

On May 7, 2024, The Spring-Ford Area School District Special Meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

- Region I: Heidi Goldsmith, Karen Weingarten, and Dr. Margaret D. Wright
- Region II: Clinton L. Jackson, Dr. Sagar Sharma, and Theresa Westwood
- Region III: Abby Deardorff, Erica Hermans, and David Laky
- Presiding Officer: Erica Hermans
- Superintendent: Robert W. Rizzo
- Assistant Superintendents: Dr. Kelly M. Murray and Dr. Tina L. Giambattista (Both absent)
- Chief Financial Officer: James Fink
- Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.
- Student Reps.: Arhan Kaul and Stella Stein (Both absent)

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Hermans called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.
Ms. Crew noted that all Board members were in person.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Hermans announced that there was an Executive Session held prior to the meeting at 6:15 p.m. to discuss contracts.

READING OF NOTICE OF MEETING

Ms. Crew read the legal ad that was placed in the Pottstown Mercury.

I. PRESENTATION

Mr. Fink provided a presentation of where the project started, where they are at now and where he thinks they will be. He summarized items have been completed or no longer needed and the impact as well as the 2 options on the agenda and potential impacts and risks. Mr. Rizzo talked about the reason why this project is being proposed now and expressed his concerns if this was to wait. There was Board discussion on the financial impact and implications of waiting. Questions were raised on the risks and worse case scenario as well as other options should this not pass. Mrs. Deardorff stated that she and the entire Board take these decisions and spending the taxpayers money very seriously.

A. Spring City Renovation/Addition project budget update - Jim Fink

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (On Action Item Only)

The following individuals all spoke about the Spring City Elementary project:

Jess Rourh, Spring City Borough, Action item A

Kim Weiner, Spring City Borough, Action item A

Adam Alberico, Spring City Borough, Action item A

Jessica Rourh, Spring City Borough, Spring City decision

Moriah Rider, Royersford Borough, Action item A

III. ACTION ITEM

Motion to approve Action item A by Mrs. Weingarten, seconded by Mrs. Westwood.
Motion carries 9-0.

Action item B was not voted on.

- A.** Motion to approve **Resolution 2024-03** memorializing the Board of School Director's acceptance of bids involving the Spring City Elementary School expansion/renovation project and authorizing the administration in conjunction with the ICS Consulting, Inc. to take any and all necessary steps to effectuate the intent of this resolution. **(Attachment A1)**

- B.** Motion to approve **Resolution 2024-04** memorializing the Board of School Director's rejection of bids involving the Spring City Elementary School expansion/renovation project and authorizing the administration to take any and all necessary steps to redesign and rebid. **(Attachment A2)**

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Jessica Rourh, Spring City Borough, Commented on the vote

Adam Alberico, Spring City Borough, Commented on the vote

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin G. Crew
Asst. Board Secretary

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE
SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION 2024-03

MAY 7, 2024

WHEREAS, the Spring-Ford Area School District (“District”) Board of School Directors (the “Board”) sought competitive bids, by due public notice requesting same, for the Spring City Elementary Hybrid Learning School Addition and Renovations Project (“Project”) through the publication of Bidding Documents; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2024, the District received bids for the Project for five (5) prime contracts: (1) general construction, (2) mechanical construction, (3) plumbing construction, (4) electrical construction, and (5) fire suppression; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to proceed as expeditiously as possible within existing parameters, as addressed in the contingencies set forth below, with the award of contracts and commencement of construction activities with respect to the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, by the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Architect, the Construction Manager, the Solicitor, and the Administration have been authorized to tally and review the bids received and make recommendations to the Board; and

RESOLVED, that under Section 751 of the Public School Code and after tally, review, and recommendation and after due consideration of all bids, the Board awards construction contracts for the Project to the following contractors in the amounts stated herein, and subject to the conditions stated herein:

**General Construction Contract to: Twining Construction Company, Inc.,
1801 Second Street Pike, Richboro, PA 18954**

A.	Base Bid	\$8,724,000.00
B.	Alternates Awarded	
	Alternate A3 Acoustic Wall Panels	\$ (37,920.00)
	Alternate A4 Gym Wall Padding	\$ (6,680.00)

TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 8,679,400.00

AND, to accept the Unit Prices and Allowances as submitted on its Bid Form.

Mechanical Construction Contract to: Tri-County Mechanical, Inc.,
425 Springfield Street, Coopersburg, PA 18036

A.	Base Bid	\$2,494,000.00
B.	Alternates Awarded	
	Alternate M1 Geothermal Well Field	\$ 610,000.00

TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 3,104,000.00

AND, to accept the Unit Prices and Allowances as submitted on its Bid Form.

Plumbing Construction Contract to: Myco Mechanical, Inc.,
1 North Washington Street, Telford, PA 18969

A.	Base Bid	\$837,000.00
B.	Alternates Awarded	
	Alternate M1 Geothermal Well Field	\$ (1,200.00)

TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT \$835,800.00

AND, to accept the Unit Prices and Allowances as submitted on its Bid Form.

