identified that are over 110% that are being mitigated with relocatable classrooms.

An in-depth discussion followed that HCPSS is looking at measures to free up spaces within schools including, moving certain programs to other vacant suitable spaces that could free up approximately seats, shared programs, etc. that can generate space and/or cost savings.

Jeff Bronow of DPZ indicated that the short-range projection for growth is the same for this year as last and that in the next few years expect that approximately 1500-2000 new units will be constructed per year. Mr. Bronow discussed a drop off of new plans coming in for review since July, 2019 and therefore anticipates that growth in the next few years will be reduced.

Applicability of APFO to Downtown Columbia and related school capacity within Downtown Columbia was discussed briefly.

In response to questions about calculations, Ms. Kamins advised that HCPSS looks at the aggregated development within the polygon and Mr. Bronow advised that DPZ provides number of units by unit types but not by projects for polygons. Projections are done annually.

During general conversation about costs of school construction, Mr. Lubely indicated that it costs approximately \$341/sq. ft. to construct a school and a request was made for the Council to receive cost comparisons.

HCPSS was asked about whether HCPSS has looked into P3 opportunities. Scott Washington indicated that P3 options have been discussed with the State which is reported to have concerns, and that they have discussed the matter with Prince George's County.

The Council Chair concluded with discussion about looking at committees to explore areas for further coordination.

The meeting concluded at 12:01p.m.