

Resolution 2016-17: 157
Pay Requisition Summary Acceptance (February 2017)

By Board Member Brown

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act ("School Modernization 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 School Modernization Act, the RJSCB has certain enumerated powers to act as agent for the District, the City, or both; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB developed a pay requisition approval procedure with input from its Counsel, the M/WBE and Services Procurement Committee, members of the accounting department of Rochester City School District, and the RJSCB's independent auditing firm; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB, at its regular monthly meeting on September 12, 2011, adopted the pay requisition approval procedure (Resolution 2011-12: 23) ("Pay Requisition Approval Procedure"); and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB, at its regular monthly meeting on September 10, 2012, revised the Pay Requisition Approval Procedure (Resolution 2012-13: 37) to include the Trustee as paying agent for construction related payments; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB, at its regular monthly meeting on April 7, 2014, revised the Pay Requisition Approval Procedure (Resolution 2013-14: 257) to include discussion of the Pay Requisition Summary by the Finance Committee and certain verification activities by the Program Manager following each monthly Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB, at its regularly monthly meeting on January 17, 2017, revised the Pay Requisition Approval Procedure (Resolution 2016-17: 118) to add certain additional internal controls to assist the RJSCB by clarifying duties in absence of an Executive Director and by providing additional internal controls; and

WHEREAS, the COMIDA issued bond proceeds for the Rochester Schools Modernization Program ("RSMP") Phase 1a projects were deposited in the Trustee's account on June 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the COMIDA issued bond proceeds for the RSMP Phase 1b projects were deposited in the Trustee's account on June 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the COMIDA issued bond proceeds for the RSMP Phase 1c projects were deposited in the Trustee's account on February 4, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Excel Aid funding associated with the RSMP is currently in the final stages of review and certification by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York ("DASNY"); and

WHEREAS, the intended purpose of the Excel Aid funding is to partially pay for costs associated with the design and/or construction of certain Phase 1a projects; and

WHEREAS, due to the late timing of the DASNY certification process for the Excel Aid, if necessary, the District has decided to establish and fund a special account for the RSMP ahead of the completion of the DASNY certification process to pay for certain invoices associated with the Phase 1a projects; and

WHEREAS, the District will be reimbursed for any payments made after the DASNY certification process has been completed and the Excel Aid funds are released; 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 for Phase 2; and
WHEREAS, it is understood by the District, the City, and the RJSCB that the funds advanced by the District would be reimbursed by the City as soon as possible through a Bond Anticipation Note (“BAN”) against the City’s debt limit; and

WHEREAS, the District’s counsel prepared a Board of Education (“BOE”) resolution to authorize the advance of the funds based on the full faith and credit of the City (BOE Resolution 2014-15: 627); and

WHEREAS, a future BAN provided by the City would reimburse the funds advanced by the District for the design work associated with the Early Start Projects, as well as provide the interim financing necessary to begin other Phase 2 project designs and to engage other professional service firms to begin Phase 2 planning and coordination work; and

WHEREAS, the closing for the City BAN took place on August 9, 2016 for the amount of \$32,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the City will be reimbursed for its BAN from the Phase 2 bond proceeds following approval of the Phase 2 Master Plan by the Board of Education and approval of the first group of projects in Phase 2 by the New York State Education Department; and

WHEREAS, the District, the City and the RJSCB have executed a memorandum that sets forth the understanding that the District will advance funds to the RSMP for the payment of the expenses for the Early Start Projects and that the City will reimburse the District for these amounts through the BAN proceeds; and

WHEREAS, the Program Manager, Independent Compliance Officer and RJSCB Chair have reviewed the individual pay applications from each of the consultants, contractors and suppliers for accuracy and completeness; and

WHEREAS, the Program Manager forwarded the regular monthly Pay Requisition Summary (attached to this Resolution) totaling \$684,564.57, including all invoices to be paid by the Trustee using bond proceeds and those invoices to be paid by the District using other funding, to the RJSCB Chair with copy to the full Board on February 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Program Manager forwarded the Phase 2 monthly Pay Requisition Summary (attached to this Resolution) totaling \$1,709,355.72, including all invoices to be paid by the District using funds advanced by the District to the RJSCB and those invoices to be paid out of the City BAN proceeds, to the RJSCB Chair with copy to the full Board on February 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB Chair approved the regular monthly Pay Requisition Summary and the Phase 2 monthly Pay Requisition Summary on February 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB’s Phase 1 and Phase 2 Program Managers reviewed the regular monthly Pay Requisition Summary and the Phase 2 monthly Pay Requisition Summary with the RJSCB’s Finance Committee at its meeting on March 2, 2017.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board hereby accepts the regular monthly Pay Requisition Summary for the month of February 2017 in the amount stated above and the Phase 2 monthly Pay Requisition Summary for the month of February 2017 in the amount stated above and as shown in the Summary sheets attached to this Resolution.

**Second by Board Member Jones
Approved 6-0 with Member Schmidt away**