

Resolution 2023-24: 33

Phase 3 Resolution to Approve Comprehensive School Facilities Modernization Plan, Phase 3, and Forward for Reviewed by State Comptroller and State Education Department

By Board Member Jesse Dudley

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Act by enacting Chapter 533 of the Laws of 2014 (“Amended Act”), thereby providing alternative financing mechanisms for the reconstruction of up to 26 projects for a total cost of \$435,000,000 for Phase II; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Amended Act by enacting Chapter 614 of the Laws of 2021 (“Second Amended Act”) to authorize additional oversight, transparency, and accountability by the New York State Education Department to ensure projects are completed on time and within budget, and to provide alternative financing mechanisms for the reconstruction of up to 12 projects for a total cost of \$475,000,000 for Phase III; and

WHEREAS, the Act calls for the District to develop a comprehensive school facilities modernization plan for Phase 3; and

WHEREAS, the Phase 3 Program Manager, working with the Board and the District, has developed as list of the following Phase 3 Projects and the Phase 3 comprehensive school facilities modernization plan, which includes the selected projects, project cost estimates, the financing plan and the diversity plan (known as the Phase 3 Strategic Plan):

Project	Location
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School No. 9	485 North Clinton Avenue
Douglass Campus	940 Fernwood Park
East Campus	1801 East Main Street
Edison Education Campus	655 Colfax Street
Franklin Education Campus	950 Norton Street
Joseph C. Wilson Commencement Academy	501 Genesee Street

WHEREAS, with the goal to ensure sufficient public input and allow for significant public discussion regarding the proposed Phase 3 *Strategic Plan*, the District conducted public meetings on: October 1, 2022 (at Abraham Lincoln School No. 22), October 24, 2022 (at Dr. Louis A. Cerulli School No. 34), and on October 25, 2022 (at Central Office and via Zoom meeting); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Phase 3 *Strategic Plan* was deliberated by the Board of Education at work sessions on July 26, 2022; August 4, 2022; August 29, 2022; September 26, 2022; October 25, 2022, and November 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education approved Phase III *Strategic Plan* on March 28, 2024 (Resolution No. 2023-24: 716); and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB considered and discussed the details of the Phase 3 Strategic Plan at its May 13, 2024 meeting, and after due deliberation and further consideration of the Phase 3 Strategic Plan, the RJSCB now acts as follows.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The RJSCB hereby accepts and approves the Phase 3 Strategic Plan; and
2. The RJSCB hereby awards directs the Program Manager to distribute the Phase 3 Strategic Plan to the New York State Office of the Comptroller and the New York State Education Department for review and consideration as required by the Act; and
3. Nothing herein commits the RJSCB, the New York State Office of the Comptroller or the New York State Education Department to commence in, engage in, fund or approve any action.

Second by Board Member Kim Jones

Adopted: 6-0