

Resolution 2024-25: 43

Edison Scope Changes and Budget Transfer

By Board Member Jesse Dudley

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act (“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; 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; and

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

WHEREAS, in the original Phase III budget, Edison was allocated \$2.6 million for site work for its existing athletic fields; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with the District concerning the development of the athletic fields at Edison, the Edison project Architect presented various options for the development of the existing Edison fields, including construction of a multi-purpose complex with regulation sized football, soccer, baseball and softball fields with stadium lighting for community field events; and

WHEREAS, the District has requested that the Board construct a multi-purpose complex with stadium lighting at Edison and reallocate \$16 million from the East Campus project budget for the planning, development and implementation of that preferred development option at Edison; and

WHEREAS, the Board has discussed the proposed development option at Edison and the corresponding budget transfer of \$16 million from East Campus to Edison at its regular Board meeting on March 10, 2025 and after due deliberation acts as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The budget for Edison Career & Technology H.S. project is increased from \$86,731,838 to \$102,731,838;
2. The budget for the East High School Campus project is decreased from \$42,504,659 to \$26,504,659; and

3. The Program Manager is directed to continue to work with the Board's Financial Advisor and Bond Underwriter to analyze the cost allowances and update and resubmit the Financial Plan accordingly.

Second by Board Member Ronald Gaither

Adopted 7-0