

City of Rochester
Joint School Board – City Council Meeting
School Department Board Room
May 24, 2023
6:00 p.m.

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School Board Present:

Mrs. Sarah Harrington, Chair
Mr. Matthew Beaulieu
Mrs. Anne Grassie
Mr. Paul Lynch
Mr. Matthew Pappas

City Council Present:

Mr. Donald Hamann
Mr. Alexander de Geofroy

Others Present:

Mr. Kyle Repucci
Ingrid Nichols
Mr. Dave Totty
Ms. Cherie Mann
Guests and Public

Mrs. Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members and guests participated in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Pappas moved, seconded by Mr. Lynch, to approve the May 3, 2023 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Non-Public

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mr. Hamann, to enter non-public session at 6:01 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against this board or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.

The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

YES: Mr. Pappas, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Beaulieu, Mrs. Grassie, Mr. de Geofroy, Mr. Hamann, Mrs. Harrington

NO:

Public Session

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mr. Hamann, the Board enter Public Session at 6:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Selection of Construction Manager

Discussion ensued regarding the selection of a Construction Manager and committee members expressed their opinions of the three presentations at the last meeting.

Mr. Lynch moved, seconded by Mrs. Grassie, to award the contract of Construction Manager to Harvey Construction. The motion carried 5-2.

Clerk of the Works

Mr. Totty, Facilities Director, explained the DOE policy and School Board policy regarding Clerk of the Work vs. Owners Representative. The Clerk of the Works RFP was posted on the School District web site today. Discussion ensued. Mr. Totty explained that it is a specialized position and there is only one on a

project. Ms. Ingrid Nichols explained that getting one that has done a public school is very important because it is a different kind of project.

Recommendation for Civil Engineer

Mr. Totty asked the committee to decide if they wanted to continue with Tighe & Bond or go back out to bid. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mr. Hamann, to continue working with Tighe & Bond.

The motion carried unanimously.

Architects Proposed Community Forum Schedule

Ms. Ingrid Nichols reviewed and explained the Draft Project schedule with the community forums. They would like to have monthly community forums starting with the first one in June. They would also like to hold faculty review meetings. Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of those meetings and what they will include.

Other

Mr. Hamann stated that the Mayor sent him an email and wanted to make sure that doing a traffic study was discussed since residents are very concerned about traffic with a new school in that location. The Committee agreed to look into it.

Mrs. Harrington shared that the Mayor wanted the public to know that they did look at all city owned parcels of land and none of them met the requirements needed for a new school.

Mr. de Geofroy inquired about where the JBC agendas and minutes are posted. Mrs. Harrington stated they are posted on the Rochester School District web site. He feels that the link should also be on the City web site and he will bring that suggestion back to the City Manager.

Mrs. Harrington congratulated Harvey Construction and shared that she is looking forward to working with them.

Public Comment

Susan King, Rochester resident, shared her thoughts and concerns with the current East Rochester school design and playground. She stated that public forums and meetings for faculty is a good idea. She would like to see a lot of thought go into the design for the new school and the opinions of nurses and teachers on what is needed taken into consideration.

Barbara LoPriore, Rochester resident, shared her concerns with the proposed location of the new school including traffic, access road and environmental issues.

Darlene Morris, Rochester resident, spoke about her concern with the proposed land being wet, possible drainage issues and the cost associated with that. She shared about an issue with a fence on her property due to ground erosion from water. She showed a video on her phone to committee members of her land.

Adjournment

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mr. de Geofroy to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle M. Repucci
Board Secretary