

# HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: July 21, 2025

Agenda Item: J.5

Board Goal: Community Relations

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of the Selection of Architect for Design Services for 2025 Bond – Middle School #7

Administrator Responsible/Position: Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer  
Nathan Wensowitch, Exec Dir of Facilities Construction & Bond Programs

**A. Purpose of Agenda Item:**

☒ Action needed ☐ Information only ☐ Receive input

**B. Authority for This Action:**

☒ Local Policy: CH - Purchasing and Acquisition ☐ Law or Rule ☐ N/A

**C. Goal or Need Addressed:** Provide safe, cost-effective, timely facilities

**D. Summary:**

- ☒ **Previous board action relating to this item:** In January 2018, the Board originally approved O'Connell Robertson (OCR) for architectural services. On April 25, 2023 the Board assigned major 2023 Bond projects to Huckabee and OCR. On March 25, 2024 the Board approved the use of interest earnings for OCR continue the design work at several campuses in order to inform the 2025 Bond process.
- ☒ **Future action anticipated:** OCR will provide typical design milestones, ie SD, DD, CD.
- ☒ **Background information:** The 2025 Bond contains provisions for the design of future middle school 7, which is scheduled to be completed in fall 2029. OCR has successfully provided design and master planning services for our middle school programs for both the 2021 and 2023 bonds. Staff recommends we continue this trend and utilize OCR for design services for MS 7. As a starting point to guide the design process, OCR will draft new middle school educational specifications including the lessons learned from the last two bond cycles and review those details with appropriate staff.

**E. Comments Received:**

☒ Cabinet ☐ DLT ☐ FBOC ☐ Teacher Org. Reps. ☐ Other:

**F. Administrative Recommendation:** Approval of the architect selection, as presented.

**Advantages and benefits of this proposal:** N/A

**Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement:** N/A

**Effect of this action on other parts of the system:** N/A

**Consequences of not approving this recommendation:** N/A

**G. Fiscal Impact and Cost:** Typical fees range from 6% to 7% of construction costs

☐ Budget ☒ 2025 Bond ☐ Grant/Special Funds: ☐ Other

☐ Budget Amendment Needed

**Prior Year Spending for this item/service:** N/A

**Reasons for rejecting alternatives:** N/A

**Future/Ongoing:** N/A

**H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:**

**Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action:** Max Cleaver, Nate Wensowitch

**Evaluation method and timeline:**

**Next report to the Board:** OCR will report at the Schematic Design (SD) phase.

**I. Suggested Motion:**

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the assignment of O'Connell Robertson Architects to 2025 Bond Middle School 7, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate fees and execute a satisfactory contract, as presented.