

Rochester Board of Education
Finance Committee
Minutes
July 12, 2007, 6 p.m.

Attendance

Commissioners Powell, Brennan, Evans, Brennan. Board Staff Linda Dunsmoor; Chief Financial Officer James Coney; Budget Director Vern Connors; Chief Information Officer Ford Greene; Director of Purchasing Gary Smith; Director of Facilities Thomas Keysa; Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer Shanai Lee.

Commissioner Powell convened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. and asked for a motion to table the Information Technology resolutions until F. Green was in attendance. Motion by Commission Brennan, second by Commissioner Evans, adopted without objection. Commissioner Powell noted that if the committee did not have enough time to consider resolutions 3 and 4 under Facilities, it could recess and reconvene prior to the Business Meeting.

Minutes

Motion to adopt the June 12, 2007 minutes by Commissioner Brennan. Second by Commissioner Evans. Approved without objection.

Discussion of Resolutions

Procurement & Supply

Gary Smith presented information regarding a proposed contract renewal with The Employment Store for temporary staffing. The contract with The Employment Store represents a savings over the former contract with a different vendor. In 2006-07, The Employment Store provided 1,500 placements, of which 54 percent were minorities. The firm is based in the city.

Motion to forward contract renewal with The Employment Store to full BOE for approval by Commissioner Brennan. Second by Commissioner Evans. Approved without objection.

Gary Smith also presented information about the contract extension with Gil Breines Music Ltd., which supplies instruments to various schools. The District spent approximately \$100,000 during the initial year of the contract and \$94,000 during the first extension. Approval by the Board would allow for the second and final contract extension.

Motion to forward contract renewal with Gil Brien Music, Ltd. to full BOE for approval by Commissioner Evans. Second by Commissioner Brennan. Approved without objection.

Information Technology

Ford Greene presented details of contract/license renewal agreements with Serverware Corp. and Software House International.

The Serverware Corp. agreement is to provide maintenance service for the SUN servers, which support the Oracle/PeopleSoft HCM, Financials, EPM and Portal applications.

Motion to forward contract renewal with Serverware Corporation to full BOE for approval by Commissioner Brennan. Second by Commissioner Evans. Approved without objection.

The contract with Software House International is to provide web content filtering. The filtering meets federal regulations for E-rate funding and protects students from inappropriate websites.

Motion to forward contract renewal with Software House International to full BOE for approval by Commissioner Brennan. Second by Commissioner Evans. Approved without objection.

Other: Lease Resolutions

Thomas Keysa said the lease with Landsman Development Corp. represents a reduction in cost for the building at 30 Hart Street. The lease runs from September 2007 through August 2012 and will total up to \$4.58 million over five years.

Motion to forward contract renewal with Landsman Development Corp. to full BOE for approval by Commissioner Evans. Second by Commissioner Brennan. Approved without objection.

Thomas Keysa said the lease with the Lyell Business and Shopping Center for 17 spaces is for use by School 43. The cost is \$340 per month.

Motion to forward contract renewal with the Lyell Business and Shopping Center to full BOE for approval by Commissioner Evans. Second by Commissioner Brennan. Approved without objection.

Thomas Keysa said the lease with Baden Street Settlement is for use of the gyms, swimming pool and locker rooms for males and females. The cost of the annual lease is \$35,000.

Motion to forward contract renewal with Baden Street Settlement to full BOE for approval by Commissioner Evans. Second by Commissioner Brennan. Approved without objection.

Facilities

Final payment to Blackmon-Farrell Electric, Inc. for renovations to School 6 and Dr. Freddie Thomas High School: \$7,916.00.

Motion to forward to full BOE for approval by Commissioner Evans. Second by Commissioner Brennan. Approved without objection.

Final payment to DG Messmer Corp. for HVAC work at Jefferson High School: \$16,282.65.

Motion to forward to full BOE for approval by Commissioner Evans. Second by Commissioner Brennan. Approved without objection.

Recess

Motion to recess meeting until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 16 at 4:30 p.m. by Commissioner Brennan. Second by Commissioner Evans. Adopted without objection at 6:25 p.m.

Reconvene

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 16. Present were Commissioners Evans and Brennan (arrived 4:50 p.m.), President Garcia, Board Staff Linda Dunsmoor, CFO James Coney, Assistant to the CFO Shanai Lee, and Andrew Wheatcraft of Facilities.

Discussion

Committee members and President Garcia discussed Resolutions 3 and 4 under facilities, all of which involved land/facilities agreements with the City of Rochester. Discussion centered on wording of the resolutions, with Chairwoman Powell raising the issue that City Council should adopt resolutions identical to those adopted by the Board. Agreements made among administrators of the City and District are not final until approved by the governing bodies. She also forwarded wording regarding contingency language re: the Lofton resolution.

Discussion suspended at 5:25 p.m. in order to accommodate interviews being conducted by the Board.

Discussion resumed at 9:55 p.m. Motion to forward resolutions to the full Board, with verbatim recommendations from Chairwoman Powell by Commissioner Evans. Second by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 3-0.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Evans. Second by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted without objection at 10 p.m.