

**LAKEWOOD LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of the Lakewood Local Board of Education

Special Meeting

**Held at the Lakewood Local High School
And Facebook Live**

March 14, 2022

The Lakewood Local School District Board of Education met for a Special Meeting on March 14, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Local High School.

The following members answered to roll:

Mr. Nathan Corum – absent

Mr. Dave Lohr

Mr. Jon Lynch

Ms. Brittany Misner

Mr. Jeremy Weekly

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Update HVAC Project

Dr. Mark Gleichauf provided an update on the Middle School HVAC Project. As of 12:15 p.m. today a representative from Veregy (Dynamix) communicated that there could be a delay in the procurement of Trane units. We reviewed our contract and consulted legal. We will continue our discussion with Veregy and keep the Board updated.

Board Comments

Ms. Misner commented that these resolutions are hard for her. The Middle School project is a worthy project. A lot of people are in support of decommissioning Hebron. There is a question in her mind as to what additional costs may need to be incurred for the Hebron decommissioning to occur. Project costs continue to come in over what was estimated.

Mr. Lynch commented that both resolutions authorize the Superintendent to negotiate down the prices if there can be a savings on each of these projects.

Mr. Weekly commented that we are putting back into a building that we will continue to use in the foreseeable future. We do not want to leave that building in the same condition as Hebron.

Mr. Lohr commented that everyone is disappointed with the increased pricing that the contactor bids came back with. When walking through the Middle School space, it can be better utilized for all students. This project will be beneficial for the foreseeable future. With the economy the way it is, he doesn't see costs coming in any cheaper.

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**APPROVE RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS, WAIVING FURTHER COMPETITIVE BIDDING,
AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ROBERTSON CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., FOR
THE JACKSON INTERMEDIATE CANOPY REPLACEMENT PROJECT
RES. NO. 087-22**

Dr. Gleichauf commented that he brings this resolution for the construction of a corridor connector from Jackson A to the existing Annex. This connecting corridor is due to the decommissioning of Hebron Elementary and repurposing our current Jackson A and Jackson B buildings to house our preschool through 5th grade students in the district. This connector would allow indoor climate-controlled movement of students from the Annex to the main Jackson A building. The Annex next year will house four 5th grade classrooms, so those students will be able to move safely and not outdoors to bathrooms, lunch, specials classes, the office and the clinic. The District plans to pay for this connector with capital outlay and capital improvement dollars. These funds can only be used for these purposes and not general fund expenses like salaries. Although this resolution reads urgent necessity, it should be noted that the District received multiple bids for this project. The resolution with Robertson Construction reflects the lowest bid. There is urgency with the timing of the bid acceptance. This bid was received last Tuesday and will only be guaranteed through tomorrow due to the rapid price increase in goods and services in our current economy.

The Superintendent recommends rejecting all bids, waiving further competitive bidding, based upon the Board's authority to determine an urgent necessity exists, and awarding a contract for the Jackson Intermediate Canopy Replacement Project (the "Project") to Robertson Construction Services, Inc. (the "Contractor") in the amount of \$71,0000.

Background:

1. The District solicited and received sealed competitive bids for the Project, but all bids received were in excess of ten percent of the published estimate and, accordingly, the Board rejects all bids, as permitted under R.C. 3313.46 and the Instructions to Bidders.
2. The Project, however, needs to be completed by the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year, so the Project does not interfere with the District's operations and the work for the Project needs to be commenced as soon as possible; this situation presents an urgent necessity for completing the Project and waiving competitive bidding requirements to contract for the work.
3. Based upon information and pricing obtained, the Superintendent believes that contracting with the contractor to construct the Project is in the District's best interest and the Superintendent recommends waiving further competitive bidding based upon the urgent necessity exception in R.C. 3313.46.

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4. The Superintendent also requests authority to negotiate a contract with the Contractor for the Project and to execute the contract at the conclusion of satisfactory negotiations on behalf of the Board in an amount not to exceed \$71,000.

The Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. Based upon the information provided and exercising the authority given in R.C. 3313.46, the Board declares an urgent necessity and waives competitive bidding in order to move forward with the Project.
2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and the Treasurer to work with legal counsel and other administrators to negotiate a contract with the Contractor for the Project and to execute the contract and any related documents at the conclusion of satisfactory negotiations on behalf of the Board in an amount not to exceed \$71,000.

