



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: **August 13, 2013**

TITLE: **Approval of Change Order for Unanticipated Construction Expenses at La Cima**

BACKGROUND:

The District awarded a contract to ABCO Solar on June 4, 2013. The scope of this work for this contract was for installation of lighting fixtures previously purchased by the district at La Cima School. Timing issues required that the construction work begin as soon as possible to minimize disruption to the site. During construction it was discovered that the school was constructed of ceiling tiles fire tents in lieu of gypsum wallboard as detailed on the original construction drawings. These tiles are too flimsy to survive the luminaire replacements and the joints are no longer intact. An International Building Code (IBC) code check has been performed and these ceiling tile fire tents are no longer required due to the modern IBC occupancy classification and the sprinkler system within the facility.

In addition, unusually long switch leg runs have been discovered in 12 classrooms. Installation of new energy saving occupancy sensors in these spaces will require additional cabling above the ceilings that could not have been reasonably known by the bidders.

We recommend that these ceiling tile fire tents be removed and disposed of to reduce continuous dust loading in the return air plenum and to improve air handling unit functionality over the life of the building. The pricing proposed to provide removal and disposal of the fire tent assemblies and additional cabling is fair and reasonable given the scope of work. The total cost of these unanticipated expenses has been estimated at \$29,375.49.

Arizona Administrative Code R7-2-1008 requires that all change orders exceeding the greater of \$15,000 or 5% of the contract amount be approved in writing by the Governing Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Governing Board make the determination the change order is advantageous to the school district and approve the increase in contract by an amount not to exceed \$29,375.49.

INITIATED BY:

Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 7, 2013

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent