

Subject: RE: [BoE Email] -
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 12:53:09 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Nikki Marlatt-Young, BoE Email, Superintendent, councilmail@howardcountymd.gov, akittleman@howardcountymd.gov
CC: Student Board Member, Bruce Gist, Renee Kamen
Attachments: 03-06-2018.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education regarding High School #13 Site Selection. Your email attachment will be saved as written testimony for the public hearing process on High School #13 Site Selection. Please note that written testimony is part of the public record maintained by the Board Office and is uploaded online to BoardDocs as part of the public hearing.

The Board is scheduled to take action on Thursday, March 8, 2018.

Once again, thank you for contacting the Board and providing valuable input.

Sincerely,

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From: Nikki Marlatt-Young [mailto:nikkimarlatt@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:59 PM
To: BoE Email <boe@hcpss.org>; Superintendent <superintendent@hcpss.org>; councilmail@howardcountymd.gov; akittleman@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: [BoE Email] -
Importance: High

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Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 11:18:55 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Becky McKirahan
To: Renee Kamen, Scott Washington
CC: Bruce Gist, Anissa Brown Dennis, Carrie A. Slaysman, Kathy Agans
Attachments: Quarry Related Concerns.pdf

Hi Renee,

Well, unfortunately, my prediction was correct and Elkridge did 'find' the entrance on the map on this PowerPoint... and I quote...

'the school will continue to share one entrance with - according to quarry operators - 200 heavy-duty, diesel-fueled trucks filled with crushed rock, dust and debris coming in/out every single school day- This would mean buses, parents, walkers, bike-riders, etc. would all utilize the same entrance for the quarry and school - per the presentation on 2/8/18 to the BOE by Mr. Washington, Director of School Construction.

We all want the children safe. Their group is worried about buses/walkers/cars/etc., using the same entrance as 200 trucks and kids being stupid and falling in the quarry, because it was so easy to get into- guess what, there is no fence along Route 100/95- same kids could run into the highway. My own group is worried about children at a track, across the park, in case of a lock down/potential mass shooting, or walking down route 1, or what is in the ground- I know- the likelihood is so small, and yet, it concerns us! We have all gotten very emotional and I am sure you all get 100's of emotional emails a day and have to choose which 'fire' to deal with. This was one fire I tried to put out back on February 14th- this is a legitimate concern that was misrepresented on the document for the meeting.

I respect that this school site selection has been blown to epic proportions for everyone. I respect you are all dealing with the 'business' side of a site selection, and yet what can be done differently the next time??? What lessons have been learned from this??? At the end of the day, the Howard County School System is running a business, and yet children/families/staff/community are the recipient of the business decisions. There is no reason why two communities have had to have so many residents spent ENDLESS time researching, advocating, attending meetings, etc. These are our emotions about our families and communities (on both sides). We have all been taken thru the ringer the last 60 days. I certainly hope if there are experts at the meeting tomorrow, that it now includes information about safety around the quarry, to relieve their fears, and also information about redistricting, per your other email. Thank you for that!

I apologize for copying everyone... and I feel like I am 'Chicken Little' and crying 'the sky is falling'. I go back to January 5th and have no idea what the 'concerns' were to pull the site and have to keep speaking up to say 'Jessup is here and we do care'. May we all have closure tomorrow and get on with building a school. May new systems be put into place for help this from happening again. I do respect all of your positions and I am sorry for taking up more of your time.

Respectfully,

Becky
Why Not Jessup?

From: Renee Kamen <Renee_Kamen@hcpss.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:47 AM

To: Becky McKirahan <Becky@TacoBird.com>; Anissa Brown Dennis <Anissa_BrownDennis@hcpss.org>; Scott Washington <Scott_Washington@hcpss.org>

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Hope this information is helpful.

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Subject: RE: Guidance needed..

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 10:54:57 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Becky McKirahan

To: Renee Kamen, Carrie A. Slaysman

CC: Bruce Gist, Kathy Agans

Thank you, VERY MUCH, for explaining this. May I please share the information with others? It is a great description.

Becky

From: Renee Kamen <Renee_Kamen@hcpss.org>

Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:53 AM

To: Carrie A. Slaysman <Carrie_Slaysman@hcpss.org>; Becky McKirahan <Becky@TacoBird.com>

Cc: Bruce Gist <Bruce_Gist@hcpss.org>; Kathy Agans <Kathy_Agans@hcpss.org>

Subject: RE: Guidance needed..

Dear Ms. McKirahn:

To fill any high school, one can anticipate a move of at least 3,000 students (most at the HS level, but some could be at the MS level depending on feeds and the goals of the redistricting plan). It depends on many factors, of course. The final decision on which areas are redistricted, including exemptions are the Board's. Staff and the Superintendent can offer recommendations, but with public hearing process, the Board makes the final decision.

The simplest answer, is yes, we can redistrict to fill either school site chosen by the Board. What the new attendance area could look like won't be known until the Board takes action through Policy 6010.

The Board, under the current policy, can also consider redistricting under six circumstances. Those considerations are found in [Section IV.A, of Board Policy 6010](#).

