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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:
Place:
Location:
Date:
Time:

Special Meeting
WISD Board Room
319 W. Fourth Street
February 20, 2017
7:15 P.M.

MINUTES

- I. The meeting was called to order by Erasmo Lopez, Board President.
- II. A quorum was established. The following board members were present.

Erasmo Lopez, President
Oscar Caballero, Vice President
Isidoro Nieto, Secretary
Andrew Gonzalez, Trustee
Patrick Kennedy, Trustee
Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Trustee

Dr. Richard Rivera was absent.

- III. Board Ranking of Architect Firms

A workshop was held prior to this meeting at which time the board members heard presentations from 10 architectural firms. The workshop lasted almost three (3) hours.

The board members took some time to rank the firms.

Mr. Lopez thanked all the firms for their presentations.

After a brief discussion on the number of firms to select, the Board agreed to select five (5) firms in order to assign different projects to each one.

School Board Attorney Ivan Perez stated that the Board could accept the ranking as presented or the Board could recommend a different order depending on the average of points received. He further explained that the Board is basically creating a pool of architects which will allow the administration to recommend an architect from this list for any upcoming project. Because these are professional services, the Board is not required to request for proposals every time a project comes up.

In addition, there is no limit on the timeframe for using these architects but the Board will need to approve the selection of architects as ranked.

The Board recessed at 9:47 p.m. and returned to open meeting at 10:01 p.m.

The results of the ranking are as follows:

Firm	Ranking
1. ERO Architects	583
2. PBK, Inc.	572
3. Alvarado Architects & Associates, Inc.	557
4. Gomez Mendez Saenz Inc.	540
5. Rike, Ogden Figueroa Architects	519
6. EGV Architects, Inc.	509
7. Mata + Garcia Architects LLP	500
8. Milnet Architectural Services, PLLC	496
9. Gignac Architects	487
10. Negrete & Kolar Architects, LLP	425

Patrick Kennedy made the motion to approve the top five (5) firms as ranked by the Board. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action on Selection of Architect Firms for District Projects

The Facilities Committee, comprised of program directors, campus administrators, district leaders, and the board president, have prioritized the facility needs for the district. Due to the nature of roof leaks district-wide, the roofing project was prioritized as the number one project needing improvements. The roofing project was approved by the Board at the regular board meeting held on February 13, 2017.

Attorney Ivan Perez stated that the Board is allowed to make a selection based purely on qualifications and not based on price. The price of the project comes into play until negotiations begin. If the administration cannot negotiate a price with the first ranked firm, the administration will advise the Board and the Board can decide to move forward with another ranked firm.

According to Andres Sanchez, once the Board assigns the projects to the architects, the architect will design the specifications based on what the district wants. The specifications will then go out to bid to the contractors.

Mr. Lopez recommended that the Board assign the roofing project to the #1 ranked firm: ERO Architects.

Isidoro Nieto made the motion to approve the #1 ranked firm, ERO Architects, for the roofing project. Dr. Jaime Rodriguez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.