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DISTRESSED UNIT APPEAL BOARD



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Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Call to Order: A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (“DUAB” or “Board”) was held March 30, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. EST at the Indiana Government Center South Building, Conference Rooms 4 and 5, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Members of the Board attending the meeting in person include Chairman Justin McAdam, Wes Bennett, Tracy Brown, and Paul Joyce. Rebecca Kubacki joined the meeting remotely. Peter Miller, Executive Director, was also in attendance.

Chairman McAdam called the meeting to order and recognized compliance with the Open Door Law.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **3 – Approval of Minutes.**

Mr. Bennett made a motion the minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **4 – Public Comment.**

- Mrs. Lovetta Tindal expressed concerns about student access to book vending machines, a lack of libraries, and low reading scores. She expressed her want for further advanced notice for meetings and an elected school board.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **5 – Gary Community School Corporation (“GCSC”) School Improvement Fund/1065 Claims.**

Ms. Nicole Wolverton presented the claims. Chairman McAdam asked what capital projects are planned for the summer. Ms. Brown made a motion the docket be approved as presented. Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **6 – Authorization by the DUAB Executive Director.**

Mr. Miller presented the contracts.

- *Smekens* – Staff Development
- *Gariup Construction* – Fence Demolition at Gary Middle and Bethune
- *iReady* – Consumables for ELA, Reading, and Math

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **7 – Consideration of GCSC Contractual Obligations.**

Ms. Wolverton presented the contracts.

- *First Student – Bus Transportation*
Mr. Joyce asked how First Student plans to ensure students are transported to school. Chairman McAdam asked how many drivers will be contracted for GCSC. Mr. Miller asked First Student representatives to speak on how they will optimize costs. Ms. Brown asked for more information on liquidated damages. Ms. Kubacki asked what First Student’s last year looked like. Chairman McAdam asked clarifying questions about route cancelations. Mr. Bennett asked about driver qualifications. Chairman McAdam asked about community investment and hiring locally.
- *RJB Properties – Janitorial Services*
Chairman McAdam asked if current employees would be offered positions under the new contract.
- *George O’Day’s – Locker Replacement at WSLA*
Mr. Joyce asked if there was a quote for complete locker replacement.
- *Close Education – Literacy, Math, and Dyslexia Screener Licenses*

Mr. Bennett made a motion the contracts be approved as presented. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Chairman McAdam asked if there was any new business to come before the Board and seeing none adjourned the meeting.