

09 24 2019 SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Call Meeting to Order

Acceptance of Agenda

1. [Acceptance of the September 24, 2019 Special School Board Meeting](#)

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

2. [C-1 Pledge of Allegiance](#)

Special Recognitions

Public Comments on Agenda Items

3. [C-2 SPEAKERS](#)

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Consent Agenda

4. [C-3 Approve the Consent Agenda](#)

New Administrator Announcements

Consent

Regular

Administration - Legal

5. [C-4 Termination of Appraisal Agreement with Keys Claim Consultants](#)

Attachment: [Appraisal demand and appraisal contract.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Bridges addressed the termination of the current appraisal agreement with Keys Claims Consultants. We used a contingency fee meaning that they would get paid a percentage if there was a recovery. The courts have ruled against contingency fees. Therefore, we need to terminate the agreement and determine a reasonable fee for services rendered so far.

Mrs. Fields asked about the financial impact timeline and what the estimated cost would be. Mr. Bridges stated that he could not answer that question and would have to wait on his discussion with Mr. Keys.

Mrs. Fields would also like to know where the moneys will be coming from. Mr. Perrone replied that it would be from General Funds until we receive the recovery funds to cover it.

Motions:

Recommend termination of Appraisal Agreement with Keys Claims Consultants dated 6/21/18. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Sara Beth Reynolds

Second: Billy Townsend

Lynn Wilson - Absent

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Sarah Fortney - Aye

Lisa Miller - Aye

Sara Beth Reynolds - Aye

Billy Townsend - Aye

6. [C-5 Nationwide Public Insurance Adjusters, Inc.](#)

Attachment: [NPIA Appraisal Agreement.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Appraisal Fee Schedules.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Bridges spoke about the experience of the new adjusters. Nationwide Public Insurance has worked with FEMA in the past. Mr. Green can devote himself full-time to this claim and is ready to move forward quickly. His fee is attached to the documents and Mr. Bridges stated that there is a provision to terminate without cause immediately.

Ms. Cunningham wanted it to be public record this is to not exceed \$500,000.

Mr. Stidham, representative of Nationwide Public Insurance explained we are on the plaintiff side of this contract. He stressed how important it is to move forward.

Mr. Townsend asked how confident are we that the scope of work will not go over \$500,000.

Mr. Bridges explained that the full amount of the \$500,000 will not need to be spent before we start receiving funds in from the claims.

Mr. Townsend asked if any work was done by the first adjuster?

Mr. Bridges said that they will find out what has been accomplished and it will be part of the conversation when fee negotiations begin.

Mrs. Cunningham would like to see a report of an outline of services completed so far.

Mr. Bridges assured her he will get that information and provide to the board.

Ms. Fortney asked if any of the 150 schools been repaired?

Mr. Bridges stated that there were immediate repairs done and the buildings are safe.

Mr. Stidham stated that the work done so far is not supported by engineering reports that in the litigation process have to be done. We are looking at the work that has been accomplished. FEMA can deduct the amount of the cost for procuring the insurance.

Ms. Fields asked if these are standard industry rates and did we look at other companies?

Mr. Bridges went out and spoke to our attorneys to find a replacement. These rates are standard. If we are going to exceed the set amount, would like to avoid special meetings in the future. Mr. Bridges explained we will be able to see the billing as it comes in.

Ms. Fields would like to have communication in a timely manner in the future.

Ms. Cunningham would like an outline of the fees that are being payed, an outline of the Keys Claims Consultants for the work that has been done and and what they are expecting to be paid.

Motions:

Recommend approval of Appraisal Agreement with Nationwide Public Insurance Adjusters, Inc - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Kay Fields

Second: Billy Townsend

Lynn Wilson - Absent

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Sarah Fortney - Aye

Lisa Miller - Aye

Sara Beth Reynolds - Aye

Billy Townsend - Aye

Public Hearing

Superintendent's Report

7. [Superintendent's Report](#)

Attorney's Report

Auditor's Report

Board Members' Report

8. [Billy Townsend, District 1](#)

9. [Lori Cunningham, District 2](#)

10. [Sarah Fortney, District 3](#)
11. [Sara Beth Reynolds, District 4](#)
12. [Kay Fields, District 5](#)
13. [Lynn Wilson, District 6](#)
14. [Lisa Miller, District 7](#)

Public Comments Addressing Items Not on Agenda

15. [SPEAKERS](#)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m. Minutes approved and attested this 22nd day of October 2019.

Lynn Wilson, Board Chair

Jacqueline M. Byrd, Superintendent