Electrical Construction Contract to: Cedar Electric Inc.,
528 Cheltenham Court, Lititz, PA 17543

A.	Base Bid	\$2,367,000.00
B.	Alternates Awarded	
	Alternate M1 Geothermal Well Field	\$ (5,000.00)
	Alternate E3 Building Mounted Security Lighting	\$ (8,000.00)
	Alternate E4 Aluminum Feeders	\$ (46,000.00)
	Alternate E5 Warranty Period Deduct	\$ (5,000.00)
	Alternate E6 Warranty Period Deduct	\$ (5,000.00)

TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT \$2,298,000.00

AND, to accept the Unit Prices and Allowances as submitted on its Bid Form.

Fire Suppression Construction Contract to: Accelerated Fire Protection, Inc.,
500 N. Walnut Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348

A.	Base Bid	\$234,225.00
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TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT \$234,225.00

AND, to accept the Unit Prices and Allowances as submitted on its Bid Form.

TOTAL COST WITH RECOMMENDED ALTERNATES: \$ 15,151,425.00

RESOLVED, that the Board as a result of this waives any incomplete, inconsistent, or irregular aspects of the bids that were submitted by: 1) General Construction – Twining Construction Company Inc., (2) Mechanical – Tri-County Mechanical, Inc., (3) Plumbing – Myco Mechanical, Inc., (4) Electrical – Cedar Electric Inc., and (5) Fire Suppression – Accelerated Fire Protection, Inc. (the “Prime Contractors”); and

RESOLVED, that the Architect and Solicitor are authorized to issue a Notice of Intent to Award to the Prime Contractors and to request submission of an executed copy of the applicable Prime Contract, Payment Bond, Performance Bond, and Certificate of Insurance in compliance with the Contract Documents to the Solicitor for approval; and

RESOLVED, that upon receipt of the executed Prime Contract, Payment Bonds, Performance Bonds, and Certificates of Insurance from the Prime Contractors in compliance with the Contract Documents and upon receipt of all final approvals required for the Project, the Architect and Solicitor are authorized to issue a Notice to Proceed to the Prime Contractors; and

RESOLVED, that the award of contracts to the Prime Contractors as set forth above are expressly made contingent upon receipt of all final approvals required for the Project from all governmental and regulatory agencies; and

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President or other appropriate Board representative to execute the contracts with the Prime Contractors upon compliance by the Prime Contractors of all conditions precedent to the Board’s execution of the contracts as outlined in the Contract Documents; and

RESOLVED, that the Board further authorizes its officers, administration, solicitor, and architect to take any necessary actions to effectuate the intent and purposes of this resolution.

DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of School Directors of Spring-Ford Area School District, the 7th day of May, 2024.

SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Attest: _____
Board Secretary

Board President

Board Action Date: May 7, 2024

Voting: Aye _____ **Nay** _____ **Abstain** _____ **Absent** _____

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE
SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS 2024-04

MAY 7, 2024

WHEREAS, the Spring-Ford Area School District (“District”) Board of School Directors (the “Board”) sought competitive bids, by due public notice requesting same, for the Spring City Elementary Hybrid Learning School Addition and Renovations Project (“Project”) through the publication of Bidding Documents; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2024, the District received bids for the Project for five (5) prime contracts: (1) general construction, (2) mechanical construction, (3) plumbing construction, (4) electrical construction, and (5) fire suppression; and

WHEREAS, the Board has authorized the administration and the solicitor, Fox Rothschild LLP, to review thoroughly the bids received and to make recommendations to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the bid documents for the Project specifically reserve the right to reject any and all bids when rejection is in the District’s best interest, as determined by the District in its sole discretion; and

WHEREAS, the bids received were higher than the estimate made by the Architect and Construction Manager so that the total Project cost, should the District accept the lowest responsive bids would be \$1,400,000 higher than the amount budgeted; and

WHEREAS, proceeding with the Project using the bids submitted would put the Project over budget, which is not in the District’s best interest; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reject all bids on the Project and rebid the Project after the Architect modifies certain aspects of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, by the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

RESOLVED, pursuant to the Public School Code, consistent with the Project’s bid documents, after review and recommendation, and after due consideration of the bids, the Board will reject all bids on the Project; and

RESOLVED, that the Board determines that rejection of all bids is in the best interest of the District; and

RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the administration to work with the Architect and Construction Manager to identify ways in which the Project can be modified prudently to bring down the total bid costs; and

RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the administration to rebid the Project and proceed using an expedited bidding schedule that complies with applicable legal requirements; and

RESOLVED, that the Board further authorizes its officers, administration, Solicitor, and Architect to take any necessary actions to effectuate the intent and purposes of this resolution.

DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of School Directors of Spring-Ford Area School District, the 7th day of May, 2024.

SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Attest: _____
Board Secretary

Board President

Board Action Date: May 7, 2024

Voting: Aye _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____