

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting
Special Meeting
District Office
1100 N Old Route 66
Litchfield, IL. 62056
April 3, 2023
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held a special meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2023 beginning at 6:00pm. Board members in attendance were Julie Abel, President; Valerie Cain, Secretary; David Belusko; Mark Bloome and Jimmy Gorowski. Ron Anglin and Gregg Hires were absent. Gregg Fuerstenau, Superintendent; Kris Adamson, Recording Secretary. John Hanafin, News Herald, and Mary Herschelman, Journal News and Jim Helton, IASB representative.

New Business

The Board of Education awarded bid packages for the construction of the Addition and Renovation of J.D. Colt Elementary School. These packages do not include the PreKindergarten wing.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 1- General Trades to Litteken Construction Company, LLC. in the amount of \$1,691,600.00. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 2- Concrete to RCS Construction, Inc in the amount of \$ 752,908.00. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 3- Masonry to Toenjes Brick Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$511,030.00. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 4- Structural Steel to Selvaggio Steel Inc. in the amount of \$449,500.00. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 5- Roofing and Sheet metal to Henson Robinson Company in the amount of \$ 526,190.00. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 6- Windows and Storefronts to Illini Glass Solutions DBA Arrow Glass in the amount of \$248,600.00. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 7- Metal Studs, Insulation, Drywall & ACT to Hoelscher Interiors, Inc. in the amount of \$231,600.00. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 8- Flooring to Flooring Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$221,430.00. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 9- Painting to Morrissey Contracting Company in the amount of \$71,380.00. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 10- Fire protection systems to Illini Fire Services, LLC in the amount of \$ 189,650.00. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 11- Plumbing systems to E.L. Pruitt Company in the amount of \$520,000.00. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 12-Mechanical systems to Baer Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$839,990.00. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 13- Electrical Systems to GRP Mechanical Company, Inc. DBA Lowry Electric Company in the amount of \$ 629,818.00. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 14- Sitework and Site Utilities to JP Burns Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$642,797.25. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to award the contract to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. for roof restoration at the High School in the amount of \$ 380,342.11. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to accept the resignation of Taylor Little, Pre-Kindergarten teacher effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to accept the resignation of Anne Perry-Wetzel, Elementary Art teacher effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to accept the resignation of Zac Finch, Custodian effective March 22, 2023. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the voluntary transfer of Shelby Richter from Elementary Reading teacher to 5th grade Elementary teacher beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to add services to the Superintendent search through Jim Helton of IASB including:

- *Staff and/or community In-District focus groups (an additional \$1,500 per day/per consultant) AND
- * Facilitate In-District stakeholder group interviews with semi-finalists identified by the Board (an additional \$1,500 per day)

Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0. Copies of the surveys to be sent to stakeholder groups were given to the Board for review. A deadline of April 20th for all surveys to be completed was set. Mr. Helton will move forward with the behind the scenes aspects of the search. The job posting will not take place until a later date so that applicants are not confused with the starting year.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made David Belusko and seconded by Jimmy Gorowski to adjourn the meeting at 6:59p.m. Voice Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski.