

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2021 || 4:00 PM
Via Zoom

Members Present: Dan Oakes; Todd Covault; Superintendent Paul Fregeau; and Jeff Dase

Members Absent: Beth Nolan

Others Present: Fred Coleman; Jason Hood; Mary Ann Schloz; Lisa Jones; Deanne Hillman; Kim Kurtenbach; Chrissy Pettit; Brian Braun; Bruce Maxey; Chris Harrison; Danny Hainline; Mark Ritz; Regan Lewis; Andrew Taylor; Maurice Payne; Henry Walker; and Michelle Mitchell

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Minutes from the February 2, 2021 meeting were approved by acclamation.

Marketing Update

- Chris Harrison with Main Place Real Estate presented an update
- Southeast
 - Attempts have been made to solicit St Mary's to see if there is any interest to purchase the Southeast Building
 - There are currently some internal transition going on within St Mary's
 - Chris will continue to pursue St. Mary's to see if there is any interest
 - No inquiry has been made from the public
- Stevenson
 - Still active as a school
 - Interest shows by a daycare facility and a senior long term facility that has also looked at Garfield
- Garfield
 - Senior Long Term Care Facility has shown interest
 - Working through financial capability and capacity
 - Preschool has shown interest
 - Did not demonstrate financial capabilities
- Durfee
 - Chris toured Durfee on April 6 with the City Staff and a Development Company from St. Louis

Durfee Building Conditions and Recommendation

- Pictures of inside Durfee were shared with the committee
- Boiler is leaking (biggest concern)
- Infrastructure of school has deteriorated
- Steam pipes have ruptured
- Asbestos containing materials are on floor
- Building does not have another heating season in current state

Budget Control Group

- The committee was asked to let Covault know if they have any questions regarding the report

CARES Funding Planning

- ESSER I
 - District received approximately \$5 million
- ESSER I Part B
 - District received an approximate \$500,000 extension
- ESSER II
 - District received an approximate \$20 million additional
- Cares Act III
 - \$41 million additional
- The following items/services are being purchased or plan to purchase with CARES funds:
 - Nursing
 - PPE
 - Cleaning Materials
 - Custodian Staffing
 - Leadership
 - Technology purchases
 - Sound Systems
 - Student Learning Reset
 - After School Program/Summer School
 - Extending length of day
 - Extending number of days
 - Facility related
 - HVAC
 - Bill back to March 2020
 - Direct Digital Control
 - Doors/Windows
 - Maintenance Staffing
 - Leadership
 - Equipment Purchase
 - Boom Lift that allows employees to get to windows for replacing
 - District wouldn't have to rent equipment
 - Outdoor Learning Environments
 - Playground Equipment

Board Reports

- Technology Purchases
 - High School iPad's (3,000 devices)
 - Cases, white glove service, new iPad cases with District asset tag
 - High School MacBook Refresh
 - Staff MacBook Refresh
 - 600 new Macbooks for Teaching Staff and Administrative Support Staff
 - Speaker System Upgrades

- Erate Purchases
 - Entering into a new cycle
 - In the new cycle, the District does not have to use funds at particular building; funds can be used District-wide
- Expanding to City Fiber
 - Intergovernmental agreement will be recommended for approval at April 13 Board meeting
- School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement
 - First Reading will take place at the April 13 Board meeting
 - Will outline deliverables that were in resolution on racism
 - Administration will submit recommendation for approval at the second Board meeting in April
- Teamster Contract
 - New contract provides a four-year agreement
 - Added language for the Juneteenth holiday
 - Clarified preferred holiday that interchanges with Columbus Day (Indigenous Peoples' Day)
- Demolition of Johns Hill, Oak Grove, and Quonset Hut
 - This item was tabled due to the lack of agreement on the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with the lowest bidder at the March 23 Board meeting
 - Covault did not include a Project Labor Agreement (PLA)
 - Only one bidder met MBE requirements
 - Bidder was the low bid; however, PLA concept was not met
 - Dr. Coleman received the final documentation from the apparent low bidder that meets the MBE goal per the policy of the District
 - Everything is lining up appropriately to make sure District met MBE goal on original base bid
 - Vendor with the low bid would accept terms of PLA for an additional \$36,000
 - Committee recommended that a conversation needs to happen with Courtney Carson
 - Andrew Taylor will reach out to Courtney Carson
 - Original design did not have a bus loop on north side
 - If Johns Hill is not demolished by the fall, the bus loop would not be complete
 - Covault's recommendation would be to proceed with the bid as submitted
- In-Ground Vehicle Lift
 - Lift that is currently being used is aged and has become unsafe to use without additional security equipment to add safety features
- Montessori Doors/Windows
 - Includes secure front entry ways for Franklin Grove and Parsons
- Six site improvements are out for bid
 - Parsons bid will be recommended to reject and rebid
 - Dr. Coleman is still working through other MBE requirement documents
- Gym Floors

- Administration will recommend acting on Hope and Montessori bids and delaying Stephen Decatur Middle School bid until next summer (give time to paint ceiling)
- Food Service Contract and Minimum Wage Agreement
 - Contract renewal set at 2.9%
 - Secondary agreement for minimum wage allows Aramark to submit on a reimbursable basis not to exceed approximately \$208,000
- CEC Professional Development
 - Mary Ann Schloz will take to next Board meeting for recommendation of approval
- Post Bond Issuance Compliance Report
 - IRS has an active audit program and regularly audits tax-exempt bond issues
 - Compliance Report needs to be approved by the Board

Maintenance Intern

- Started last Monday, March 29th
- Has been working with plumbers and electricians

Professional Development Institute (PDI) Renovation

- Report was received from BLDD that PDI is code compliant
- Electrical capacity and cooling space renovation will be next

Robertson Charter School

- Create Administrative Committee to review contract
- Would like to have two Board members on committee
 - Dan Oakes and Regan Lewis volunteered to serve on the Administrative Committee
- Meeting will be scheduled in the near future to respond to Robertson Charter School's submission

Meeting adjourned at 4:53PM