

Board Chair Nathanael O'Hara called the special meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. PRESENT: Nathanael O'Hara, Laura Tucker, and Connie Welch. Excused: Jennifer James-Wilson and Keith White. Also present were Superintendent Polm, staff, and community members.

Laura Tucker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval

Laura Tucker moved to approve the agenda. Connie Welch seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Public Comments

None

Update on Construction Project for New Elementary School – Lisa Condran, Ann Healy-Raymond, Sarah Rubenstein, and Loretta Sachs, Integrus Architecture

Superintendent Polm gave some background on research regarding how children learn and how the district learning goals are supported by research.

Ann Healy-Raymond and Sarah Rubenstein explained the learning spaces being planned for the new school. Mr. O'Hara asked how staff was informed of the meetings held by the architect firm to collect input about the new school. Ms. Healy-Raymond said there were a series of six meetings held with the architect firm and staff (PK-5th grade and specialists), either during or after school, onsite and offsite. Using various times, dates, and places hopefully ensured all staff an opportunity to arrange their schedule to be able to attend one or more of those meetings. A video from the website Edtopia regarding successful team teaching was shown. Principal Lisa Condran explained some of the staff at Grant Street who will be team teaching in 2016-17.

Loretta Sachs said the schematic design was completed in early July, 2016. The process has now progressed to the actual design process, and more meetings are planned with staff as that process develops. Ms. Sachs said during the pre-bond phase, what Integrus heard from meetings with staff and administration was an emphasis on highly flexible learning spaces, room for collaboration (teacher-teacher, teacher-student, and student-student), and an indoor-outdoor environment. Designs for classrooms were shown. Ms. Sachs indicated the building had been planned with a 20% capacity for growth. How this sort of teaching environment may aid mastery of learning standards (Common Core, Next Generation Science, etc.) was discussed. The frequently asked questions document included in the packet was reviewed.

Public Comment

- Ted Wexman asked about preliminary costs estimates for the new elementary school. Kirk Robinson, Project Manager, explained the cost estimates for the new elementary school and projects at the high school are being finalized and the budget, along with the final schematic design, should be ready for approval at one of the board meetings in September.
- Rich Jahnke said Nathan Sherwood, who was involved in the facilities committee when planning for the new school began, had to leave the meeting, but Mr. Sherwood wanted the board to know he feels this design represents what was originally envisioned by the committee.

Action Items

06.01 Approval of Contract for Integrus Architecture

Ms. Welch moved to approve the contract for Integrus Architecture for the new elementary school. Ms. Tucker seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

06.02 Approval of Contract for The Robinson Company

Ms. Welch moved to approve the contract for The Robinson Company as project manager for the new elementary school project, amending the signature page to show Superintendent Polm's signature. Ms. Tucker seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

06.03 Approval of Contract for Northwestern Territories

Ms. Welch moved to approve the contract for Northwestern Territories for the new elementary school project. Ms. Tucker seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Polm, Secretary

ATTEST: Nathanael O'Hara, Board Chair