

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 24, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.
MT. HOREB ELEMENTARY**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anne Marie Potts who then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence. Board members present were Chair Potts, Vice Chairman Bill Jarnigan, Jim Vines, Judy Cavanah, Randall Bradley, Ralph Lowery and Jonathan Rogers. Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools and Secretary to the Board, was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Potts led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Jim Vines and second by Jonathan Rogers, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as submitted. (see attached)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Upon motion by Judy Cavanah and second by Vice Chairman Jarnigan, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda as submitted.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION – DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

1. Each board member received a copy of the May financial reports.
2. Dr. Edmonds pointed out that when the Board approved the project at JCHS it included a FiberTite roof product. He pointed out that since then Rentenbach has looked at other possibilities where they could save money and have the same quality of roof or better.

Tony Pettit from Rentenbach addressed the Board regarding two (2) different roofing systems they were looking at for Jefferson County High School. He pointed out that one of the roofing systems was a FiberTite roofing system through Escola Roofing and the other was a Carlisle manufactured roof presented by the ABG Company which was for a PVC roof. He

Items for Information – JCHS Renovations/Additions - Roof

pointed out that ABG was the low bidder on Mt. Horeb Elementary and Patriot Academy. He stated that the GMP contract was for a FiberTite membrane roofing system with a 20 year warranty. He stated by going with the Carlisle roof it would save \$206,000 off the Guaranteed Maximum Price which was \$130,000 lower than the FiberTite. He further stated that ABG had upped the quality of the roof to a 60 Mil Sure-Flex PVC Kee Membrane, had offered an additional five (5) years to the warranty making it a 25 year warranty, and a hail damage rider on the warranty if the board requested it. Dr. Edmonds pointed out that the FiberTite roof was 36 mil thick compared to the Carlisle type which was 60 mil. Dr. Edmonds stated that Carlisle roofs had been around for 80 years. Mr. Pettit commented that according to a roofing consultant the ABG Company was stronger financially than Escola pointing out that ABG had been in business 46 years compared to Escola which had been in business for nine years. Mr. Pettit stated that both roofs were good quality. Mr. Pettit asked for the board's direction regarding the roof. Dr. Edmonds pointed out that the board had already approved a FiberTite roof so they would have to have official action in order to change it.

Chair Potts commented that they would need to take action to amend the GMP reflecting the change in the roofing material. She pointed out that the Board voted to accept the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$21,628,606 on May 9, 2013. She stated if they decided to go with the Carlisle roofing system the GMP would change to \$21,482,694.

Board member Vines made the motion to amend the Guaranteed Maximum Price for JCHS renovations/additions to \$21,482,694. Vice Chairman Jarnigan seconded the motion.

Chair Potts asked Mr. Pettit if he was satisfied with the product. He commented that it was a very good product. She also questioned the experience of the installers. Mr. Pettit commented that the roofers were experienced and would be managed from the company. Board member Bradley questioned how the ABG Company could reduce their price that much. Doug Pettit from Rentenbach stated that they had not reduced their price but had upped their product.

The motion passed unanimously to amend the Guaranteed Maximum Price for JCHS renovations/additions to \$21,482,694.

Chair Potts stated for the record that the Board was requesting the hail damage rider on the warranty for the roof.

Items for Information - continued

Mr. Pettit addressed the board regarding the fly space for the JCHS Performing Arts Center. He stated the designer, structural engineer, JCHS teacher David Seal, and architects had met at Carson-Newman University's Gentry Auditorium to look at their fly space. Mr. Pettit stated that the structural engineer had sketched a structural system to be put in place which was basically a grid floor in the fly space totaling approximately \$153,000 with the addition of lighting the total was around \$180,000. Mr. Pettit further commented that he had been in contact with a stage rigging contractor who had made several comments on the fly space, lighting and cat walks. They had discussed the possibility of installing a motorized rigging system totaling \$180,000 which would not require the grid and would be safer than counter balance rigging. He pointed out that he did not have a price for the counter balance rigging. He reported that a decision had not been made yet on the fly space. Mr. Pettit did comment when asked by members of the board that the cost would be approximately \$350,000 which did not include the rigging. Board member Rogers commented that it would cost around \$500,000 for the total fly space. Mr. Pettit stated that he didn't know how much the lighting would cost but it could total that amount when the lighting was included.

