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Minutes

April 1, 2010

8:30 a.m.

Board members present: Mayor Stephanie Miner, Superintendent Dan Lowengard, Chuck Merrihew, Dr. Ruben Cowart, Hon. Lance Denno, Hon. Ned Deuel, Hon. Pat Hogan, Hon. Laurie Menkin

Board members absent: Council President Van Robinson, Hon. Calvin Corriders

A motion was made by Commissioner Deuel to approve the minutes of March 25, 2010. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Menkin and approved 7-0.

The JSCB secretary Joe Barry had nothing to report at this time.

Sam Tuzza delivered the program manager update which included an updated budget presentation. The MCA for Fowler and the EPC MCA for Fowler exceeded construction estimates. In lieu of losing \$850k, Gilbane put that number into the base number in order to qualify for more MCA. The EXCEL & Bonded Local Share remains at \$46M. Fowler's budget was the only one discussed because of its change in MCA.

Mayor Miner asked Mr. Tuzza if he has consulted with SED and has been given permission to incorporate Fowler's alternates into the base bid. Mr. Tuzza said no, but he is confident that these numbers are accurate.

The cost of LEED certification and LEED Silver for all four schools has decreased from the previous estimates delivered on February 25, 2010. The cost of LEED certification for all four schools would cost \$1,548,330 and \$2,172,590 for LEED Silver.

Mayor Miner asked what would happen if the board were to decide to design for LEED Silver and the budget would not accommodate the LEED Silver construction costs. Mr. Tuzza explained that these are schematic estimates and each school will go to bid in the design development phase. The cash can be shifted around.

The mayor pointed out that the delta between LEED and LEED Silver design is approximately \$125k. She asked if the board were to move forward with LEED Silver design if the project would be locked into LEED Silver construction. Mr. Tuzza responds that Gilbane cannot bid LEED as an alternate because it changes the design. Separate designs would be needed if construction were to exclude LEED.



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Mr. Tuzza reminded the board will have to decide what to do with the \$2.1M allocated to Blodgett.

Councilor Denno said that these budgets have changed drastically. Although the costs have decreased, he asked Mr. Tuzza if there is assurance that the costs will not increase. Mr. Tuzza replied that since the LEED charrette meetings, the LEED points that are achievable are clearer, and therefore the numbers are more accurate.

Mr. Merrihew asked if Gilbane is aware of other funding for commissioning. Mr. Tuzza said that Gilbane is aware.

Counselor Barry asked Mr. Tuzza if the change orders will be ready for the next meeting on April 11, 2010. Mr. Tuzza responded that Gilbane's goal is to have them ready.

The board came to a consensus to pursue LEED Silver because the difference in cost between LEED Certified and LEED Silver is marginal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Deuel to adopt Resolution No. 23-2010 to authorize Program Architects to design schools according to LEED Silver standards. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hogan and approved 7-0.

Commissioner Menkin asked to review the budget in greater detail as part of a public meeting. Mayor Miner encouraged Commissioner Menkin to use the JSCB staff as a resource and ask questions while the budget is up for discussion. The board, staff, and Gilbane agreed to host public meetings to show the designs of the individual schools.

A motion was made by Commissioner Menkin to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Merrihew.