

Board of Education Special Meeting
June 18, 2018 6:00 PM
Professional Development Center
631 North Green Street
Henderson, KY 42420

Attendance Taken at 5:57 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Lisa Baird
Mr. Michael Waller
Mrs. Tracey Williams

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Wesley Smith
Dr. Sally Sugg

I. Call to Order

Discussion:
Mrs. Lisa Baird called the meeting to order.

II. Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting

Order #256 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve the Minutes from the May 21, 2018 Special Meeting and the May 21, 2018 Regular Meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Michael Waller and a second by Mrs. Lisa Baird.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Lisa Baird	Yes
Mr. Wesley Smith	Absent
Dr. Sally Sugg	Absent
Mr. Michael Waller	Yes
Mrs. Tracey Williams	Yes

III. Architect Interviews and Selection for the New Jefferson Elementary School Project

Discussion:
Jeff Justice, along with fellow team members from Hafer, presented their proposal for architectural and engineering services for the New Jefferson Elementary School Project. Team members include: Jeff Justice, Principal-in-Charge, Jill Raleigh, Director of

Marketing, Ron Steinhart, Mechanical Engineer, Mike Vickers, Civil Engineer and Tim Skinner, Architect. Mr. Mike Waller asked how many active projects Hafer has in Kentucky school projects. Mr. Justice said that they have three. Mrs. Marganna Stanley asked how we would bridge the gap between the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and Henderson County Public Schools with all of the things that KDE requires us to do. Mr. Justice stated that the relationship is one that they have worked through with some of the Owensboro schools and have renewed that in their work with the Union County schools project now. He also stated that Mr. Vickers and Mr. Skinner have strong personal relationships with them and will continue to develop those relationships as they go. Mrs. Stanley asked Hafer to share one of their projects that showcases future ready educational environment for kids. Mr. Justice said that the McCutchanville Elementary School in Indiana which will be opening in August. Mrs. Stanley asked if they worked with a construction manager on the McCutchanville project. Mr. Justice stated that they began with a construction manager early on in order to develop schedules and costs, however, as they project progressed the school corporation decided to go with a more traditional route.

Keith Sharp, Principal Architect and President of JKS Architecture, along with Stefanie Sharp, Interior Designer, presented the proposal for architect selection for design and construction of the new Jefferson Elementary School. Mrs. Stanley asked if they have worked with construction managers. Mr. Sharp stated that he has. Mrs. Stanley asked him how he sees his role as the architect and the construction manager. Mr. Sharp stated that the construction manager is in charge, obtains the bids, acts as your agent and takes care of the oversight of the construction project. Mr. Sharp said that he is familiar with the process and has worked with several construction managers. Mrs. Stanley asked about their relationship with KDE. Mr. Sharp said that it's as good as it can be. Mr. Sharp stated that they track every project with a KDE report each week. The school district gets a report each week. Mrs. Lisa Baird asked about current school projects. Mr. Sharp stated that they are just finishing the technical center in Logan County.

Craig Thomas, Architect and Principal-in-Charge, along with Kyle Abney, Project Coordinator, of RBS Design Group presented their response to A/E services for the new Jefferson Elementary School project. With a future ready learning environment for Jefferson Elementary School, Mrs. Stanley asked how they would embrace this project and what kind of flexibility they could allow. To start off, Mr. Thomas said that whatever we do, we have to get KDE to approve it. Would like to have dual use spaces and maker spaces or flexible spaces. Also, it's possible to have slides that connect the upstairs to the downstairs. They would like to explore those type of ideas to see what the Board would

want and what works best for the project. Mrs. Stanley asked if they have worked with a construction manager on other projects besides the Spottsville Elementary School project. Mr. Thomas said that they have worked with the current construction manager on multiple projects and have worked with others as well. In reference to their relationship with KDE, Mrs. Baird referenced a 60 day delay when we were trying to get Spottsville approved and asked how they would address this going forward. Mr. Thomas said that this has already been addressed behind the scenes and has spoken with the individual. He said that there is a different reviewer now than there was back then and that he has a strong relationship with the current reviewer. Mr. Thomas stated that the delay was not unique to Henderson County as this has happened with other districts. Mrs. Baird said that at the beginning of the Spottsville project that there were drainage trenches that were not being utilized when they came back and asked for additional money. Mrs. Baird asked if that was something that an architect should be in charge of or is that something that the construction manager should have been involved with. Mr. Thomas stated that they were directed by RBS in the beginning, however, the construction manager chose to put something else there. Mr. Thomas reiterated that direction was given, but was not followed.

