

RESOLUTION
A.C.A. § 6-24-101 et seq.

Whereas the Fort Smith School District Board of Directors met in a regular, open, and properly-called board meeting on March 13, 2023, in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Whereas _____ members were present, a quorum was declared by the chair.

Whereas the Board of Directors received a recommendation to adopt a resolution to enter into a contract with Bliss Cupcake Café.

Full disclosure of all relationships and interest as required by A.C.A. § 6-24-101 et seq. that are relevant to proposed contract:

School board member, **Talicia Richardson**, and her spouse own more than 5% of Bliss Cupcake Café.

Specific facts and reasons for justifying the contract were:

Bliss provides food products for schools to enjoy during student, staff and community events. A variety of food products is desired to be purchased by schools over the course of a school year.

The unusual and limited circumstances necessitating the contract were:

Bliss is interested in doing business with the district. The prices are competitive and do not qualify for procurement bids. This is considered a professional service and the district has found that the business relationship with the company to be beneficial (i.e. in the best interest of the district).

List of relevant data enclosed supporting the unusual and limited circumstances:

The school board member does not make decisions regarding specific school purchases. Bliss competes with refreshment retail stores, providing distinct products.

Note: For contracts and transactions other than employment contracts, the following information may be necessary to support a finding of unusual and limited circumstances:

- *Request for bids (if bids were required);*
- *Copies of bids submitted by interested vendors (if bids were required);*
- *Price lists or quotes by interested vendors;*
- *Number of bidders or interested vendors with names and addresses; and*
- *A list of those vendors offering similar services in the area.*

Whereas one of the board members, having declared an interest in the proposed contract, left the meeting prior to the discussion of the contract and did not return to the meeting room until the voting on the contract had been concluded.

Whereas the Board, after serious consideration, moved to approve the contract with:

Bliss Cupcake Café

Whereas the contract was approved with the following restrictions and/or limitations:

None noted

Whereas the period of the contract with this vendor shall begin immediately.

Therefore, due to the specific reasons cited above, it is hereby declared to be the intent of the Fort Smith School District Board of Directors to award this contract to Bliss Cupcake Café.

As is required by A.C.A. § 6-24-101 et seq., the contract is contingent upon approval by the Commissioner of the Arkansas Department of Education, if required. If approval is denied, this contract approved by the Board would be null and void.

Superintendent

Board President

Date

Date