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# JSCB

## Joint Schools Construction Board

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### Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2019

9:00 a.m. (Common Council Chambers, City Hall)

**Board Members Present:** Mayor Ben Walsh, Superintendent Jaime Alicea, Charles Merrihew, Patricia Body, Calvin Corriders and Larry Williams

**Board Member Absent:** Helen Hudson

Calvin Corriders made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 22, 2019 meeting. Jaime Alicea seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

***JSCB Secretary Joe Barry gave the following updates:***

- *Notified Board members of the new correspondence from JD Taylor regarding disputed amount for Grant Middle School*
- *Notified Board members of the new correspondence from LeChase providing a basis for their MWBE decision*

***Suzanne Slack Presented the Financial Plan Report***

*Calvin stated that it would be helpful to get this information in advance so there can be an active discussion during the presentation.*

*Calvin asked about the Syracuse City School District's ability to pay interest. Suzanne responded that the board set borrowings aside and the district is able to pay now rather than over fifteen years.*

*Calvin asked about the district looking to borrow additional funds for Fowler. Suzanne explained that some of the components of the field project are not aidable because they are not classroom space, such as bleachers, pressroom box and concession stand. The district has leftover capital fund balance from projects years ago.*

*Calvin asked if it was more efficient to use the unused capital accounts rather than rolling it into JSCB. Suzanne responded yes because they would not have to borrow anything.*



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*Calvin stated a concern with the message being sent to the Fowler community. Jaime responded by saying that the Fowler community is finally seeing some work on the field so they are happy with the project.*

*Calvin asked which schools the \$9,000,000 difference in MCA is going towards. Suzanne responded that this surplus is for Ed Smith, Fowler, Bellevue, and Blodgett. Calvin asked if the Board could receive the comparison by project.*

***Stephanie presented the Raymond James Revised Financial Plan Report***

*Calvin asked Mayor Walsh if all the buildings are in opportunity zones if there are any benefits to the bonds. Mayor Walsh responded that he can double check on that but the benefit is for individuals who are acquiring real estate within the opportunity zones.*

*Calvin asked about the pro forma local share and asked if the school district is going to be paid off faster. Stephanie said it is scheduled for fifteen years.*

*Joe Barry asked if there were any preliminary discussions with the Office of the Comptroller about the plan. Suzanne responded that they have had two conference calls already and they are aware why the plan has changed. They are expecting an early January sign off.*

**Resolutions:**

Larry Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution #51-2019 to authorize an amendment to Resolution No. 1-2019 (Comprehensive Plan) to reallocate funding (\$1,100,000) from the Phase II Tranche II (Shea Middle school) to Unallocated Project Funds for a total of \$4,600,000 then to allocate the Unallocated Funds as follows: Phase II Tranche II Schools- (Danforth Middle School, Clary Middle School, and Henninger High School) in order to maintain fiscal balance and proceed with the final Tranche II bond issuance is held for discussion at a special meeting. In addition, to approve the revised JSCB Financial Plan as approved on September 11, 2019 by the SCSD Board of Education. Calvin Corriders seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Calvin Corriders made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jaime Alicea seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.