

**Resolution 2024-25:39**

**Schematic Design Documents Approval – Dr. Martin Luther King School 9 (Phase 3a)**

**By Board Member Jesse Dudley**

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, the Agreement authorized Watts to begin the program verification and planning associated with the MLK School #9 project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agreement, Watts has now submitted Schematic Design Documents for the MLK School #9 project to the Program Manager and the Building Advisory Committee (“BAC”) members for review; and

WHEREAS, BAC meetings have been held throughout the Schematic Design Phase for the MLK School #9 project, which includes participants from the Program Manager, Architect, representatives from the District’s facilities department, the City, the building principal, teachers, staff, parents, and community members; and

WHEREAS, the Program Manager and BAC Members have approved the Schematic Design Documents for the MLK School #9 project; and

WHEREAS, at the RJSCB’s February 10, 2025, regular meeting, Watts presented the MLK School #9 Schematic Design Documents to the Board for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB considered and discussed the MLK School #9 Schematic Design Documents at its February 10, 2025 regular meeting, and after due deliberation, the RJSCB approved the Schematic Design Documents and authorized Watts to proceed with the next phase of design.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Schematic Design 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 7-0**