After some discussion, Chair Potts suggested that the Board conduct their work session scheduled for July 11, 2013 at Gentry Auditorium in order to get an idea of what was being discussed before a decision was made. She recommended that David Seal be present to answer questions as well as the architect, and other members of the drama department.

Chair Potts asked that Mr. Pettit bring back some firm numbers on the cost of the fly space. Mr. Pettit commented that he would get with the designers and try to bring back some figures at the July 11th work session.

Board member Bradley was concerned over the amount of money that would have to be raised by patrons to fill the fly space. He felt they needed to know the amount they had to raise in advance. Board member Vines questioned why the board had not received the price for the cat walk. He thought the equipment to fill the fly space was not the board's responsibility.

Mr. Pettit gave a progress report on the renovations at JCHS. He reported that they had found asbestos in Pod 2 and were in the process of removing it and testing other areas. He reported that 80% of the front canopy had been removed and the temporary parking lot had been graded out.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Board Policy Changes for Review and Adoption (First Reading) – 1.802 Section 504 and ADA Grievance Procedures**

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Jarnigan and second by Jim Vines, the Board unanimously approved the above policy on first reading. (see attached)

2. **Jefferson County Board of School Commissioners and Jefferson County Fair Association Lease (Expired May 31, 2013)**

Each board member received a copy of the Jefferson County Board of School Commissioners and Jefferson County Fair Association lease which expired May 31, 2013. Dr. Edmonds asked that the Board review the lease for any changes. He stated that the item would be placed on the July agenda for action.

3. **Tennessee School Systems for Equity (TSSE) Membership Dues for 2013-2014 (\$4,500)**

Upon motion by Randall Bradley and second by Jim Vines, the Board unanimously approved the TSSE membership dues totaling \$4,500 for the 2013-2014 school year.

4. **Approval – General Budget Amendment #12 and Federal Budget Amendment #12**

Upon motion by Jim Vines and second by Randall Bradley, the Board unanimously approved general budget amendment #12 and federal budget amendment #12 as presented. (see attached)

5. **Approval – Capital Project Budget Amendment #1**

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Jarnigan and second by Jonathan Rogers, the Board unanimously approved capital project budget amendment #1 as presented. (see attached)

6. **Darrell Helton, County Finance Director, addressed the board regarding issues with some of the portables. He commented that Acton and Mod Space were claiming that rent was still owed on some of the portables. Mr. Helton stated that Michael Phagan, Facilities Supervisor, had cancelled those leases in November 2012 but the companies were saying that we owe the money. He stated that the school system was disputing those amounts. He further stated that with possible legal issues stemming from that situation, he had placed \$42,000 in a restricted account. He pointed out that the money would not be used until it was determined what would happen.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 2013-2014 School Budget

Dr. Edmonds gave a progress report regarding the 2013-2014 school budget. He commented that on May 23, 2013 the board was given a draft budget which was reviewed and on June 6, 2013 the board voted to approve the budget. He further commented that on June 13, 2013 the budget was presented to the County Commission Budget Committee where the committee voted 4-3 to send the budget back to the Board of Education with instructions to cut \$1.5M from the budget. Dr. Edmonds stated that he had met with the department heads to work on the budget in order to look for cuts. He stated that they could not find any money to cut from the budget. Dr. Edmonds commented that they were presenting the same budget that the board approved on June 6, 2013 with no cuts. He pointed out that there had been three years with cuts. He stated that comments had been made to reduce the central office personnel expense. He pointed out that in two years (2010-2011 and 2011-2012) \$313,000 had been cut from central office salaries. Dr. Edmonds stated that in November 2010, the County Commission voted to give \$500,000 in operating cost for Mt. Horeb Elementary and Patriot Academy. He pointed out that they had never received any of that money. He recommended that the board send the budget back to the County Commission Budget Committee that was approved on June 6, 2013 with no change.

Board member Vines made the motion to send the 2013-2014 school budget back to County Commission and to request operational cost funding of \$750,000 approved in November 2010 for Mt. Horeb Elementary and the Patriot Academy. Board member Lowery seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Anne Marie Potts, Chair

Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools &
Secretary to the Board

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