

ELLA M. EVERHARD PUBLIC LIBRARY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 21, 2020

Board President, Michael Collura, called the special meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. with the following Board members present: Mr. Bartiromo, Mr. Gerber, Mrs. Reese, Mr. Sieber, and Mr. Tibbitts. Also attending was Daniel Slife, Library Director.

As a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic (in accordance with the Ohio General Assembly's legislation temporarily modifying the Open Meetings Act) the meeting was held via Google Meet video conferencing. Public libraries may still conduct virtual meetings according to the requirements of House Bill (HB) 197. HB 197 remains in effect until the end of the Governor's declared state of emergency; until December 1, 2020; or until the Ohio General Assembly amends the law. In order to provide for public viewing, a live stream link was posted to the Library's website fifteen minutes prior to the meeting. The meeting was live streamed to YouTube. Members of the public watching via live stream were not able to address the Board in real-time or be publicly recognized.

Collura stated that the special meeting was called to discuss the selection of the architectural and engineering firm for the Roof Replacement Project, Phase II.

Sieber presented the recommendation of the Building and Equipment Committee that the Board accept the rank order of finalist firms based upon scoring completed by the selection committee comprised of Sieber, Fiscal Officer Patty Moutes and Slife. The rank order is as follows: 1) Williams Architects, 2) MPA, and 3) HBM Architects. In response to questions from Bartiromo about negotiating pricing, Slife explained that because this is a qualifications based selection process, we may now enter contractual and price negotiations based upon this rank order, if accepted by the Board. If we are unable to come to mutually agreeable terms with the highest rank firm, Williams, we would then move on to MPA, and so on. However, once we have moved down the list, we cannot return to previously rejected firms that are ranked higher, for any reason. If we were unable to negotiate agreeable terms with all three ranked firms we would have two options, returning to the pool of qualifications received or throwing all qualifications out and reposting the RFQ.

Gerber motioned to accept the rank ordered list with Williams as the first, MPA as the second and HBM as the third. Bartiromo seconded the motion. All were in favor. (12-20-94)

Sieber motioned the administration initiate negotiations with the highest rank firm, Williams Architects. Tibbitts seconded the motion. All were in favor. (12-20-95)

Collura moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Gerber seconded the motion. All were in favor. (12-20-96)