

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting

09/22/2021

Called to Order: 6:07pm

Members Present: Tracy Bigney and Cherie Faulkner

Also Present: Susan Smith, Kelly Theriault, and Randy Bragg (via Google Meet)

Members Absent: Linda Graban

Eddington Indoor Air Quality Bid: Superintendent Smith introduced Randy Bragg, Carpenter Associates. Randy has been in communication with ABM this week, knowing the amount we have to work with (\$850,000). Superintendent Smith received good news today, ESSER III has been approved!

Randy Bragg advised only one bid was received. Highly recommended by Carpenter Associates. He is working with them to lower the cost as the bid came in much higher than anticipated. Randy advised the discussion with ABM is focused on classrooms air quality improvements.

Randy presented three focus options.

1. Lower ERV (Energy Recovery Ventilator) unit price. These units are housed in attic space/ceiling space.
2. Horizontal units in the ceiling. Comparable to cabinet floor units, but in the ceiling.
3. Replace current cabinet units in classrooms with larger units that can handle the increased air flow and possibly some gym/café and library area work as well.

Randy will have more information regarding the MERV13 filter and air exchange capacity this week. Discussion took place on scope of work and bond application. Digital control options were discussed. Materials cost increases were discussed.

Randy does not feel he can have information ready for the Board meeting on Monday, September 27, 2021, but does not want to wait for another month to go by. Superintendent Smith suggested Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:00pm and then ask for a Special Board Meeting around October 12-14th. Kelly Theriault suggested the Budget and Finance Committee could recommend to the Board Monday night to accept ABM as the low bidder for Eddington IAQ with details still needing to be worked out. Superintendent Smith recommended the details could be presented to the Board at the Special Board Meeting. Cherie Faulkner suggested we go back to bid since we only got one bid. She doesn't feel good about the price. Mr. Bragg advised the timeline to go back to bid is a long process and voiced his concern for meeting deadlines (project completion by August 2022). He felt it would be best to work with ABM and would not be of benefit to go back to bid. Kelly Theriault asked how many contractors participated in the bidders meeting. Randy advised there were 2 or 3 contractors at the meeting. Superintendent Smith advised the cost to go back to bid is significant.

Cherie Faulkner does not feel there is enough information to make a decision tonight. Tracy Bigney reiterated our recommendation Monday would be to accept ABM as low bidder only, not the price.

Other

Superintendent Smith shared the details of the Holden sub-division rules for the Bus Garage, Environmental Assessment, and additional costs.

Next Meetings

- Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:00pm, Eddington Indoor Air Quality Bid
- Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:00pm
- Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:00pm
- Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6:00pm
- Committee will try to meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm.

Adjourned: 7:25pm

APPROVED: October 25, 2021