Resolution 2015-16: 93
Program Verification Approval – East Phase 2

By Board Member Brown

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 authorizing legislation for Phase 2 of the Rochester Schools Modernization Program ("RSMP") was signed into law by the Governor of the State of New York on December 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the amended Act authorized up to 26 projects in Phase 2 of the RSMP including a District Wide Technology program which involves technology upgrades and infrastructure work at several of the possible projects; and

WHEREAS, the legislation for Phase 2 of the RSMP states that "the RJSCB may extend the contracts of the providers of professional services for Phase One upon the adoption of findings that doing so would be in the public interest; the contracts of the Program Manager and the independent Compliance Officer for Phase Two will be rebid, and provided further that the Program Manager and the Independent Compliance Officer and any new or different providers of professional services shall be engaged in compliance with the provisions of Section Eight of this Act"; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent identified and confirmed several projects for Phase 2 of the RSMP for which the District would like the RSJCB to begin design work immediately, in parallel to the work being done on the Master Plan for Phase 2, and in advance of formal Board of Education and New York State Comptroller approval; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid a year delay in the start of Phase 2 construction at East High School, Monroe High School, and School 15 (the "Early Start Projects"), the District has advanced funds to the RSMP to begin the design process for these projects; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB recognized that in order to maintain the proposed Phase 2 activity schedule it was necessary to engage the design services for these Early Start Projects immediately; and

WHEREAS, as permitted by the Phase 2 legislation, the RJSCB extended the services of those professional service firms which are most familiar with the Early Start Project buildings, having performed the Phase 1 designs associated with those buildings; and

WHEREAS, in November 2011, the RJSCB approved the selection of Cannon Design ("Cannon") as the Architect for the East High School project in Phase I (Resolution 2011-12: 39); and

WHEREAS, in May 2015, the RJSCB authorized Cannon (Resolution 2014-15: 216) to begin the program verification and planning associated with the East project in Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, in its authorization to proceed, the RJSCB required that upon completion of the program verification phase, each Architect will provide an update to the RJSCB and to the District, and the Program Manager will seek authorization from the RJSCB and the District to proceed to the next phase in the design process, the schematic design phase; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2015, the Architect and Program Manager presented the East Phase 2 program verification plans to the Superintendent and his senior cabinet and received authorization to proceed to the next step in the design process; and

WHEREAS, at its regular monthly meeting on January 11, 2016, the Architect and Program Manager presented the East Phase 2 program verification plans to the RJSCB;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The program verification documents for the East Phase 2 project are approved; and

2. The Program Manager is hereby authorized to direct the Architect for East Phase 2 (Cannon Design) to proceed with the next phase in the design process, the schematic design phase.

Second by Board Member W. Williams
Approved 5-0 with Member Schmidt away