

**CLAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
May 6, 2024**

**PRELIMINARY**

The President, Michael Frink, called the meeting of the Clawson Board of Education to order in the Clawson High School Media Center at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Daniel Ewald, Jr., Michael Frink, Samantha Hanser Maynard, Joseph Savel, Jacqueline Stanley, and Ted Verner

Members Absent: Angela Hamilton

Recording Secretary Linda Gould

Administration Present: Billy Shellenbarger and Dr. Jackie Johnston

Others in Attendance: Toby Nemyer, Mitch Delange, Andrew Kokoszka, and Brian Smilnak

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**ACTION ITEM**

**Approval of Bid Pack 4a (Final)**

WHEREAS, Clawson Public Schools sought bids for bond work; and

WHEREAS, bids were received, a review of bids took place, and the references were checked for the lowest bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contracts be awarded as listed:

**Clawson Elementary School – Window Replacement & Gym Expansion:**

| <b>Bid</b>              | <b>Contractor</b>         | <b>Base Bid</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| WC 18 – Glass & Glazing | Environmental Glass, Inc. | \$645,000       |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clawson Board of Education gives authorization to the Superintendent or his designee to sign the agreement between Clawson Public Schools and the respective contractors.

Mitch Delange, Project Manager from Christman, presented.

MOVED BY: Mr. Verner  
SUPPORTED BY: Ms. Hanser Maynard

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Ewald Yes  
Ms. Hanser Maynard Yes  
Mr. Savel Yes  
Mrs. Stanley Yes  
Mr. Verner Yes  
Mr. Frink Yes

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**Approval of Bid Pack 7**

WHEREAS, Clawson Public Schools sought bids for bond work; and

WHEREAS, bids were received, a review of bids took place, and the references were checked for the lowest bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contracts be awarded as listed:

**Schalm Demolition**

| <b>Bid</b>                | <b>Contractor</b>          | <b>Base Bid</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| WC 01 – Demolition        | International Construction | \$520,000       |
| WC 07 – Temporary Fencing | Motor City Fence           | \$37,950        |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clawson Board of Education gives authorization to the Superintendent or his designee to sign the agreement between Clawson Public Schools and the respective contractors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clawson Board of Education approves the contingencies for each of these categories.

MOVED BY: Mr. Verner  
SUPPORTED BY: Mr. Savel

Mitch Delange, Project Manager from Christman, presented.

ROLL CALL:

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| Ms. Hanser Maynard | Yes |
| Mr. Savel          | Yes |
| Mrs. Stanley       | Yes |
| Mr. Verner         | Yes |
| Mr. Ewald          | Yes |
| Mr. Frink          | Yes |

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

### **Approval of Elementary Cafeteria Table Purchase**

WHEREAS, in March 2024, Wakely Associates Inc. recommended the furniture package for the new Elementary School be awarded to Interior Environments; and

WHEREAS, the school district intended on re-using the current cafeteria tables from Kenwood at the new Elementary School, so new cafeteria tables were not included in the previous furniture package; and

WHEREAS, upon closer examination, the tables were in need of repair and/or replacement and had become a safety issue to the staff members who need to operate and move the tables daily; and

WHEREAS, Interior Environments was contacted to provide pricing to replace the tables with new tables to fit the cafeteria footprint, and used the same cooperative bid pricing that was used for the previous furniture package; and

WHEREAS, the cooperative bid pricing is recognized by the district’s Bond Counsel as an approved method to purchase goods and services directly in lieu of going through a public bid process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clawson Board of Education authorizes the superintendent or his designee to finalize the purchase and installation of the new elementary cafeteria tables from Interior Environments (Novi, MI) in the sum of \$52,642.56, as presented.

MOVED BY: Ms. Hanser Maynard  
SUPPORTED BY: Mr. Ewald

Brian Smilnak presented.

ROLL CALL:

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| Mr. Savel          | Yes |
| Mrs. Stanley       | Yes |
| Mr. Verner         | Yes |
| Mr. Ewald          | Yes |
| Ms. Hanser Maynard | Yes |
| Mr. Frink          | Yes |

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

### **Resolution of Mental Health Awareness**

WHEREAS, mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being; it affects how we think, feel, and act; it also affects how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices; and

WHEREAS, mental health is important for our individual well-being and vitality, as well as that of our families, communities, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health America’s (MHA) 2023 “State of Mental Health in America” Survey, ranks Michigan as 25th in the Nation for prevalence of mental illness, and 20th in the nation for access to care; and

