

AGENDA ITEM #7
June 9, 2009
Public Hearing

M E M O R A N D U M

June 5, 2009

TO: County Council

FROM: Essie McGuire, Legislative Analyst 

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing – Special Appropriation to the Montgomery County Public Schools FY09 Capital Budget, \$335,000 for the Current Replacements/Modernizations project (Walter Johnson High School)**

Today the County Council will hold a public hearing on a special appropriation to the Montgomery County Public Schools FY09 Capital Budget, \$335,000 for the Current Replacements/Modernizations project (Walter Johnson High School). The source of funds for this appropriation is contributions from the Bethesda Soccer Club, and it does not require any County funds.

The Board of Education requested this appropriation on March 13. The Council introduced the appropriation on May 12 and is tentatively scheduled to take action on June 16. The Education Committee is scheduled to review the request on June 8. The appropriation is necessary to accept the contribution of the Bethesda Soccer Club to support the installation of an artificial turf athletic field at Walter Johnson High School as part of its modernization.

Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: May 12, 2009
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the FY09 Capital Budget
Montgomery County Public Schools
Current Replacements/Modernizations (No. 926575)
(Walter Johnson High School), \$335,000

Background

1. Section 308 of the County Charter provides that a special appropriation is an appropriation which states that it is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency, or to act without delay in the public interest. Each special appropriation shall be approved by not less than six Councilmembers. The Council may approve a special appropriation at any time after public notice by news release. Each special appropriation shall specify the source of funds to finance it.
2. The Board of Education requested a special appropriation for the Montgomery County Public Schools' Current Replacements/Modernizations capital project as follows:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
Current Replacements/ <u>Modernizations</u>	926575	\$335,000	<u>Contribution</u>
TOTAL		\$335,000	Contribution

3. Bethesda Soccer Club has agreed to contribute \$335,000 toward the construction of an artificial turf athletic field at Walter Johnson High School as part of the school's modernization. In exchange, Bethesda Soccer Club will get preferred scheduling use of the stadium field during non-school hours for a period of five years.
4. The total estimated cost of the artificial turf field installation at Walter Johnson High School is \$1.2 million. This contribution will be combined with already budgeted project funds, lease financing, related operating cost savings, and community use revenue to support the full cost of the project.

5. Notice of public hearing was given and public hearing was held on June 9, 2009.
6. The County Council declares this request is in the public interest to be acted upon without delay as provided for under special appropriation requirements described in Article 3, Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following action:

A special appropriation to the FY09 Capital Budget is approved for the Montgomery County Public Schools as follows and as shown on the attached project description form.

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Current Replacements/ Modernizations	926575	\$335,000	Contribution
TOTAL		\$335,000	Contribution

This is a correct copy of Council action.

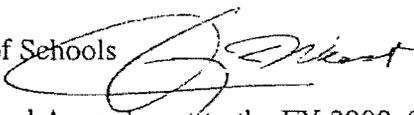
Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

March 10, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: FY 2009 Special Appropriation and Amendment to the FY 2009–2014 Capital Improvements Program—Walter Johnson High School Artificial Turf

Last month, I reported on the progress of negotiations with the selected partner athletic organization which responded to a Request for Proposals to contribute to the installation of artificial turf at Walter Johnson High School, estimated at \$1,200,000.

The Bethesda Soccer Club (BSC) offered the best proposal for a five-year agreement with an initial payment of \$335,000, lump sum, and \$16,750 for each of the following four years. The following is a resolution to accept the offer from BSC to assist in the funding of the artificial turf stadium field at Walter Johnson High School.

The funding model we plan to use is partner contribution, contingency funds from the modernization project, and lease financing. Once we receive a commitment from a leasing company to fund that share of the cost, we will return to the Board of Education for further authorization to proceed with the artificial turf installation.

The following resolution is recommended for approval.

WHEREAS, Current technology for artificial turf provides a safe and durable playing field for a wide range of athletic activities and requires very little maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools requested proposals from athletic organizations to partner with MCPS for the installation of artificial turf at Walter Johnson High School; and

WHEREAS, Staff has received three proposals with the most viable offer from the Bethesda Soccer Club to contribute to the cost of artificial turf in exchange for preferred scheduling of the stadium field; and

WHEREAS, Contingency funds are available in the Walter Johnson High School modernization project to cover a portion of the cost for the installation of artificial turf; and

WHEREAS, The balance of funding needed to install the artificial turf will be comprised of funds received through lease financing and the funds proposed by Bethesda Soccer Club; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the installation of artificial turf at Walter Johnson High School subject to arranging suitable lease financing; and be it further

Resolved, That a FY 2009 special appropriation and amendment to the FY 2009–2014 Capital Improvements Program be requested in the amount of \$335,000 for the Walter Johnson High School modernization project; and be it further

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Council be requested to accept a contribution of \$335,000 from the Bethesda Soccer Club for the installation of an artificial turf field at Walter Johnson High School; and be it further

Resolved, That the contribution from Bethesda Soccer Club be accepted toward the installation of an artificial turf field at Walter Johnson High School in accordance with Board of Education Policy CNE, *Facility Improvements That Are Not Funded with Montgomery County Revenues*; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the county executive and County Council for consideration and action.

