

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Special Session, December 9, 2008

MINUTES

The Board of School Trustees of the Monroe County Community School Corporation met in special session, for which proper notice had been given, at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at the Temporary Administration Building, 401 E. Miller Drive, Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Jeannine Butler, Teresa Grossi, Valerie Merriam, Jim Muehling, Lois Sabo-Skelton and Sue Wanzer

Board member absent: Vicki Streiff

Also present: Timothy F. Hyland, Superintendent; Mike Scherer, Director of Extended Services; Janet Tupper, Administrative Assistant; Karen Adams, Fairview Elementary Principal; Debbie Moore, Extended Services Coordinator; Kelly Abel, Project Construction Manager with Weddle Brothers; and Mel Fairchild, Weddle Bros Construction.

1. **Call to Order**

President of the Board, Teresa Grossi, called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Dr. Grossi noted that the purpose of this meeting was for the Board to award bids for current construction projects.

2. **Award Bids for Renovation and Additions to Aurora, Tri-North and Binford**

Mr. Scherer explained that the award of bids for all projects is subject to successful financing. He recommended that the low bidder, CDI Incorporated be awarded contracts for renovations and additions to Aurora Alternative High School in the amount of \$1,031,300.00, Tri-North Middle School in the amount of \$833,720.00 and Binford Elementary in the amount of \$1,124,000.00. Dr. Butler so moved. Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion.

During ensuing discussion, Mr. Scherer said all bids were lower than expected. He said he did not recommend accepting the alternate for gym lighting because if Binford eventually is converted to a middle school the lighting would be addressed at that time. He said the lighting is fine now. Regarding Tri-North, the recommendation includes all alternates except one.

Board members voted on the motion to award bids as recommended. Aye: Butler, Grossi, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Wanzer. Motion carried.

3. **Award Bid for Roof Replacement at Binford Elementary**

Mr. Scherer noted this will complete all roofing at Binford and recommended, pending successful financing, the award of a contract in the amount of \$745,000.00 to HRC Roofing for roof replacement at Binford Elementary. Ms. Wanzer so moved. Mr. Muehling seconded the motion. Aye: Butler, Grossi, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Wanzer. Motion carried.

4. **Award Bid for Window Replacement and Classroom Renovation at Binford Elementary**

Mr. Scherer recommended, pending successful financing, the award of a contract in the amount of \$326,915.00 to Fox Construction for window replacement and classroom renovation at Binford Elementary. Ms. Merriam so moved. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion. Aye: Butler, Grossi, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Wanzer. Motion carried.

5. **Award Site Contract for Tri-North Middle School Renovation**

Mr. Scherer recommended, pending successful financing, the award of a contract in the amount of \$98,800 to R.H. Marlin for site work at Tri-North Middle School. Dr. Sabo-Skelton so moved. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion.

In response to questions, Mr. Scherer said the site work includes new ramps and steps from the gym to the football field. He said they hope to include some field improvements as well as storm drainage.

Board members voted on the motion. Aye: Butler, Grossi, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Wanzer. Motion carried.

6. **Award Bid for Roof Replacement at Tri-North Middle School**

Mr. Scherer said this will also complete new roofing at Tri-North and recommended, pending successful financing, the award of a contract in the amount of \$284,280.00 to Horning Roofing for roof replacement at Tri-North Middle School. Dr. Butler so moved. Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion. Aye: Butler, Grossi, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Wanzer. Motion carried.

7. **FOR INFORMATION: Bid Tabulations for Hoosier Hills Career Center, Service Building, Administration Building and Fairview Elementary School**

Mr. Scherer reported that all bids have been opened on these much larger projects which include remodel of the Administration Center, the Service Center and Hoosier Hills Career Center and a new Fairview. He noted that the approval from DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance) was for \$41,000,000 and the bid amounts are favorable, including all alternates for Fairview except for steel fencing in lieu of chain link. He said he would like to have some flexibility since it will be two years before we do the fencing and it would be a small change order. He said we do not have that type of fencing anywhere else and although it would be beautiful he questions spending an additional \$32,000 for steel fencing. Mr. Scherer said the alternates do include added classrooms, size and quality, stairwell changes, terrazzo, etc.

Dr. Butler said she is pleased that Fairview alternates will not cost as much as expected and all the things the Board had concerns about will be possible. Mr. Scherer said we presented to the public that we were going to add on to Binford in case it is converted to a middle school. He pointed out that some of that money has been shifted to the Fairview project. He said when all is done we hope to bank enough money to do that if later determined to be advisable. He said we do not want to be caught with a need for another bond issue if Binford is changed to a middle school since the cost for converting Binford was included for the current bond sale. Mr. Scherer confirmed that plans were not definite for converting Binford to a middle school; however, the building project plans included that possibility. He said through financing we met with Lonnie Therber and we hope to have a significant amount of money (possibly \$1.5 million) in the Capital Projects Fund in case the need arises.

Mr. Abel said about 45 contractors submitted bids for these four jobs. He said they will be going through the bid forms and probably come back to the Board with recommendations at the first of the year. Mr. Scherer added that it is not necessary that bids are awarded prior to the bond sale but it is necessary to receive them before the sale. Mr. Abel mentioned that one part of getting the service and transportation buildings going is to move the Abel building and we have \$300,000 to do that work. Mr. Scherer said we would also like to recoup the costs for moving the Administration building.

8. **Information and Proposals from Board Members**

On behalf of the Board, Dr. Grossi thanked Mr. Scherer and Mr. Abel for getting the work done to award these bids and to move all the building projects forward.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Teresa Grossi, President

Jeannine Butler, Vice President

Valerie Merriam, Secretary

Susan P. Wanzer, Assistant Secretary

Jim Muehling, Member

Lois Sabo-Skelton, Member

ABSENT
Vicki Streiff, Member