

Minutes of the Special School Board Meeting

Of the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 held at the Historic Old Central High School, 215 North First Avenue East, Duluth, Minnesota 55802, on

Thursday, January 28, 2010

Members Present:

Mary Cameron
Gary Glass
Tim Grover
Art Johnston
Tom Kasper
Judy Seliga Punyko
Ann Wasson

Others Present:

Keith Dixon, Superintendent
Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

Student Representatives:

Chair Grover called the special school board meeting of January 28, 2010 to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment:

Dan Olson, 6001 Cummings Avenue, Duluth Building Trades, spoke to the board to commend the board and administration for the hard work they have put into the construction projects making note of the use of local labor percentages.

Betty Marsa, 2223 Leonard, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the school consolidations, the student transitions in conjunction with those consolidations, and the students who may leave the school district. She read a letter she sent to board members regarding her concerns.

Christa Hoff, 4520 Cooke, spoke to the board in support of the red plan and suggested that the board take the lowest base bid in each contract and then work with the contractors on the add alternates, stating that value engineering is a better overall value.

Kerry Leider presented details on the bid package, and explained the bid process the district uses.

Bid #1175, Bid Package #4 – Structure/Enclosure/Interior/Mechanical/Electrical at Eastern (Ordean) High School

Recommendation: It is recommended the School Board approve entering into contracts with the firms listed below based on their low bids as shown on the Bid Tab and Letter of Recommendation, as provided in response to Bid #1175, Bid Package #4 – Structure/Enclosure/Interior/Mechanical/Electrical at Eastern (Ordean) High School.

Contract #0241 – Demolition – Lipe Brothers Construction - \$375,000.00

Contract #0332 – CIP Concrete – Hanson Masonry and Concrete - \$1,145,464.00

Contract #0340 – Precast Concrete Plank – Molin Concrete Products - \$999,980.00

Contract #0341 – Precast Concrete Wall Panels – Wells Concrete Products Co. – \$2,287,341.00

Contract #0420 – Masonry – Harbor City Masonry, Inc. – \$644,994.00

Contract #0512 – Steel Supply – LeJeune Steel Company - \$1,364,200.00

Contract #0610 – Carpentry – Lipe Brothers Construction - \$736,000.00

Contract #0750 – Roofing and Metal Panels – Palmer West Construction - \$1,931,800.00

Contract #0810 – Doors, Frames, Hardware – Supply – Sell Hardware, Inc. - \$470,950.00

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Contract #0833 – Coiling/Overhead Doors – Lipe Brothers Construction - \$29,731.00

Contract #0920 – Drywall – RTL Construction, Inc. - \$1,690,271.00

Contract #2200 – Plumbing and Heating Piping – EL Jay Plumbing & Heating – \$2,915,700.00

Contract #2300 – HVAC (excluding testing/balancing) – McDowall Company – \$3,131,600.00

Contract #2600 – Electrical – Belknap Electric, Inc. - \$4,706,148.00

The total cost of contracts related to Bid #1175, Bid Package #4 – Structure/Enclosure/Interior/Mechanical/Electrical at Eastern (Ordean) High School as listed above and recommended for approval at this time is \$22,429,179.00, which remains within the budgeted amount at this site.

M-Cameron, S-Seliga Punyko, to approve Bid 1175 Bid Package #4 – Structure/Enclosure/Interior/Mechanical/Electrical at Eastern (Ordean High School) as presented.

Discussion took place regarding value engineering, use of local labor, design changes based on staff input, project budgets, cost savings and bid processes.

M-Johnston, S-Glass, to postpone approval of the bid package until after the referendum is held on Plan B. Upon a vote, the same failed 2-5 as follows:

Yea: Johnston and Glass

Nay: Cameron, Grover, Kasper, Seliga Punyko, Wasson

Upon a vote on Bid 1175 Bid Package #4 – Structure/Enclosure/Interior/Mechanical/Electrical at Eastern (Ordean High School) as presented, the same was approved – 4-3 as follows:

Yea: Cameron, Grover, Seliga Punyko, Wasson

Nay: Glass, Johnston, Kasper

Chair Grover Adjourned the Special School Board meeting of January 28, 2010 at 7:13 p.m.