

The Randolph Township Board of Education held a Special meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm Randolph Middle School Media Center, 507 Millbrook Avenue, Randolph, New Jersey.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Joseph Faranetta called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Randolph Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in The Daily Record. It is also posted in all district schools as well as the Randolph Township Municipal Building.

### **ROLL CALL**

The following Board members were present: Mr. Ronald Conti, Ms. Susan DeVito, Ms. Tammy MacKay, Ms. Allison Manfred, Ms. Christine Petrat, Ms. Dorene Roche, Dr. Robert A. Soni, Ms. Jeanne Stifelman, and Mr. Joseph Faranetta.

The following administrators were present: Miss Jennifer Fano, Superintendent, Mr. Gerald M. Eckert, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Stephen Frost, Assistant Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary, Board Counsel Marc H. Zitomer was also present.

### **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION** – 6:05 pm

Board President Joseph Faranetta moved a motion seconded by Board member Ronald Conti to go into Executive Closed Session. Board members present all in favor.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 that the Board of Education of the Township of Randolph will hold a Closed Session regarding Personnel, Negotiations, Litigation and matters of Attorney-Client privilege. It is not yet possible to determine when the matters discussed in Closed Session will be made public.

The Board reconvened to public session at 6:11 pm

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director of Communications and Digital Media Matthew Pfouts was also present.

**PUBLIC STATEMENT** - None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Stifelman delivered a presentation about the Randolph High School science room renovation.

Dr. Soni thanked Ms. Stifelman for the presentation and noted the extensive discussion around electrical coverage and setup. Ms. Fano furthered the discussion noting the process around making decisions on electrical and room setup.

Mr. Faranetta asked if there were any questions from the public.

A resident thanked Ms. Stifelman for her presentation. He asked about the bids for other items and why they were not being awarded tonight. Mr. Eckert provided that because the items were being awarded through a co-op they did not need to be awarded. He asked about the architect fees for the project and if they were broken out by project. He asked what was not included in the base bid. Mr. Eckert and Ms. Fano provided that the base bid only includes the construction, and other elements would be added through additional spending.

A resident noted the photos look like biotech labs. She was worried about the electrical and gas setups.

A resident asked if the \$2.9 million in expected additional spending can be commingled with general funds. Mr. Eckert provided that the funds cannot be commingled and the referendum funds can only be utilized on referendum projects. Mr. Faranetta added that there are strict state guidelines about the footprint where referendum funds can be utilized.

A resident asked how the referendum is doing overall and about repurposing funds. Mr. Faranetta provided that because bids are still out, the Board is being intentionally quiet on the numbers.

A resident asked a question regarding curriculum and the availability of curriculum for dual enrollment programs during high school scheduling. She asked questions specifically about the criminal justice offering. Ms. Fano provided information about the requirements from CCM and added that she would follow-up with the Director of School Counseling.

A resident asked if there will be a degree of customization and consistency across the rooms. Ms. Fano provided that there is always the possibility of teachers sharing rooms because of the schedule, and because staff change from year-to-year, the goal would be to both provide for teacher input and set minimum standards for all staff.

*Motion:*

### **Finance/Facilities and Transportation Motion 1**

On behalf of Finance/Facilities and Transportation Committee, Board member Jeanne Stifelman moved a motion seconded by Board member Ronald Conti and unanimously carried by a roll call vote to approve Finance/Facilities and Transportation Motion 1.

On behalf of the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee, I hereby move the following resolution 1.

#### **1. RESOLUTION FOR THE AWARD OF BID – RANDOLPH HIGH SCHOOL – SCIENCE ROOMS RENOVATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Randolph Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., publicly advertised and solicited for sealed bids for the Randolph High School Science Rooms Renovations (“the Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with that advertisement, the bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud in the District Administrative Office on February 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Frankoski Construction Co. Inc. of East Orange, New Jersey, submitted a bid in the amount of \$3,868,000, inclusive of a \$585,000 bid allowance with a deduct for Alternate #1 for \$11,000 and;

**WHEREAS**, there are no material defects in the Frankoski Construction Co. Inc. bid, and it is, therefore, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for the Project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Education, that the bid be awarded to: Frankoski Construction Co. Inc. 314 Dodd Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017 in the total amount of \$3,868,000, inclusive of the above-referenced bid allowance, subject to the terms and conditions of a contractual agreement pending review by Board counsel, and which the Board President is thereafter authorized to execute on behalf of the Board.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Dr. Soni-excited to see the new rooms.

Ms. Stifelman-glad that the Board unanimously approved.

Ms. Manfred-excited to see what this look like in a few years.

Ms. MacKay-thanked the administration for their cooperation.

Mr. Faranetta-thanked Jeanne and the FFT committee for producing tonight's presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board member Ronald Conti moved a motion seconded by Board member Jeanne Stifelman to adjourn the meeting. Board members present all present in favor.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Gerald M. Eckert  
Board Secretary