

**NORTH ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NORTH ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**April 11, 2014**

11:30 a.m.

**Board of Education Office**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Rosko	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Blanco	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Titterington	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Ricciardelli	<u>Present</u>

**III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of April 11, 2014, of the Board of Education of the Borough of North Arlington, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, is called pursuant to a schedule of meetings adopted on January 6, 2014, as amended, and of notice given to the Clerk of the Borough of North Arlington and to the Librarian of the Free Public Library of North Arlington for posting therein as election notices are posted and of notice given to the Editors of the following newspapers: Bergen RECORD of Hackensack, and the Newark STAR-LEDGER.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Tom DeCara, 11 Park Avenue, NA – informed the Board the Newark Bears Baseball team will be holding an auction of equipment and supplies. The Board President stated the Board will look into this.

Motion to close the Hearing of Citizens made by Mr. McDermott, second by Mr. Blanco. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

**1. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (AS AMENDED)**

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve an Agreement with Pennoni Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers, for engineering services related to renovations at Rip Collins Field in the amount of ~~\$35,500~~. \$30,500.

WHEREAS the North Arlington Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") requires the services of a professional engineer to provide professional engineering services in connection with the Synthetic Turf Fields and Fieldhouse at Rip Collins Athletic Complex project (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, Pennoni Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers (hereinafter referred to as the "Engineer") is the consulting Engineer who has been providing services to the Architect since the inception of the Project and is intimately familiar with the design and scope of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer submitted a proposal dated February 13, 2014, to provide professional engineering services, as requested by the Board, which Proposal is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Engineer's involvement and knowledge of the Project it is impracticable to solicit quotes for the services; and

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WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by the Engineer is most advantageous to the Board, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of retaining the services of the Engineer in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure Form which certifies that the Engineer has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the County of Bergen, Borough of North Arlington, or the North Arlington Board of Education in the previous one (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit the Engineer from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Engineer is hereby appointed to provide professional engineering services in connection with the Synthetic Turf Fields and Fieldhouse at Rip Collins Athletic complex Project and that a contract shall be awarded for the following reasons:

1. The fee structures proposed are most advantageous to the Board, price and other factors considered.
2. Experience and resources necessary to perform the contract have been demonstrated.
3. Reputation and responsibility of professional contractor are satisfactory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Board hereby approves the Agreement between the Board and the Engineer for professional engineering services in connection with the Synthetic Turf Fields and Fieldhouse at Rip Collins Athletic Complex Project, which Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. The Engineer is hereby authorized to provide professional engineering services in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.
3. The Board authorizes the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the Agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the award.
4. The Business Disclosure Form shall be placed on file with this resolution and a notice of award shall be published in the official newspaper of the Board.

On Motion by Mr. Blanco, second by Mr. Titterington. On discussion, the Board Members discussed and agreed that the fees should be lowered to \$30,500. The Board also discussed obtaining weekly progress reports, what work was scheduled to be completed, what work was completed, what is scheduled for the following week, etc. The Board Members also requested a timeline of the work to be completed and updated. The Board Secretary informed the Board that this appointment must be advertised in the newspaper. One of the Board Members inquired if the Buildings and Grounds Supervisor could do this job instead of hiring this firm. It was stated by the Board President that the Supervisor has just been appointed a short time ago and is still "learning on the job". He wants to give the Supervisor time to organize and perform his job before taking on such a large project. There was no further discussion. On Roll Call Mr. Rosko voted in the negative. Mr. McDermott, Mr. Blanco, Mr. Titterington and Mr. Ricciardelli voted in the affirmative. There being a majority in the affirmative, it was so ordered.

### **2. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, CONTRACTS, ADDENDA, BIDS AND PROPOSALS**

A proposal was received from T&M Associates for asbestos abatement management services for the High School Gymnasium Attic area, in the amount of \$8,500.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board approved this proposal.

On Motion by Mr. McDermott, second by Mr. Blanco. On discussion Mr. Rosko stated he thought all asbestos had been removed. The Business Administrator noted that there is asbestos in all the schools. All the schools are inspected semi-annually and any changes are noted. If an

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area that contains asbestos is disturbed, the district must follow protocols. The district maintains records that show where all asbestos containing materials are located in the schools. There was no further discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

### **3. RESOLUTION APPROVING A BUDGET TRANSFER IN EXCESS OF 10%**

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 6A:23A-13.3, the Superintendent recommends that the Board approve a transfer in the amount of \$169,123 from Attendance, Social Work, etc., to Special education, etc., (\$60,820) and General Administration (\$108,333), effective October 2013. This transfer supports additional Speech Services and the creation of a new Assistant Superintendent position. This budget request to transfer funds was approved by the county Office.

On Motion by Mr. McDermott, second by Mr. Blanco. On discussion, the Business Administrator noted that this budget transfer was completed in October and was already approved by the County Office, but they require a board resolution. There was no further discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education of the Borough of North Arlington, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, this Public Meeting of April 11, 2014 adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

On Motion by Mr. Blanco, second by Mr. McDermott. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

Respectfully,

Kathleen McEwin-Marano