

Resolution 2017-18: 45
Feasibility Study Contract Award – SWBR (John Marshall Campus)

By Board Member Benincasa

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act (“the Act”) established the Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board (“RJSCB” or “Board”), a seven voting member board consisting of equal representation by the City of Rochester (“City”) and the Rochester City School District (“District”), as well as a member jointly selected by the City and the District; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the RJSCB has certain enumerated powers to act as agent for the District, the City, or both; and

WHEREAS, the authorizing legislation for Phase 2 of the Rochester Schools Modernization Program (“RSMP”) was signed into law by the Governor of the State of New York on December 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Amended Act authorized up to 26 projects in Phase 2 of the RSMP including a District Wide Technology program which involves technology upgrades and infrastructure work at several of the possible projects; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB’s Program Manager for Phase 2, Savin Engineers P.C. (“Program Manager”), working with the District, developed a list and description of proposed Phase 2 projects known as the Phase 2 Comprehensive Master Plan dated March 2016 (the “Master Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education approved the Master Plan at its monthly meeting on March 24, 2016 (BOE Resolution 2015-16: 630); and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB approved the forwarding of the Master Plan to the New York State Office of the State Comptroller (“Comptroller”) and the New York State Education Department (“SED”) for review and consideration in April 2016 (Resolution 2015-16: 144); and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller and SED each subsequently approved, as applicable, certain components of the Master Plan in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan included a Preliminary Master Schedule that provided, among other things, a schedule for the use of swing space during Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, the District and the University of Rochester have determined that the students and staff of the East School will not be relocated to swing space during construction, which has necessitated adjustment to the Preliminary Master Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Program Manager has prepared an updated swing space schedule, entitled Rochester Schools Phase 2: Updated Master Schedule for Swing Spaces (the “Updated Master Schedule”) to accommodate the determination regarding the East School made by the District and the University of Rochester; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB reviewed and discussed the Updated Master Schedule at its July 17, 2017 meeting and after due deliberation, it accepted and approved the Updated Master Schedule (Resolution 2017-18: 8); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Updated Master Schedule, the John Marshall Campus will be used as swing space for School 2 and School 10; and

WHEREAS, the Program Manager has determined the necessity of a swing space feasibility study for the John Marshall Campus for “test fit” and exploratory work necessary for the design of the “make ready” improvements at the school; and

WHEREAS, SWBR Architecture, Engineering & Landscape Architecture, P.C. (“SWBR”) was retained by the RJSCB to create the Phase 2 Master Plan (Resolution 2014-15: 37), and has significant experience and knowledge regarding the District’s school buildings, infrastructure, and the use of same; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB believes that the time necessary for a formal request for proposal and selection process for this service will not achieve any measurable cost savings where negotiations can achieve the same outcome in a more timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, SWBR has submitted a written proposal for the feasibility study services, which has been reviewed and analyzed by the Program Manager; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2017, the Program Manager recommended that SWBR’s proposal be accepted and that it be awarded the feasibility study contract for the John Marshall Campus project in the amount of \$39,050.00; and

WHEREAS, the M/WBE and Services Procurement Committee (the “Committee”) discussed and considered the Program Manager’s recommendation at its September 7, 2017 meeting, and after due deliberation, the Committee approved the recommendation to award the feasibility study contract to SWBR for the John Marshall Campus project in the amount of \$39,050.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the RJSCB hereby approves SWBR to provide a feasibility study for the John Marshall Campus; and
2. The RJSCB’s Chair is hereby authorized, in the name and on behalf of the RJSCB, to execute an agreement with SWBR for the feasibility study services in the amount of \$39,050.00 that is consistent with this approval and in an acceptable form to the Chair upon the advice of the RJSCB’s general counsel.

Second by Board Member Brown
Approved 6-0 with Member Cruz away