

**Board of Education  
Worth School District 127**

Dr. Rosemary Lucas Administrative Center, Conference Room  
11218 South Ridgeland Avenue, Worth, IL 60482

**Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of November 23, 2015**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Drew Sernus, Dave Blanks, Vince Flores

Administrators: Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Cindy Dykas, Tim Hathhorn

Others Present: Rich Kumnick (Concept 3), Paul Connor (AMSCO Engineering), Bernadette Strama, Michelle Egan (arrived at 8:29 p.m.), Brenda Miller (Recording Secretary)

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **CITIZENS' REMARKS**

There were no remarks made.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Worthwoods 2016 HVAC Project**

Rich Kumnick distributed a drawing identified as Worthwoods Elementary School. The drawing outlined Base Bid Work with an estimated mechanical replacement cost of \$1,139,000. The boilers and unit ventilators, as well as the thermostats, will operate in the same manner as the equipment at Worth Elementary. Questions and comments were made by the Committee and addressed. The Committee suggested and the engineer agreed that testing be done on the existing piping mains to check for corrosion.

Once the figures have been reviewed and the Board has approved the project, specifications will be drawn with bids requested in early January. The Committee agreed with the administration's recommendation.

**Worthridge 2016 HVAC Project**

Rich Kumnick distributed a drawing identified as Worthridge Elementary School. The drawing outlined Base Bid Work Area (East Side) with a gas heating option estimated mechanical replacement cost of \$833,301 and an electric heating option estimated mechanical replacement cost of \$493,775. The drawings showed Alternate Work Area (West Side) with a gas heating option estimated mechanical replacement cost of \$492,275 and an electric heating option estimated mechanical replacement cost of \$490,021. Questions and comments were made by the Committee and addressed.

It was the consensus of the Committee that if funds are available, the base bid work (electrical) on the east side of the Worthridge building housing the Pre-K program be completed. Because there were erroneous descriptors that led to more questions, and because bills were given to the architect for a cost analysis, yet nothing was presented nor given to the Superintendent, the Committee directed the Superintendent to contact Concept 3 and AMSCO to review the information and figures for accuracy and report back to her.

#### 2015 Levy

Cindy Dykas reviewed a packet of information she distributed that outlined the 2015 tax levy process. She explained the following: 1) definitions and terms, 2) why the levy process is important, 3) four main variables of the levy, 4) historical tax rate data of the district from 2006 through 2014, 5) tax levy vs. tax extension, and 6) 2014 tax levy scenarios. The administration answered questions and responded to comments from the Committee members. The Committee agreed with the administration's recommendation to use scenario #4 in order to capture every dollar legally allowable. Michelle Egan arrived during discussions.

#### 2016 Facility Projects

Dr. Wojtylewski spoke on the need to replace some exterior doors throughout the district which are rusting out and have failing key locks. We are currently adding door sweeps which will help keep heat within the buildings and rodents out. In addition to bidding for new exterior doors, the district will replace security cameras throughout the district that are failing.

#### Update on FY16 Budget

Cindy Dykas provided the Committee members with a summary of fund balances as of October, 2015. We have collected 6 out of 22 General State Aid payments and it is predicted that State Aid monies will run out by March, 2016. Overall, the budget is on target for mid-year balances.

Dr. Wojtylewski and Cindy Dykas responded to comments on the conditions of the parking lots and sidewalks after the last snow fall.

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

Dave Blanks moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Drew Sernus     VINCE FLORES  
Chairperson     COMMITTEE MEMBER