



Fayette County Public Schools

Executive Summary Fayette County Public Schools Board Meeting Agenda Item

MEETING: Regular

DATE: December 4, 2023

TOPIC: Rejection of Bid from BEX Construction, Inc. for the Addition of Three Preschool Classrooms and HVAC Replacement at Harrison Elementary School BG #23-124

PREPARED BY: Myron Thompson, Chief Operating Officer @ 381-4165

Recommended Action on: 12/14/2023
Consent Item

Superintendent Prior Approval: No

Recommendation/Motion: Reject the bid as submitted by BEX Construction, Inc. and approve the rebidding of this project in January 2024 for the addition of three preschool classrooms and HVAC replacement at Harrison Elementary School.

Background/Rationale: In the spring of 2022, the Board designated funding to support the FCPS Preschool program based upon a five-year plan. A priority of that five-year plan includes adding preschool classrooms at Harrison Elementary School. The Preschool program staff has recommended that three preschool classrooms be constructed to serve 45 children in a full-day program. Should additional capacity be needed at a later time, one of these full-day classrooms can be converted into a dual-session (half day) classroom serving 30 children; thus allowing for a total of 60 children to be served in the Harrison Elementary School Preschool program.

A revised BG-1 Project Application for the construction, identifying the extent and cost of the work, was approved by the Board at its September 25, 2023 meeting. Ross Tarrant Architects have produced final Construction Documents for bidding describing these modifications. On November 16, 2023, one (1) bidder submitted proposals on the base bid. The results of the bidding are as follows

BIDDER	BASE BID	Alternate Bid No. 1, 2, 3 & 4	BASE BID plus Alt. No. 1, 2, 3 & 4
1 BEX Construction, Inc.	\$4,100,000.00	\$1,401,500.00	\$5,501,500.00

Alternate #1=Playground Option #1; Alternate #2=Playground Option #2;
Alternate #3=Right of Way Work; Alternate #4=Brick Veneer Painting

Based on the review of the submitted form of proposal (bid) and the Minority/Women/Veteran Business Enterprise (M/W/VBE) Participation Form, the FCPS Manager of Economic Development and the Deputy Superintendent have determined the contractor did not meet the specifications for good faith efforts for M/W/VBE participation. Additionally, the estimated construction cost as of September 2023, was \$3,281,492.00 and the base bid submitted was \$4,100,000.00, an increase of \$813,508.00. Therefore, it is recommended by FCPS staff that the bid of BEX Construction, Inc., be rejected and further recommended the project be rebid in January 2024.

Strategic Priority:

- Student Achievement Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging
- Highly Effective & Culturally Responsive Workforce
- Stakeholder Engagement & Outreach Organizational Health & Efficiency

Data Considerations: District Facility Plan

Policy: Board Policy 01.1 – General Powers and Duties of Board

Attachment(s): None