

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MONDAY, 6:00 PM DECEMBER 9, 2024

Present: Ted Avlas – *Vice Chairman Member - Voting Member*
Tim Bell - Town Accountant - *Voting Member*
Sheila Blythe – *School Committee - Voting Member*
Earl Gabor - *Selectmen Delegate - Voting Member*
Dave Hurton - Chairman - *Voting Member*
Gina Nieves - *Voting Member*
Lisa Kontoes - Business Manager
Monique Pierangeli - Superintendent
Victor Waskiewicz- *Voting Member*
Al Young - *Voting Member*

Absent: Tony Paranto - *Voting Member*

Attendees: Mike Reith-Colliers
Richard Armitstead-Flansburg
Vince Dube-Flansburg
Rick LaFond-Town Administrator

I. Call to Order

Mr. Hurton called the meeting to order at 6:00pm via Zoom in accordance with Governor Baker’s Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. S30A, S20, now extended through March, 2025.

II. Technology Procurement and Installation Services Contract Award

Mr. Dube shared the previously discussed proposal from Ockers Technologies for a total of \$308,023. This is the lowest priced option that they had and is reflective of the original contract and equipment that went out on the initial technology procurement bid. As discussed in the previous SBC meeting, there are additional options for more advanced network switches that are within the initial budget of \$333k, however, the Committee would have to move forward with the original proposal and then follow up with a change order that would include those additional advanced switches due to 30B procurement law or go completely out to bid again. Mr. Armitstead confirmed that the \$308,023 is for the original proposal and does not include the updated switches.

Upon review of the bidder equipment price summary sheet provided by Ockers, Mr. Avlas questioned the items that are listed as “no bid” items, such as the non-admin/staff telephones (quantity 16), Mobile Carts/Charging stations (quantity 2) and speakerphones (quantity 2) and whether or not there is a concern with fitting into the budget due to these items not being included. Mrs. Kontoes assured the Committee that they are not concerned. They are small ticket items that Ockers could not provide and will not have an impact on the overall budget. The quantities are small and additional funding (approximately \$350k) remains in regards to further technology items such as the Section B maker space and digital media lab equipment.

Motion: Mr. Avlas made a motion to accept the presented Ockers Technology proposal in the amount of \$308,023

Second: Mr. Bell

Vote: Yes—7; No—1; Abstain—0

Prior to moving onto the next item on the agenda, Mr. Hurton took a moment to address both Colliers and Flansburg and to remind them the importance of providing agenda items and the need for potential votes to Mrs. Kontoes within a timely manner. The agendas need to be submitted to the Town Clerk's office 48 business hours in advance to be posted. Information should not be shared with district admin immediately prior to the SBC meetings and expect them to be discussed without the time for proper review.

III. Approval of Warrant

Motion to approve the 12/19/2024 warrant in the amount of \$6,182,300.39.

Motion: Mr. Gabor

Second: Mrs. Nieves

Vote: Yes—8; No—0; Abstain—0

IV. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:18pm.

Motion: Mr. Gabor

Second: Mrs. Blythe

Vote: Yes—8 ; No—0; Abstain—0

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Radlo