



Regular Scheduled School Board Meeting (Thursday, April 20, 2017)

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Meeting called to order at 6:20 PM

1. Meeting Opening

Information: 1.01 Roll Call

Members present

Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge

Members absent: Mark Morgan, Ray St. Pierre

Information: 1.02 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation and pledge was led by Germain Gilson, Chief of Staff.

2. Presentations

Presentation: 2.01 Vendor Presentation / Discussion for the \$250M Capital Improvement Bond Plan

Jacobs Group

Jacobs CSRS Cooperative Strategies Team discussed their plan for the \$250M Capital Improvement Bond Plan. They listed key points to making the plan successful is the community engagement, the educational program, and lastly the FCA piece. They have chosen a 5 year window for plan completion.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge asked how soon the firm could present a fee for the Capital Improvement Bond Plan. The vendor stated they can quote a fee within seven days of being selected.

Ms. Bourgeois asked the firm to tell her about what projects they were involved in after Katrina. The vendor stated in October after Katrina we were called in to assess in detail all of the facilities throughout the system. We defined the scope of the work then we managed the reconstruction.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge asked CSRS if they were still doing business with Jefferson Parish School Systems. The vendor stated they do not have any projects under contract at the moment.

Ms. Doucet asked the vendor if they have contracted in RSD before. The vendor stated yes as well as Orleans Parish School Board.

Ms. Bourgeois asked the vendor for insight on the short fall of our school system. The vendor stated they really need a comprehensive look at the district as far as under utilized facilities, some that are stress, population movement and growth. This process is about overcoming where your needs are and helping you to map a plan for direction in the future.

Mr. Bonura asked the vendor to give further details on cooperative strategies represented in the map handout. The vendor stated the map represents work that Jacobs' and it's associates have done in schools around the country separately and as a team.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge asked according to the vendor's timeline when they would be able to quote the Board a fee in regards to the Capital Improvement Bond Plan. The vendor stated that within seven days of being selected they would be able to quote a fee for services.

Mr. Johnson asked the vendor what projects are they currently involved in, in the Metropolitan New Orleans area at this time. The vendor stated they are currently managing RSD, post Katrina recovery, and Orleans Parish School System.

Mr. Bonura asked the vendor if they also did McDonogh #35. The vendor stated yes.

Heery

Heery International and its associates discussed their plan for the \$250M Capital Improvement Bond Plan. GCR's role in this engagement will be two-fold, one is to analyze and apply the demographics of the Jefferson Parish community and more specifically the student enrollment trends and school age population trends. Secondly, they will be coordinating the community engagement and public outreach components of the planning effort. ADG Engineering firm will do the engineering analysis relating to infrastructure and systems.

Mr. Bonura asked the vendor if they will provide the Board with the information of which schools need to be rebuilt or remodeled after the assessment is done. The vendor stated they will go out to every campus, as it states in the RFQ, and validate the existing assessment work relating to the existing conditions and make recommendations.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge asked the vendor according to their timeline how soon would they be able to quote the Board a fee in regards to the Capital Improvement Bond Plan. The vendor stated they would be able to give the Board a fee within a matter of days once they understood the exact scope of the plan.

Volkert

Volkert discussed their plan for the \$250M Capital Improvement Bond Plan. Volkert stated the plan would be carried out in five phases, Facility Assessment Report of all district schools, Demographic and School Capacity Data, Stakeholders Interviews and School Facility Guidelines and Specs., come up with a preliminary Capital Improvement Plan, and Bond referendum Management/Approach.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge asked the vendor, if chosen, how quickly they would be able to come up with a fee? The vendor stated once they have defined the scope they will be able to come up with a fee the first part of next week.

Hill

Hill International and its associates discussed their plan for the \$250M Capital Improvement Bond Plan. An overview of their process is to analyze demographics, school enrollments, and school utilization. Then assess facilities, prioritization and capitalization of the projects, and lastly, community engagement process. The firm states a proposed fee can be developed within a couple of days once the scope is defined.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge stated on the vendor's proposed method of charging fees it depends on scope and duration of service. How quickly after you consult with our Facilities Department would you be able to come up with a proposed fee schedule for us? The vendor stated they can develop a fee in a couple of days depending on the scope and their recommendations.

Mr. Geer stated we need to understand what the Board is looking at as a scope for the Capital Improvement Bond Plan. We know the infrastructures and mechanicals of our schools, to my understanding the firms were going to look at the existing plans we had on top of looking at the site. However, that indept site the firms are speaking of will cost the system more money to tell you the information we already have available. We just need a clearer scope from the Board to put the best plan of action in place.

Mr. Johnson was in agreement with Mr. Geer stating we need to narrow the vendors down to exactly what we need them to do at the schools within the district as it pertains to the Facilities existing plans.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge asked Mr. Geer to provide the Board his estimation of what Facilities has done already regarding what we don't need to include for these vendors.

Mr. Geer agreed to provide the Board with the requested information and also stated the Board already has a priority list.

Ms. Doucet stated she would like to have a meeting with Mr. Geer to go over the basics in determining the scope of the work.

Mr. Floyd stated he wants to make sure all the Board members were present in this discussion before determining a vendor. He asked that the absent Board members Mr. Morgan and Mr. St. Pierre are given the opportunity to look at the CD of the meeting and review all vendor presentations so all Board members can make an informed decision on selecting a vendor for the \$250M Capital Improvement Bond Plan.

Mr. Dale disagreed. This is a very comprehensive plan which these firms will have to do an assessment of the entire district which cannot be viewed as political. It will require input from all of our citizens, such as, our educators, families, community and the business community. The plan we put in place has to be comprehensible so we have to look at what we are trying to accomplish in our district and go from there.

Ms. Doucet stated she liked the inclusion of the community, educators, etc. in the process and progression of our plans for the school district. We need to look at this project as improving Jefferson Parish as a whole because all of Jefferson Parish will be assessed with this millage.

3. New Business

3.01 New Business

9. New Business

9.01 First Readings

13. End Meeting

Procedural: 13.01 Adjourn