

Arapahoe Public School
Board of Education – Special Meeting
School Library
June 2nd, 2017 7:00 pm

President Dennis Roskop called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

President Dennis Roskop announced that the Arapahoe Board of Education follows the rules of the Open Meetings Act which is posted.

The following members were present: Dan Warner, Chad Carpenter, Dennis Roskop, Brad Schutz and Lisa Anderson.

The following member(s) were absent: Rod Whipple.

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Carpenter to excuse Whipple's absence. AYES: Carpenter, Roskop, Schutz, Anderson and Warner. Motion carried 5-0.

Also present was Dr. George Griffith, Superintendent and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary. Visitors were present.

A motion was made by Schutz and seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: Roskop, Schutz, Anderson, Warner and Carpenter. Motion carried 5-0.

President Roskop welcomed the visitors and asked for Public Comment. None.

ACTION ITEMS

Griffith stated that he was notified by Peter Leising that they wished to withdraw their bid. That leaves one bid and it is Adams Construction. Carpenter asked if it was for the same price as before. Griffith confirmed it was. He also learned that the bids are good for 45 days. The bid was for \$173,842. Schutz asked how they got to this point. Griffith stated that he had a discussion with the school attorney and the attorney informed him that they would have to go with the bids submitted on bid day. Griffith informed Peter of that and the next day Peter withdrew his bid. Peter didn't feel that going through the bid process would be good because it would delay work. Schutz clarified that the board was legally advised that they had to look at original bids, the \$95,500 and the \$173,842. Griffith agreed. Griffith added that the other item they were going to look at tonight was utilities, but it is actually being re-bid to make sure that everything is following what is required based on our attorney. He wants to make sure all of the legal requirements are being met. Schutz asked if this was being done because our attorney doesn't feel comfortable with Jesse's process. Griffith confirmed that the attorney is not comfortable. Jesse clarified some things with our attorney and they felt it would be best to re-bid. Roskop stated that no utility companies presented a bid on bid day. He didn't know if it happened to be included on other bids, but individually there were no bids. Griffith stated that one bid came in after the deadline. Griffith stated that after a phone conference, all of the other bids are being reviewed to make sure everything was followed that was supposed to be followed. Bids that haven't been presented and those that have been presented are being reviewed. Roskop clarified that our attorney is going through the bids. Griffith agreed. Warner asked about the cost of the attorney and if the district has any repercussions against the construction manager for not following the guidelines. Griffith will check with the attorney. Roskop asked if everything was okay with the attorney on the earthwork bid that is supposed to be approved tonight. Griffith confirmed that everything is good with the earthwork bid. Griffith requested the actual bids that were submitted and after reviewing them with the attorney, the attorney confirmed that they would have to go back to the original bids that were submitted on bid day. A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Anderson to accept the Adams Construction bid for earthwork at \$173,842. AYES: Schutz, Anderson, Warner, Carpenter and Roskop. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment – None.

Warner stated that he had been contacted about sod cutting on the current lawn. Griffith stated that would have to go through a bidding process. Schutz asked when the fence was going up. Griffith stated that the fence is supposed to go up Monday or Tuesday, no later than Wednesday. Schutz added then that if anyone wants in they will have to go through the safety training. Warner agreed. Schutz added that there are sprinkler lines and electrical lines to be considered. Griffith stated that he doesn't think there is enough time for bid letting.

Jerry Hoffman wanted to ask the group if their confidence in the district's construction engineer is a concern and if they doubt that they are getting what they paid for and he would like a response from each board member. Roskop responded that they would not answer the question on an individual basis, but they would address it as a board. Hoffman understood and apologized. Roskop stated that they have one voice as a board and they have concerns or they wouldn't be here

tonight. Hoffman asked what the board's recourse would be. Roskop stated that they will continue to discuss that as a board. There is no action that can be taken at tonight's meeting and they didn't want to add any more to tonight's meeting other than what they had to since it was a special meeting. Hoffman stated that he is not an expert and he has only been present at a half dozen meetings, but it is very concerning to him with his past business experience and a project of this magnitude. And representing money of other people and not my own is even more of a responsibility to me. Griffith stated that he is taking more of a hands on approach to make sure things are done the way they are supposed to be. And if he has to check with legal counsel, he will do so. Hoffman stated that he believes that this building project is possibly at a point where it should have been when it was proposed to the public to do the public justice. All of these things could have been avoided because you would have had time to act on them. Now, the whole project is pushed to the wall and you have to accept these things and don't have time to take what actions are necessary. Hoffman thanked the board. Warner stated that he appreciates Hoffman's concern and advice and we are going to do our due diligence with legal counsel. Unfortunately, we can't let bids before a project is proposed. Hoffman stated that the board could have gotten estimates that they could have hung their hat on. He understands that they can't let bids. Warner again expressed appreciation for Hoffman's comments and assured him that they will work with legal counsel to take every precaution they can to get the lowest bids possible. Hoffman stated that he was the guy that told the board they would be making a bad deal if they didn't spend \$18,000 more to hire a competitive engineer. He couldn't remember the numbers exactly, but the legal counsel is the one that said to go with the same company that got the bid. He wonders about the legal counsel the board is getting. Warner stated that the board will take that under advisement. Schutz added that it is frustrating. Hoffman stated that it is very disappointing to see what goes on. Schutz hopes it will get better.

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, June 12th, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Arapahoe Public School Library.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Warner to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary