

Resolution 2024-25: 49

25% Construction Drawing Approval – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School 9 (Phase 3a)

By Board Member Jacob Scott

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, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School No. 9 (“MLK School #9”) is one of the projects included in Phase 3a 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 Phase 3a Schools (Resolution 2023-24: 30); and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB approved the selection of Watts Architects and Engineers (“Architect” or “Watts”) as the Architect for MLK School #9 (Resolution 2023-24: 36); and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB and Watts entered into the Agreement Between Board and Architect, dated August 13, 2024, for A/E Services for the MLK School #9 project (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2025 Watts provided its Schematic Design Documents to the Board where they were approved; and

WHEREAS, Watts has now completed 25% Construction Drawings for review and approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, at the RJSCB’s April 14, 2025, regular meeting, Watts presented the MLK School #9 25% Construction Drawing Documents to the Board for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB considered and discussed the MLK School #9 25% Construction Drawing Documents at its April 14, 2025 regular meeting, and after due deliberation, the RJSCB approved the 25% Construction Drawing Documents and authorized Watts to proceed with the next phase of design.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The 25% Construction Drawing Documents for the MLK School #9 project are hereby approved; and
2. The Program Manager is hereby authorized to direct the Architect for the MLK School #9 project (Watts) to proceed with the next phase in the design process, the Construction Documents Phase.

Second by Board Member Ronald Gaither

Adopted 5-0