

WORK SESSION

March 4, 2008

The Board of Education of the Vandalia-Butler City School District met in Work Session in the board conference room Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members present were: Bud Zupp, President
 William Hibner, Vice President
 Robert Cupp
 Kent Zimmerman
 Judy Abromowitz

Others present were: Dr. Christy Donnelly, Superintendent
 Dan Schall, Treasurer

ARCHITECT PRESENTATIONS

Architect presentations were as follows:

Levin & Porter commenced at 6:35 p.m., concluded at 7:17 p.m.
Freytag & Associates commenced at 7:25 p.m., concluded at 8:06 p.m.
Fanning & Howey/Lorenz & Williams commenced at 8:19 p.m., concluded at 8:56 p.m.

ARCHITECT DISCUSSIONS

The Board welcomed the Strategic Plan Facilities Committee to discuss the architect presentations. The Board then discussed with the Facilities Committee and administration the following:

Whether each firm demonstrated the ability to work with contractors

The ability to be on site

The percentage of workload that Vandalia-Butler City Schools would be for the firm

Whether each firm seemed more contemporary or traditional

Whether the firms were LEED certified

The communication skills of the presenters

- 1.) Fanning & Howey and Lorenz & Williams joining together for Vandalia-Butler business
- 2.) Levin & Porter: Discussion that they were not as polished but very good to work with from architects.
- 3.) Concern over Freytag & Associates ability to work locally given that their emphasis was not on being onsite.

Excellence Levin & Porter's workload was a concern.

5.) Size on Levin & Porter and Freytag & Associates seemed desirable but Freytag may be too small.
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- 6.) Freytag & Associates are very hands-on.
- 7.) Levin & Porter may be more contemporary and innovative but that could be an indicator of the kind of community they work in.
- 8.) Freytag & Associates is likely seeking Vandalia-Butler City Schools as a flagship to bigger business.
- 9.) Freytag & Associates talked about LEED certification. The group discussed what it means to be LEED certified while also discussing why LEED processes generally just make good sense while being good for publicity.
- 10.) John Norton was referenced as a resource for LEED.
- 11.) The group discussed the communication skills of the presenters:
 - a. Fanning and Howey/Lorenz & Williams communication in Dayton is not the same as in Vandalia-Butler.
 - b. Levin & Porter demonstrated competence in walking through the campaign in similar size districts.
 - c. Need to analyze current market regarding communication.
 - d. Potential differences with Freytag & Associates is that Sidney projects are different.
 - e. Levin & Porter showed renovations while others only discussed new buildings. Contractors who have worked with LP have had good experiences.
- 12.) The selection process was discussed with respect to:
 - a. Fee structure
 - b. Schematic design
 - c. Construction
 - d. Contract Administration
 - e. Commissioning

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion by Judy Abromowitz, seconded by Bud Zupp, that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call:

Robert Cupp, yes; William Hibner, yes;

Kent Zimmerman, yes; Bud Zupp, yes; Judy Abromowitz, yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

Bud Zupp, President

Daniel Schall, Treasurer