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Work Session Minutes – Approved

Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
October 23, 2023
9:30 a.m.

Chair Rigby opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Councilmembers present: Chair Christiana Rigby, Vice-chair Deb Jung; Opel Jones; and Liz Walsh

Staff Present:

Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Lynne Blume Rosen, Legislative Analyst; Owen Kahn, Legislative Analyst; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Owen Clark, Deputy County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Lori Buchman, Legislative Auditor; Rebecca Gold, Legislative Auditor

Agenda

CR171-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION pursuant to Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approving the Howard County Board of Education's Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and Capital Improvement Program Request for Fiscal Years 2026-2030 for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction.

The Council Members and the Monthly Meeting participants discussed the following:

- The capital budget process, including selecting and prioritizing school projects, the Interagency Commission on School Construction, and the associated timelines;
- Population trends, impact of the pandemic, school boundaries, regional impacts, and impact of dense housing on student yields;
- Unpredictability of the housing market;

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- Changes in the priorities of the BOE and ranking order of schools;
- Strategies to assist with competing priorities and limited resources including P3 partnerships, new facilities condition index, school condition standards and school boundary lines;
- Funding, bond capacity and debt service needs for systemic renovations and school capital maintenance; HVAC retrofits for gyms and request for list of gyms;
- Alternatives for calculating projections, capacities and prioritization of projects;
- Discrepancies with feasibility study, school capacity and APFO chart year to year;
- Distinctions between construction versus renovation;
- The BOE was unable to reach consensus on the 10-Year Master Plan;
- Projections of future square foot costs to build new elementary and middle schools and for renovation/addition of middle schools;
- Impact of the new Future Land Use Map on Comprehensive Rezoning;
- Involvement of HCPSS with planning Activity Centers;
- Complexity and the amount of local matches that are required for receipt of State funds, including CIP funding and Built to Learn funding that is spread over the life of multiple projects;
- Potential role of the Operating Budget Review Committee (ORBC) in the review of the capital priority framework or establishing a Capital Budget Review Committee; and
- Impact of underestimated projected County revenue on the Capital budget.

Chair Rigby adjourned the meeting at 11: 38 a.m.

Work Session Participants

Daniel Lubeley, Director, Capital Planning and Construction, Howard County Public School System

Tim Rogers, Manager, School Planning, Howard County Public School System

Jen Mallo, Howard County Board of Education Member

Holly Sun, Director of Finance