

December 9, 2019

The Board of Education of the County of Kanawha met in Special Session on Monday, December 9, 2019 at the Board of Education Building, Charleston, West Virginia. The meeting was called to order by Board President Ryan White at 11:30 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Ryan White, President

Ric Cavender, President Pro Tem

Jim J. Crawford, Sr. (via phone)

Becky J. Jordon (via phone)

Tracy White

Ronald E. Duerring, Secretary

Debra J. Lewis, Recording Secretary

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Lindsey McIntosh, General Counsel

Briana Warner, Communications Director

Tom Williams, Deputy Superintendent

Melanie Meadows, Treasurer, Budget & Finance

Laura Pauley, Director, Accounting/Compliance

Alan Cummings, Director, Purchasing & Supply Management

Chuck Smith, Executive Director, Facilities, Planning & Management

Keith Vititoe, Executive Director, Safety & Security

Ryan Bremar, Director, Safety

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Hoover Site Preparation (Enclosure 64)

Mr. Ric Cavender moved: The Board enter into contract with the lowest responsible bidder, Doss Enterprises, LC, for site preparation of a new Herbert Hoover High School, bid #20-115 (2017-13sp), in the amount of \$19,700,000.00 as shown in Enclosure 64. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Becky J. Jordon.

Mrs. White-Is this a West Virginia company? Dr. Duerring-Yes.

Mr. White-I noticed that we have 6 bids and this bid is approximately \$7 million less than the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest bid. That's a little abnormal. Is there any reason why? Dr. Duerring-We've done our due diligence. Chuck Smith and Alan Cummings did some further looking into it just to make sure.

Chuck Smith-The biggest difference in having conversations with the owner and the project manager is their equipment cost. They've been doing well pad service for the last decade and a half so they have less costs in their equipment than anyone else plus they also came across a couple of different options as far as their implementation of using existing materials on site. That's the best explanation I have received. They are very confident in their work. The company seems to be very competent. Mr. White-Have you explained to them that their low bid is \$7 million lower? Chuck Smith-Yes. Mr. White-Have they double-checked their numbers? Chuck Smith-Yes. Mr. White-Have you let them know that we expect them to adhere to this contract without any change orders? Chuck Smith-They are well aware of the strict guidelines and they will be enforced.

Alan Cummings-I as well reached out to members of Doss and their references and I feel comfortable with how Doss responded and how their references responded favorably.

Mr. Cavender-Since we are saving a considerable amount of money has it been discussed that maybe we could spend the extra money on quality control and making sure the standards are being followed? Chuck Smith-There are several layers of inspections on this process. Kanawha County Schools will have a full-time Clerk of the Works on site, the geo technical engineers will be on site as well, as well as architectural services, etc. There will be different layers of inspections going on throughout the process. Mr. Cavender-Where is the money savings coming in as far as the equipment? Chuck Smith-They have \$20 million dollars of equipment setting on a lot already.

## **NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

Mrs. White-Once we approve this when can we expect to see dirt moving? Chuck Smith-The latter part of this month. Realistically trees should start coming down in January. The building pad should be in by the end of September or the first part of October.

Mr. White-When will we start bidding out the contract for construction? Chuck Smith-We anticipate around 3 months. Mrs. White-Does that still put us in line with the original opening first day of school? Chuck Smith-Yes.

Mr. White-The money that is saved in getting this contract lower will we be able to use that for the rest of the contract? Dr. Duerring-Once a project is bid and we submit it that money that is reimbursed from FEMA is adjusted. There is no pot sitting out there. It's whatever comes in is what they will reimburse us for. There are no additional monies.

Mr. Crawford-Did they put up a performance bond? Chuck Smith-Yes.

The above motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Cavender-Can we schedule an official ground breaking where we can be there? Dr. Duerring-Yes we are planning something along that line and we will let you know.

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES**

- A. Monday, December 9, 2019, 11:30 a.m.-Special Session
- B. Thursday, December 19, 2019, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- C. Monday, January 6, 2020, 6:00 p.m.-Special Session at Piedmont Elementary
- D. Thursday, January 16, 2020, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session
- E. Monday, February 3, 2020, 4:00 p.m.-Special Session
- F. Thursday, February 20, 2020, 6:00 p.m.-Regular Session

NOTE: The above meetings of the Kanawha County Board of Education, unless otherwise indicated, will be held in the Board of Education Building, 200 Elizabeth Street, Charleston, WV.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ric Cavender moved: That the Special Session of the Board be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Becky J. Jordon and unanimously carried. The Special Session was declared adjourned by Board President Ryan White at 11:42 a.m.

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President

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Secretary

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