

Resolution 2015-16: 95

RJSCB Intent to Act as SEQRA Lead Agency for Phase 2 of the Schools Modernization Program

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 proposed projects and the Board’s decisions related to the projects are or may be subject to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB, acting through its SEQRA consultant, has prepared Environmental Assessment Forms (“EAFs”) on the project components and has prepared a list of potentially involved and interested agencies; and

WHEREAS, copies of the EAFs and agency list have been presented to the RJSCB; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB wishes to act as SEQRA lead agency for the project components;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The RJSCB hereby declares its intent to act as SEQRA lead agency for the project components;
2. The RJSCB hereby authorizes and directs that the Chair execute the “Intent to Act as Lead Agency” letter in the form presented at this meeting; and
3. The Intent to Act as Lead Agency letter and appropriate attachments shall be promptly forwarded by the RJSCB’s SEQRA consultant to the involved agencies listed on the agency list and appropriate correspondence forwarded to all interested agencies.

Second by Member Benincasa

Approved 4-0 with Members A. Williams and W. Williams away