KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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8D.   **Action**   Date: **October 22, 2009**

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL SELECTION FOR BLACK BOX THEATRE AND SCENE SHOP ADDITION AT FOSSIL RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL**

BOARD GOAL: **All systems in the Keller Independent School District will be effective, efficient, and accountable in support of the district's mission.**

FISCAL NOTE: **Bond Funds**

Background Information:
- A Fine Arts Project was proposed and approved in the 2008 Bond Election for a Black Box Theatre and Scene Shop addition at Fossil Ridge High School. All of the High Schools in the District, with the exception of Fossil Ridge High School, have these program spaces presently. It is necessary to select an Architectural firm to begin preparing construction documents for this building addition.
- On December 9th 2008, the District received 19 responses from Architectural firms that were interested in designing facilities for the District. VLK Architects was one of the architectural firms that submitted qualification information at that time.

Administrative Considerations:
- VLK Architects designed the original Fossil Ridge High School building and the large addition that was added in 1997. This firm has also worked with our Performing Arts Department over the years in designing the Black Box Theatre areas at the other three High School campuses in the District. The Administration has recommended this firm for the design of this building addition due to their extensive knowledge of the existing building design and their knowledge of current District program requirements.
- This building addition is scheduled to be open for the fall of 2011.
- This recommendation was reviewed with the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee on October 13, 2009.

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The administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the selection of VLK Architects to design the Black Box Theatre and Scene Shop Addition at Fossil Ridge High School.

Respectfully submitted,

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