

ORANGE COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: June 24, 2013

AGENDA ITEM No. 13-06-(2)-12

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) Y

SUBJECT: Orange High School Projects; Design and Review

INFO. CONTACT: Pam Jones, Interim Exec. Dir. Aux Services PHONE: (919) 732-8126

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Resolution

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**PURPOSE:** To consider: 1.) Waiving the Qualifications Based Selection process for design services related to streetscape improvements and the construction of a connector between C-wing and D-wing/gym to provide handicapped access; 2.) Approving Corley Redfoot Architects (CRA) to provide design services for the referenced projects; and 3.) Endorsing the proposed design for streetscape improvements and the conceptual design of the connector.

**BACKGROUND:** The FY2013 Capital Investment Plan includes funding for both streetscape and building improvements at Orange High School. After consultation with the County's Building Inspection Department, it became apparent the requirements for streetscape improvements designed to provide code compliant handicap access to the front of the building would require professional expertise. Since this work was intended for completion over the summer, staff contacted Corley Redfoot Architects (CRA) located in Orange County, who have **considerable knowledge** of Orange County School facilities and could produce a design to meet the aggressive timeline.

In addition, CIP funding for FY 2014 includes funding to design a code-compliant handicapped access between the C-wing and D-wing/gym. The non-compliant access creates insurmountable issues for some incoming students and must be addressed. Although the actual construction is projected for funding in the FY2015 Capital Investment Plan, staff is recommending the design be completed within the next few months in order to ensure adequate time for regulatory approvals and bidding before the work commences in July, 2014.

CRA will present the proposed design for the streetscape component and a general conceptual overview of the proposed connector for comment by the Board of Education. Principal Johnson has also reviewed and endorsed the proposed work.

A Resolution waiving the Qualifications Based Selection process is attached for Board consideration.

Professional services contracts will be prepared for design costs and presented for Board consideration pursuant to Board Policy.

Schematic drawings of the front entrance and building connector will be provided at the meeting.

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The FY2013 CIP includes \$135,000 for Streetscape improvements; and \$295,000 from a special fund balance appropriation for a variety of projects designed to improve and enhance the appearance and functionality of the school.

Funding for design of the connector is included in FY 2014. A design contract will be presented to the Board for consideration after July 1, 2013.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends the Board:

- 1.) Waive the Qualifications Based Selection process for design services related to streetscape improvements and the construction of a connector between C-wing and D-wing/gym to provide handicapped access;
- 2.) Approve Corley Redfoot Architects (CRA) as designer of the referenced projects; and
- 3.) Endorse the proposed design for streetscape improvements and the conceptual design of the connector.

**A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE QUALIFICATIONS-BASED SELECTION PROCESS FOR AN  
ARCHITECT TO DESIGN ADA IMPROVEMENTS  
AT ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange County Board of Education ("Board of Education) desires to provide ADA compliant handicapped access between C-Wing and D-wing and to complete improvements to the front entrance of Orange High School, Hillsborough, NC; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of the 50+ year old School, but will address significant ADA access issues that currently exist at the facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has retained Corley Redfoot Architects (CRA), Chapel Hill, NC to provide design services at other Orange County School facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has been satisfied with the work product delivered by this Orange County-based architectural firm; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires to award a contract to CRA to provide architectural design services associated with the referenced projects; and

**WHEREAS**, G.S. 143-64-32 allows the Board of Education to exempt itself from the notice and qualifications-based selection criteria outlined in G.S. 143.64.31 for the award of contracts for architectural services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Orange County Board of Education that:

1. Due to the Board's previous and satisfactory experience with work performed by this firm; and due to the Firm's considerable knowledge of schools in the Orange County District; and pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 143-64.32, the Board of Education hereby exempts itself from the notice and selection criteria used to award contracts to architectural services as outlined in G.S. 143.64-31 ; and
2. The Board of Education selects CRA to provide architectural design services for the referenced projects.

ADOPTED this 24th day of June, 2013.

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Donna Coffey, Chair

(Corporate Seal)

ATTEST:

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G. Patrick Rhodes, Superintendent