

Resolution 2013-14: 38
Purchase of Property (University Avenue)

By Board Chair Giess

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act (“the Act”) established the Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board (“RJSCB”), 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 Act authorized up to 13 projects in Phase I of the Rochester Schools Modernization Program (“RSMP”) including a renovation project at School #58 on University Avenue, which is one of the 12 school projects identified in Phase 1; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2012 the RJSCB approved a maximum offer of \$180,000 to purchase the property at 236 University Avenue, adjacent to School 58, (Resolution 2011-12: 85) with the intent to demolish the existing structure on the property and develop the land into green space for School 58; and

WHEREAS, the City was unable to obtain the property from the owner for the amount authorized by the RJSCB; and

WHEREAS, the City has recently informed the RJSCB that the property may be available again for purchase; and

WHEREAS, the City has obtained a new appraisal which values the property at \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB remains interested in obtaining the property for future use as green space for the School 58 site, and therefore now wishes to increase the previously approved maximum offer from \$180,000 to \$200,000;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The RJSCB hereby authorizes the City of Rochester to negotiate for the purchase of the property located on 236 University Avenue adjacent to School #58 for an amount not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) and that this amount is based upon the appraisal obtained for this property; and
2. It is contemplated that this purchase will be for RSMP project purposes; and
3. This purchase will be subject to appropriate environmental testing and analysis which will be coordinated by the RJSCB’s Program Manager and reviewed by the City of Rochester and the RJSCB’s general counsel.

Second by Member Pifer
Approved 7-0