I do not know of a time that "phasing in" redistricting was done years before a school was built. There is nothing in Policy 6010 prohibiting that type of Board decision but considerations for this task may include

- The difficulty separating individual changes in a comprehensive plan and not over populating already overcrowded schools.
- Individual boundary line changes are not mutually exclusive and one change in a boundary line can affect other changes.
- Making decisions now on five years (or more) into the future of the current projection, since projections are influenced by many factors. Factors that can change a projection include:
 - Changes to land use or zoning that may affect density;
 - Changes in the new housing development phasing;
 - Changes that may affect migration patterns;
 - Changes in birth rates, cohort survival ratios, housing yield rates
 - Actual Sept 30 enrollment data
 - Regional program placement/JumpStart

- Staff has not tested this type of scenario.

Typically, we use the Feasibility Study to start showing potential areas of redistricting based on capital improvements. For New ES #42 (Hanover Hills ES), staff presented feasible redistricting as early as 2014.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Best,

-renée

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From: Carrie A. Slaysman
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 10:41 AM
To: Becky McKirahan <Becky@TacoBird.com>
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Thank you.

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From: Becky McKirahan [<mailto:Becky@TacoBird.com>]

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 3:05 PM

To: Superintendent <superintendent@hcpss.org>

Subject: Guidance needed..

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From: Becky McKirahan

To: Carrie A. Slaysman

CC: Renee Kamen, Bruce Gist, Kathy Agans

Ms. Slaysman,

Thank you so much to him for following up with me. As you can see, I have not had any response.

I know everyone is dealing with the 'details' of this matter this week in central office, as advocates we are also busy having to defend our town and site and it is exhausting (and not our job). I know you all get 100's of emails a day and you cannot put out all the 'fires' to speak, and yet this fire has been brewing since January 5th when the site was pulled and is has gotten way out of control.

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Subject: RE: [BoE Email] - HS #13 Open Forum Written Testimony
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 12:57:00 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Ken.McKirahan@mt.com, BoE Email
CC: Student Board Member, Bruce Gist, Renee Kamen
Attachments: BOE HS13.docx

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Kind regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 2:32 PM
To: BoE Email <boe@hcpss.org>
Subject: [BoE Email] - HS #13 Open Forum Written Testimony

Please find my testimony attached to this email.

Thanks,
Ken McKirahan

Subject: RE: Site Selection Power Point Question

Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 9:45:23 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Becky McKirahan

To: Renee Kamen, Anissa Brown Dennis, Scott Washington

CC: Bruce Gist

Hi Renee,

Thank you. I understand that this is preliminary, I just wanted to point out that this plan has the exit route going over railroad tracks, right into the middle of the quarry. I am sure the buses will not be exiting that way, with all the trucks leaving the quarry. Everyone is busy looking at the other plans right now, and yet if they figure that out, you will be getting a lot more emails! I was just trying to help save you all from more emails!

Have a good day!

Becky

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Subject: RE: Question

Date: Friday, February 2, 2018 at 12:13:30 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Becky McKirahan

To: Kathleen V. Hanks, Renee Kamen

But this was never explained in any public meetings?

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks [mailto:Kathleen_Hanks@hcpss.org]

Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 12:12 PM

To: Becky McKirahan <Becky@TacoBird.com>; Renee Kamen <Renee_Kamen@hcpss.org>

Subject: RE: Question

Dear Ms. McKirahan:

There were no other times the site was discussed because the Board was not ready to make a decision as that would be the next step.

Kind regards,

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From: Becky McKirahan [mailto:Becky@TacoBird.com]

Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 12:09 PM

To: Kathleen V. Hanks <Kathleen_Hanks@hcpss.org>; Renee Kamen <Renee_Kamen@hcpss.org>

Subject: Question

Hello Ms. Hanks and Ms. Kamen,

I am not sure who to direct this question to, so will ask both.

I really appreciated the handout at meeting last night on Site Acquisition- Policy 6000. During the meeting. Ms. Kamen did report that Mission Road did have a Public Hearing on October 4, 2016 for this and I have found this (video, agenda, etc). I then continued my search, with no luck, of finding any more mention of the site after that date. What happened next in the process??? Can you please refer me to any other

times it was discussed during public Board of Education Meetings?

Thank you!

Becky McKirahan
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Subject: RE: Mission Road High School Inquiry

Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 3:04:06 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Becky McKirahan

To: Renee Kamen, Betsy Zentz

Renee,

Thank you so much for your quick response! As a community, we are trying to understand what conditions and characteristics of this property have made it not appropriate to be considered, per the press release last week. I would think this decision was based on environment studies and we are trying to find them!

I actually did find that report and am now trying to read/understand it. What part/page of that study states that it not acceptable?

Thank you!

Becky

From: Renee Kamen [mailto:Renee_Kamen@hcpss.org]

Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 3:00 PM

To: Becky McKirahan <Becky@TacoBird.com>; Betsy Zentz <Betsy_Zentz@hcpss.org>

Subject: RE: Mission Road High School Inquiry

Ms. McKirahan,

You may find the environmental reports online at <https://mpia.hcpss.org/requests/2018-222>, as the reports were subject to MPIA 2018-222. Please note, the environmental assessments completed on Mission Road were contracted by the Howard County Department of Public Works. Can you please clarify "process" as there are standard ways and requirements to procure services to test and the actual testing of sites. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Kindest regards,

-renee

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Subject: Mission Road High School Inquiry

Good Afternoon,

I am reaching out to you both with the hope of finding someone to help.


We would like to inquire why the Mission Road Site is no longer being considered as a possible location for the new high school. Where can we find the documentation of the environmental study report and the process by which it was conducted?

I look forward to hearing from you shortly. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Becky McKirahan

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