

January 22, 2024

ASHTABULA COUNTY TECHNICAL & CAREER CENTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

The special meeting of the Ashtabula County Technical & Career Center Board of Education was called to order by President Barrickman on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of Building B.

Present: Debra Barrickman, Barbara Klingensmith, William Niemi,
Jamie Ortiz, Gus Saikaly, Harlan Waid, Supt. Wludyga,
Treasurer Elly

Absent: Eric Nesbitt

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It was moved by Mrs. Ortiz and seconded by Dr. Waid that the Board adopt the Agenda for January 22, 2024.

ADOPT AGENDA

ROLL CALL: Ortiz, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Niemi, yes. Motion carried.

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Treasurer Elly certified Compliance with Meeting Requirements Rules.

MEETING COMPLIANCE

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The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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It was moved by Mrs. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with AM Higley as Construction Manager at Risk.

AM HIGLEY AGREEMENT

Mrs. Ortiz asked where they are located. Mr. Wludyga answered Cleveland. Mrs. Ortiz asked if Mr. Wludyga was happy with them. Mr. Wludyga answered yes, they were the most impressive and they run a great operation. He has talked with others who are also very happy with them.

Mr. Saikaly asked if one person will be assigned here. Mr. Wludyga answered there will actually be two that will be assigned to us. Mr. Niemi commented that Ashtabula Area City Schools used them for their bus garage and they are very happy with them.

They take care of all bidding as well. It has been a very good process.

Mr. Saikaly was interested in how much involvement OFCC will have in this project. Mr. Wludyga answered that we will have to sign off on some things but it won't be as in depth as a standard OFCC project.

Mr. Niemi stated that he was curious about the monthly fees. Mr. Wludyga answered the monthly fees are to be paid when there is active construction.

Dr. Waid asked what we get for the extra \$350,000.00. Mr. Wludyga answered they have the experience and expertise.

Dr. Waid commented that Dawn was very concerned about the timeline. Higley and Regency seemed okay with the short timeline. Higley can include our students in educational pieces as well. They did this with Polaris Career Center and brought it to us. Dr. Waid pointed out that Higley missed the deadline on submitting for the RFQ. Some of the preapproved contractors are familiar to the area.

ROLL CALL: Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes;
Klingensmith, yes; Niemi, yes; Ortiz, yes.
Motion carried.

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It was moved by Dr. Waid to add two additional classrooms to the project. There was no second motion.

**ADDITIONAL
CLASSROOMS**

Dr. Waid amended his motion to add one additional classroom to the project. Mr. Saikaly seconded the motion.

Mr. Wludyga commented that it would increase the budget by approximately \$250,000.00 for one classroom.

ROLL CALL: Waid, yes; Barrickman, no; Klingensmith, yes;
Niemi, no; Ortiz, yes; Saikaly, yes. Motion
carried.

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It was moved by Mr. Niemi and seconded by Mrs. Ortiz that the meeting be adjourned at 9:41 a.m. with the next Regular Meeting to be

ADJOURNMENT

held on Monday, February 19, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Building B.

ROLL CALL: Barrickman, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Niemi, yes; Ortiz, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes. Motion carried.

President

Treasurer