Moved by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Ms. Misner that the Lakewood Local School District Board of Education approve the Resolution Rejecting all Bids, Waiving further Competitive Bidding, and Authorizing a Contract with Robertson Construction Services, Inc., for the Jackson Intermediate Canopy Replacement Project as presented.

Yeas: Ms. Misner, Mr. Weekly, Mr. Lohr, Mr. Lynch

Nays: None. Motion approved.

**APPROVE RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS, WAIVING FURTHER COMPETITIVE BIDDING, AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ROBERTSON CONTRACTION SERVICES, INC., FOR THE LAKESWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM PROJECT
RES. NO. 088-22**

Dr. Gleichauf commented that he brings this resolution for the reconstruction costs of the current Lakewood Middle School Auditorium into four discrete classrooms spaces, music personnel office spaces, music practice spaces, and a single hallway. The current auditorium is underutilized and is rarely used as a performance auditorium. The reconstruction of the area creates a LMS band room, a LMS choir room and the equivalent of two other classroom spaces. There will be accordion doors between some of these spaces allowing larger group space for professional development, future Board of Education Meeting, community meetings and more. This has been a capital improvement project that the District has been considering for more than 5 years. The District has long term plans for the current middle school, so these upgrades will be utilized for the foreseeable future. Additionally, it provides some additional classroom spaces in the event the District enrollment grows due to economic development factors in the region. The District also plans to pay for this LMS reconstruction with capital outlay and capital improvement dollars. These funds can only be used for these purposes and not general fund expenses. This resolution also reads urgent necessity, but it should be noted that the District received multiple bids for this project. This resolution with Robertson Construction reflects the

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lowest bid. This bid was also received last Tuesday and will only be guaranteed through tomorrow due to the rapid price increase in goods and services in our current economy.

The Superintendent recommends rejecting all bids, waiving further competitive bidding, based upon the Board's authority to determine an urgent necessity exists, and awarding a contract for the Lakewood Middle School Auditorium Project (the "Project") to Robertson Construction Services, Inc. (the "Contractor") in the amount of \$647,000.

Background:

1. The District solicited and received sealed competitive bids for the Project, but all bids received were in excess of ten percent of the published estimate and, accordingly, the Board rejects all bids, as permitted under R.C. 3313.46 and the Instructions to Bidders.
2. The Project, however, needs to be completed by the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year, so the Project does not interfere with the District's operations and the work for the Project needs to be commenced as soon as possible; this situation represents an urgent necessity for completing the Project and waiving competitive bidding requirements to contract for the work.
3. Based upon information and pricing obtained, the Superintendent believes that contracting with the Contractor to construct the Project is in the District's best interest and the Superintendent recommends waiving further competitive bidding based upon the urgent necessity exception in R.C. 3313.46.
4. The Superintendent also request the authority to negotiate a contract with the Contractor for the Project and to execute the contract at the conclusion of satisfactory negotiations on behalf of the Board in an amount not to exceed \$647,000.

The Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. Based upon the information provided and exercising the authority given in R.C. 3313.46, the Board declares an urgent necessity and waives competitive bidding in order to move forward with the Project.
2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and the Treasurer to work with legal counsel and other administrators to negotiate a contract with the Contractor for the Project and to execute the contract and any related documents at the conclusion of satisfactory negotiations on behalf of the Board in an amount not to exceed \$647,000.

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Moved by Mr. Weekly, seconded by Mr. Lohr that the Lakewood Local School District Board of Education approve the Resolution Rejecting all Bids, Waiving further Competitive Bidding, and Authorizing a Contract with Robertson Construction Services, Inc., for the Lakewood Middle School Auditorium Project as presented.

Yeas: Mr. Weekly, Mr. Lohr, Mr. Lynch

Nays: Ms. Misner. Motion approved.

FUTURE MEETING

Regular Board Meeting

Date: April 13, 2022

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Lakewood Local High School Library

Facebook Live

APPROVE ADJOURNMENT

RES. NO. 089-22

Moved by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Weekly that the Lakewood Local School District Board of Education approves adjournment at 4:43 p.m.

Yeas: Mr. Lohr, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Misner, Mr. Weekly

Nays: None. Motion approved.

Board President

Treasurer/CFO