JDW:jlc

Current Replacements/Modernizations -- No. 926575 -- Master Project

Category	Montgomery County Public Schools	Date Last Modified	May 19, 2008
SubCategory	Countywide	Required Adequate Public Facility	No
Administering Agency	MCPS	Relocation Impact	None
Planning Area	Countywide	Status	On-going

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY07	Est FY08	Total 6 Years	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	Beyond 6 Years
Planning Design and Supervision	52,657	12,504	6,588	33,565	4,513	5,989	6,828	9,064	5,765	1,406	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	92,222	8,247	12,508	71,467	3,468	10,103	15,333	22,021	8,901	6,641	0
Construction	683,218	74,249	87,199	489,452	80,029	61,892	63,159	96,746	108,216	79,411	32,328
Other	25,065	1,800	2,735	19,402	2,719	3,289	3,501	3,066	3,494	3,333	1,128
Total	853,162	96,800	109,020	613,886	95,728	81,273	88,821	130,897	126,376	90,791	-

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000) 91603

Contributions	300	0	300	0	335	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Revenue General	16,716	2,500	4,622	9,594	7,346	2,248	0	0	0	0	0
G O Bonds	641,911	50,965	87,501	469,989	49,742	70,535	79,286	114,223	90,806	65,397	33,456
State Aid	69,520	28,289	9,029	22,202	22,202	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agricultural Transfer Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PAYGO	600	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recordation Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Revenue Recordation Tax	70,525	14,446	6,253	49,826	6,081	6,590	0	0	19,050	18,105	0
Schools Impact Tax	63,590	0	1,315	62,275	10,357	1,900	9,535	16,674	16,520	7,289	0
Total	853,162	96,800	109,020	613,886	95,728	81,273	88,821	130,897	126,376	90,791	33,456

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000) 91603

Energy	509	152	152	152	152	0	0
Maintenance	1,544	386	386	386	386	0	0
Program-Staff	288	72	72	72	72	0	0
Net Impact	2,440	610	610	610	610	0	0
WorkYears		10	10	10	10	00	00

DESCRIPTION

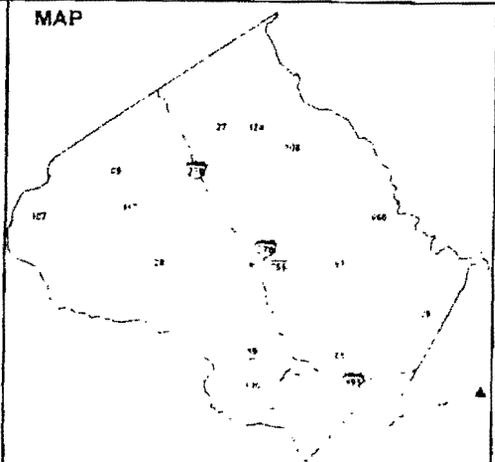
This project combines all current modernization projects as prioritized by the FACT assessments. Future modernizations with planning in FY 2011 or later are in PCF No. 926575. Due to fiscal constraints, the FY 2005-2010 CIP adopted by the County Council, shifted funds for elementary school modernizations beginning with College Gardens ES and shifted funds for the Richard Montgomery and Walter Johnson high school modernization projects. An FY 2006 appropriation was approved for construction funds for Parkland MS and Richard Montgomery HS, and planning funds for Walter Johnson HS, Francis S. Key MS and College Gardens ES. During the budget process for the amendments to the FY 2005-2010 CIP, the County Council shifted the planning funds for Cashell and Galway elementary schools from FY 2006 to FY 2007, but did not change the completion dates.

An FY 2007 appropriation was approved for the balance of construction funds for Richard Montgomery HS, and Parkland MS; construction funds for Walter Johnson HS and College Gardens ES, planning funds for Paint Branch HS, Francis S. Key MS, Cashell, Galway, and Cresthaven elementary schools. The County Council, in the FY 2007-2012 CIP, approved the acceleration of the modernization of Bells Mill Elementary School. Therefore, the FY 2007 appropriation also will provide funding to begin planning for the modernization of Bells Mill Elementary School. An amendment to the FY 2007-2012 CIP was approved to provide an additional \$3.5 million in construction funding for one modernization project.

The approved FY 2008 appropriation will provide construction funding for five modernization projects and planning funds for two modernization projects. An FY 2008 transfer of \$3.1 million was approved for the Richard Montgomery HS modernization. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council, in the adopted FY 2009-2014 CIP, delayed high school modernizations one year, with the exception of Wheaton HS which was delayed two years, beyond the Board of Education's request. An FY 2009 appropriation was approved to provide planning funds for Cannon Road ES, Garrett Park ES, and Farmland ES, construction funds for Cresthaven ES, Carderock Springs ES and Cabin John MS, and furniture and equipment funds for five modernizations.

FISCAL NOTE

The impact tax reflected in the expenditure schedule shown above is applied to the addition portions of some modernizations within this project.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA	COORDINATION	MAP
Date First Appropriation	Mandatory Referral - M-NCPPC	
First Cost Estimate	Department of Environmental Protection	
Current Scope	Building Permits:	
Last FY's Cost Estimate	Code Review	
Appropriation Request	Fire Marshal	
Appropriation Request Est	Department of Transportation	
Supplemental Appropriation Request	Inspections	
Transfer	Sediment Control	
Cumulative Appropriation	Stormwater Management	
Expenditures - Encumbrances	WSSC Permits	
Unencumbered Balance		
Partial Closeout Thru		
New Partial Closeout		
Total Partial Closeout		