



Finance & Operations Committee

September 7, 2023

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Meeting called to order by: Member Christenson 5:00 p.m.

Board of Ed members present: Christenson, Picard (Kehoe absent)

District staff: Merritt, Piesz, Gruszczynski, Welch, Rice, Meier, Salzer, Jory

Presenters: ABM/ T. Fleming, M. Mascarello; McCarthy & Smith/B. Gesaman, N.

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Others present: Robert McCurdy, Nate Morris

Public Comments – Robert McCurdy spoke about the cost of the Canton HS Mascot change. Nate Morris would like to know who is paying for all of the costs related to the Canton HS mascot change. Many of these items were paid for by boosters, such as scoreboard, uniforms, etc. Are all of these replacement costs being covered with the general fund? Some teams have replaced uniforms recently.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2023 - approved.

2023 SUMMER WORK PRESENTATION – Ms. Piesz introduces ABM staff and Rich Welch, P-CCS Director of Operations, to provide an update on the summer cleaning work. Next Brian Gesaman from McCarthy & Smith presented an update on the progress of bond projects that are currently underway, which will be presented at the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday evening.

Custodial / Cleaning Summer Work - Todd Fleming and Melissa Mascarello are here to present highlights of each building, the challenges, successes, a staffing update, and a look ahead to their 1st quarter goals. P-CCS Operations Manager Randall Rice read some of the very positive comments they received from building staff this first week of school. The consensus is that ABM custodial staff went above and beyond in preparing the buildings for the start of school.

Summer Bond Construction Update-Mr. Gesaman presents updates on all of the current bond projects with a look at each building and an overview of the scope and progress made on each.

Purchase of Two (2) Security Vehicles – Mr. Meier is asking for the purchase of two GMC Terrain vehicles for the security department. The two older vehicles are being re-purposed for other uses. The cost of the vehicles are based on state bid pricing. The new vehicles will be paid for with Michigan School Aid Act Section 97 grant funds.

Purchase of new Sound System for J/V Stadium – Mr. Salzer tells the committee that we currently do not have a working sound system for the JV Field. They are renting some equipment for the time being, but that is not a long-term solution. This replacement will be a shared cost between Technology, Maintenance, the three HS Athletic Departments, and the Safety & Security budgets. Mr. Salzer requests a first and final reading, if possible, to expedite the installation of this equipment.

Voice-Over IP Award for District Elevators - Mr. Gruszczynski explains to the committee that we must replace our Voice-Over IP connections in all nine elevators across the district, due to the fact that AT&T is retiring their copper-wire network across the nation. We are recommending Kone, Inc. be awarded the contract to supply and install VoIP verifiers at all nine locations.

Adjourned: **5:45 p.m.**