After the interviews, Mr. Mike Waller stated that these were three excellent architect firms and each have positive attributes. He stated that he liked having the local folks with Hafer, but not sure of their work with KDE. He said the gentleman with JKS is the kind of man you would want to work with every day with a lot of experience. He stated that we have done a lot of business with RBS since 2005. Mr. Waller said that the biggest issue would be the comfort level of Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Steve Steiner, Mr. Billy Austill and Mr. Donnie Thacker of working with the firm as they would be working with the firm on a daily basis. Mr. Waller stated support of RBS Design Group. Mrs. Stanley liked Hafer with all of the Henderson people that were at the table. She agreed with Mr. Waller as to what he says about JKS and would have full confidence in that gentleman. RBS is a known factor. Mrs. Stanley assured the Board that whatever final decision the Board makes, that we could work with any one of these firms. Mrs. Stanley does have a trust and so does the staff of Henderson County Schools with RBS and, in many ways, has helped us through and with KDE along the way with Spottsville. Mrs. Stanley was also pleased to see, because we have worked with them that RBS came with a full presentation and really didn't take anything for granted. Mrs. Tracey Williams said that what the people think that are working with these firms day to day are the most important to her. Mrs. Williams said that she thinks all three would be good. Mrs. Baird asked Mr. Austill and Mr. Thacker to give a pro and con about each one. Mr. Austill stated that he liked the local aspect to the first group (Hafer) and thinks that they would work very hard for our district. The downside would be the lack of experience as far as the school facilities. Mr. Austill said that the positive for the second one (JKS) was basically himself and the fact that he custom

designs each building. Mr. Austill did not have anything negative for any of them. Mr. Austill has done a lot of work with RBS and does not have any issues with RBS and thinks they do an excellent job as well. He believes all of them would do an excellent job for Henderson County Schools. Mr. Thacker said that he is about the same way and has a personal relationship with RBS and can call them on anything. He said that he wasn't sure if he could get that from the other two. Mr. Thacker said that he would like to see it go with RBS. Mrs. Baird was pleased with Hafer and the amount of local people. She stated that even though they do not have little experience with KDE, they do have experience with building modern schools. Mrs. Baird stated that gentleman from JKS would be very good and honest to work with, but her only concern would be the distance that they are so far away and some of the engineering firms that they work with, some are not even in Kentucky. Mrs. Baird stated that she has worked with RBS with the PD Center, the Thelma B. Johnson Center. There were some issues that she didn't know if they were RBS' fault, but there are some issues at Spottsville that, in Mrs. Baird's opinion, RBS should have been on top of. Mrs. Baird also said that they do have a history with us.

Mr. Mike Waller made a motion to accept RBS Design Group as the architect for the new Jefferson Elementary School project. With lack of a second to the motion, the motion failed.

Order #257 - Motion Passed: A motion to table the architect selection for the new Jefferson Elementary School project for the next board meeting passed with a motion by Mrs. Lisa Baird and a second by Mrs. Tracey Williams.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Lisa Baird	Yes
Mr. Wesley Smith	Absent
Dr. Sally Sugg	Absent
Mr. Michael Waller	Yes
Mrs. Tracey Williams	Yes

IV. Adjourn

Order #258 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Michael Waller and a second by Mrs. Tracey Williams.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Lisa Baird	Yes
Mr. Wesley Smith	Absent
Dr. Sally Sugg	Absent
Mr. Michael Waller	Yes
Mrs. Tracey Williams	Yes

Lisa Baird, Chairperson

Marganna Stanley, Superintendent