WHEREAS, May 1 through May 31, 2024 is recognized as Mental Health Awareness month. MHA’s 2024 theme is “Where to Start: Mental Health in a Changing World”, which highlights getting back to the basics including self-care, coping skills, advocating for mental health, and knowing when to seek additional help; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Community Health Network joins our national partners in promoting this year's "Where to Start" campaign; and

WHEREAS, mental health management ensures that individuals can focus on their abilities to live, work, learn and fully participate and contribute to our society, while promoting diversity, inclusion, and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, improved systems of care for vulnerable populations, access to non-emergent and crisis-services, advanced integrated physical and behavioral health care along with provider relations help to fortify services coordinated by OCHN; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN), and its service provider agencies, are committed to inspiring hope, empowering people, and strengthening communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, Oakland Community Health Network, hereby recognizes May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month. OCHN calls upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, faith-based organizations, and schools to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses to promote recovery and a higher quality of life.

MOVED BY: Mr. Verner  
SUPPORTED BY: Mrs. Stanley

ROLL CALL:

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|--------------------|-----|
| Mrs. Stanley       | Yes |
| Mr. Verner         | Yes |
| Mr. Ewald          | Yes |
| Ms. Hanser Maynard | Yes |
| Mr. Savel          | Yes |
| Mr. Frink          | Yes |

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Frink added another Discussion Item – Potential Superintendent Search.

### **Nova Environmental Schalm Asbestos**

Andrew Kokoszka of Nova Environmental explained that asbestos abatement work is required as part of the demolition process at Schalm Elementary School. Nova Environmental, Inc. is recommending Environmental Maintenance Engineers as the asbestos abatement contractor in the sum of \$98,700.

The board will vote to approve this at the May 20, 2024 board meeting.

### **Land Swap Agreement**

Brian Smilnak explained that in preparation for a K-12 student campus for the 2024/25 fiscal year, the summer construction will include the expansion of the parking lot. The expansion will increase the number of parking spaces to accommodate the addition of the elementary school and central office. To fully accomplish the vision for the parking area, the district made two requests to the city:

1. Lot split the 60x300 portion of Straub where the mailboxes are and the city takes possession of this district property.
2. The City vacate the area currently as John M Ave and the district takes possession of this city property.

District representatives including the architects and attorney have been working with their counterparts at the city to reach an agreed upon recommendation for the respective governing bodies. The City is expected to vote on this issue at their meeting on May 21, 2024. This item was reviewed by the Finance Committee at the April 15, 2024 meeting.

The board will vote to approve this at the June 3, 2024 board workshop.

### **International Academy Budget**

Dr. Johnston presented the 2024-2025 International Academy Budget.

This will be an action item at the May 20, 2024 board meeting.

### **Oakland Schools Budget**

Dr. Johnston gave a brief overview of the 2024-2025 ISD budget.

This will be an action item at the May 20, 2024 board meeting.

### **Contract with ABM**

Dr. Johnston explained the district contracts with ABM for custodial, maintenance and grounds services. The contract commenced on July 1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2025 with an option to extend the contract for two years on a year-by-year basis. In June of 2023, a First Amendment to this agreement was executed to incorporate contract changes including the reduction in staffing.

With the right sizing of the district nearly complete for the 2024/25 fiscal year the district can again reduce staffing while maintaining service levels, increase salaries and adjust work schedules to position us closer to industry standards, and achieve savings in excess of \$70,000. This plan has been discussed with the Finance Committee. The district attorney is currently preparing a Second Amendment to this agreement to incorporate these changes.

This will be an action item at the May 20, 2024 board meeting.

### **OISD Board Election 2024**

The following four (4) candidates have filed for the two (2) open six-year term seats for the 2024 Oakland Schools Board of Education Biennial Election:

Carol Finkelstein  
Charlie Gandy-Thompson  
Marc Katz  
W. Samino Scott

Oakland Schools board members are elected by an electoral body composed of one (1) person designated by the board of each constituent school district. The Revised School Code prescribes that each constituent school district board must designate a representative to this electoral body by adopting a resolution that will:

1. Designate a person to vote in the election on behalf of the local district board.
2. Direct the designee as to which candidate the local district board supports to fill the open seat.
3. Direct the designee to vote for the individual, at least on the first ballot taken by the electoral body.

The board will vote to approve their candidate choice at the May 20, 2024 board meeting.

**Potential Superintendent Search**

Mr. Frink will contact Jay Bennett from MASB on Friday morning after Bloomfield makes its decision. Mr. Frink said that Tim Wilson would be willing to serve as Interim Superintendent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Stanley, Acting Secretary  
Clawson Board of Education

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