



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Grimsby-Lincoln Room
5:45 p.m.

Present:

Trustee Committee Members: Lora Campbell, Diane Chase, Jonathan Fast,
Kevin Maves (Committee Chair)

Trustees: Sue Barnett, Helga Campbell, Dale Robinson,
Dave Schaubel

Administration: Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education
Stacy Veld, Superintendent of Business Services
Kelly Pisek, Superintendent of Education, Area 3
Robert Dunn, Manager of Projects and Maintenance
Rick Werezak, Chief Financial Officer

Recording Secretary: Brenda Buckingham, Business Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kevin Maves called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

NEW CONSTRUCTION – GREATER FORT ERIE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Superintendent Stacy Veld reported that, as a result of the Lake Erie Corridor Secondary School Accommodation Review, the Board-approved Multi-Year Capital Plan includes the construction of a new 33 classroom school to consolidate the students of Fort Erie Secondary School and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School. The build will include standard classrooms, science labs, music, art, business, family studies and technology rooms, as well as a cafeteria, kitchen, double gym, fitness and a synthetic track & field. A 500 seat theatre has been added to this project through a shared cost partnership between the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) and the Town of Fort Erie.

The projected budget for this project is \$28,405,253, to be financed through Ministry of Education land & building capital and school renewal funding. The theatre will be financed through fundraising of \$3,000,000.

Manager of Projects and Maintenance Robert Dunn provided the details associated with the project tender. Tenders were received from seven (7) pre-qualified general contractors in response to the Request for Proposal. The tenders, opened publically, ranged from a low bid of \$22,980,000 to a high bid of \$26,219,000. Board staff, with the project architect, reviewed the tenders and all were found to be complete with no errors or omissions. The low bid was submitted by Struct-Con Construction Ltd., a Brampton based contracting firm. Robert Dunn noted that this company is qualified and experienced in new school construction.

The project timeline will see construction commence as soon as possible so that the new school can be complete in time for school opening in September 2017.

During discussion of this matter, Superintendent Veld and Robert Dunn confirmed that the Broader Public Sector (BPS) Directives require contracts to be awarded based on the lowest bid received from a pre-qualified contractor. It was also noted that staff have received assurance from the bidder to use local contractors up to and including unionized workers drawn from local union halls. With respect to the future repairs and maintenance of the athletic field, it was agreed by Superintendent Veld that a portion of associated rental revenue can be set aside for that purpose.

Moved by: Diane Chase
Seconded by: Lora Campbell

“That the low bid received from Struct-Con Construction Ltd., in the amount of \$22,980,000 (plus HST) be accepted and a contract awarded for the construction of the new Greater Fort Erie Secondary School.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Kevin Maves
Chair