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Minutes

Thursday, September 26, 2019

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

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

Board Member Absent: N/A

A question arose as to a portion of the Meeting minutes of August 22, 2019 so it was agreed that the Secretary would review and provide for approval at the next JSCB Board meeting.

JSCB Secretary Joe Barry gave the following updates:

- *Notified Board members of the new correspondence from Rex Giardine*
- *Final financial plan revision is for the next bond issuance for spring of 2020*
- *In the process of applying for the board's annual directors and officers liability insurance, Joe Barry will bring a quote at the next meeting*
- *Board subcommittee on diversity will be holding a hearing at 10am in the iLab regarding LeChase LLC*

Chris Gray presented the Program Manager Report

Chris Gray provided an update on the following schools: Fowler, Henninger, Clearly, Elms, and Danforth.

Chris Gray explained that they are experiencing a bit of a manpower drop off and are working on getting people re-engaged. Grant, Huntington, and Blodgett had substantial completion dates that have been passed. They have issued notice and requested a recovery plan.

Helen Hudson asked what the human factor is in respect to children walking through the construction site at Blodgett. Chris Gray explained that most of the work is on second shift and there is fencing in place to separate the children from the construction areas.

Patricia Body asked if the construction on the roof at Grant is disturbing the learning taking place in the building. Nate explained that if there are any issues they are being reported to the on-site team to be addressed. Additionally,



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workers are on-site on the weekends to work on large sections of roof. They are working with lifts to bring materials to the top of the roof, crane work is on the weekends.

Patricia Body asked if Ed Smith is on time. Chris Gray said that there is a fire inspection on October 3, 2019. There is a staged move-in up to Columbus Day weekend. There will be some things they will need to work on after opening but of a minor nature.

Patricia Body asked the status of Huntington. Chris Gray responded that it is a concerted effort at this time.

Helen Hudson asked how the contractors are handling the noise concerns to mitigate distractions for students in the classroom. Chris Gray responded that the majority of the work is on second shift and if there are too many complaints they will reevaluate the systems in place.

Jaime Alicea asked about the paving at Grant and Huntington. Nate responded that they are looking into staff parking options on Kirkpatrick Street. The access path to the playground at Huntington is not complete yet, the top coat has been placed in the area around the playground.

Patricia Body stated the board needs to think differently about starting Tranche II so students and teachers are not placed in the same situation as Tranche I regarding starting on time and planning. Nate responded that they are looking closer to the Cleary, Elms, and Danforth plans for next summer to make sure the workload is not too much to handle.

Calvin suggested completing a gap analysis to ensure better planning during Tranche II.

Donna Presented the May and June Financial Statement Report

Calvin asked about the interest rate for the bonding in phase I compared to phase II. Donna said she would e-mail the rates to the board.

Stephanie presented the Raymond James Revised Financial Plan Report

Calvin stated that he needs to dive further into the numbers. Mayor Walsh asked Joe Barry what the appropriate format would be for this. Joe responded that the board could hold the item for a special meeting to discuss further.

Charles asked about the gap and if the timing of the projects may not coincide with the borrowing plan if the board chooses not to work on a number of schools, why it is so early in the borrowing plan.

Lloyd Dickerson presented the Independent Compliance Manager Report

Helen Hudson asked about the WBE and MBE goals for Henninger, Nottingham, Bellevue and Huntington. Lloyd explained that they exhaust the full City list and note the firms that are not interested.

Mayor Walsh asked about the lower percentage for resident professional services.

Resolutions:

Calvin Corriders made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 46-2019 to authorize Landon & Rian Phase II payment (Invoice #48) in the amount of \$35,020.00. Charles seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Larry Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 47-2019 to authorize a payment to the Turner Construction Company (Payment #43) in the amount of \$135,716.48. Patricia Body seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Jaime Alicea made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 48-2019 to authorize payments to various contractors pursuant to Tranche I financing as set forth in Appendix A. Calvin Corriders seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Calvin Corriders made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 49-2019 to authorize payments to various contractors pursuant to Tranche II financing as set forth in Appendix A. Jaime Alicea seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Calvin Corriders made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 50-2019 amending Resolution No. 201-2017 to authorize an additional \$7,606.27 in reimbursable expenses for Kidney architects at Frazer for a new reimbursable cost not to exceed of \$69,606.27 increasing the new total contract cost to #414,106.27. Charles Merrihew seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

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