

Resolution 2024-25: 42

Schematic Design Documents Approval – Wilson Magnet High School (Phase III)

By Board Member Ronald Gaither

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act (the “Act”) established the Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board (“RJSCB” or “Board”), a seven voting member board consisting of equal representation by the City of Rochester (“City”) and the Rochester City School District (“District”), as well as a member jointly selected by the City and the District; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the RJSCB has certain enumerated powers to act as agent for the District, the City, or both; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Act by enacting Chapter 533 of the Laws of 2014 (“Amended Act”), thereby providing alternative financing mechanisms for the reconstruction of up to 26 projects for a total cost of \$435,000,000 for Phase II of the Rochester Schools Modernization Program (“RSMP”); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Amended Act by enacting Chapter 614 of the Laws of 2021 (“Second Amended Act”) to authorize additional oversight, transparency, and accountability by the New York State Education Department to ensure projects are completed on time and within budget, and to provide alternative financing mechanisms for the reconstruction of up to 12 projects for a total cost of \$475,000,000 for Phase III of the RSMP; and

WHEREAS, Wilson Magnet H.S. (“Wilson”) is one of the projects included in Phase 3a of the RSMP as provided in the Phase III Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, after a competitive procurement process, the RJSCB and SWBR entered into the Agreement between Board and Architect, dated August 13, 2024, for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Wilson project (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agreement, SWBR has submitted Schematic Design Documents for the Wilson project to the Program Manager and the Building Advisory Committee (“BAC”) members for review; and

WHEREAS, BAC meetings have been held throughout the Schematic Design Phase for the Wilson project, which includes participants from the Program Manager, Architect, representatives from the District’s facilities department, the City, the building principal, teachers, staff, parents, and community members; and

WHEREAS, the Program Manager and BAC Members have approved the Schematic Design Documents for the Wilson project; and

WHEREAS, at the RJSCB’s March 10, 2025, regular meeting, SWBR presented the Wilson Schematic Design Documents to the Board for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB considered and discussed the Wilson Schematic Design Documents at its March 10, 2025 regular meeting, and after due deliberation, the RJSCB approved the Schematic Design Documents and authorized SWBR to proceed with the next phase of design.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Schematic Design Documents for the Wilson project are hereby approved; and
2. The Program Manager is hereby authorized to direct SWBR to proceed with the next phase in the design process, the Construction Documents Phase.

Second by Board Member Ronald Gaither

Adopted 7-0