

Resolution 2024-25: 46

Schematic Design Approval – Padilla High School at the Franklin Campus (Phase 3b)

By Board Member Ronald Gaither

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act (the “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 of the Rochester Schools Modernization Program (“RSMP”); 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 of the RSMP; and

WHEREAS, the Padilla High School at the Franklin Campus (“Franklin”) is one of the projects included in Phase 3b of the RSMP as provided in the Phase III Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB issued a request for proposals (the “RFP”) for Architectural and Engineering Services (“A/E Services”) in connection with renovation and addition projects for Franklin; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB approved the selection of Labella Associates (“Architect” or “LaBella”) as the Architect for Franklin (Resolution 2024-25:15); and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB and LaBella entered into an Agreement Between Board and Architect for A/E Services for the Franklin project (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, LaBella has now completed Schematic Design Drawings for review and approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, at the RJSCB’s April 14, 2025, regular meeting, LaBella presented the Franklin Schematic Design Documents to the Board for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB considered and discussed the Franklin Schematic Design Documents at its April 14, 2025 regular meeting, and after due deliberation, the RJSCB approved the Schematic Design Documents and authorized LaBella to proceed with the next phase of design.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Schematic Design Documents for the Franklin project are hereby approved; and
2. The Program Manager is hereby authorized to direct the Architect for the Franklin Project (LaBella) to proceed with the next phase in the design process, the Construction Documents Phase.

Second by Board Member Jacob Scott

Adopted 5-0