

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 26, 2010

The Firelands Board of Education met in special session at 6:30 p.m. at the board of education offices. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Present at roll call were Jane Battig, Dwayne Becker and Daniel Pycraft and Courtney Ortner. Ken Kudela was absent.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA 10-37

Courtney Ortner moved, seconded by Daniel Pycraft that the agenda for tonight's meeting be approved.

Roll Call: Becker - yes; Ortner - yes; Pycraft - yes; Battig - yes.

Motion Carried

### QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS 10-38

WHEREAS, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the United States Congress authorized the issuance of Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB), where qualifying school districts could issue interest free bonds to be used for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of a public school facility, or for the acquisition of land on which such a facility is to be constructed; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has been allocated, through ARRA, a total of \$294,000,000.00 for calendar year 2010 for Qualified School Construction Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) is responsible for allocating the authority to issue Qualified School Construction Bonds among eligible schools in the State of Ohio applying for such authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Firelands Local School District (the "District") has determined that Energy Conservation Retrofits meets the QSCB criteria and desires to apply to the OSFC for the authority to issue Qualified School Construction Bonds.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FIRELANDS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. That this Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer of this Board to make application to the OSFC for authorization to issue Qualified School Construction Bonds in the amount of \$1,061,034 understanding that such application in no way commits the District to issue such bonds.

SECTION 2. That this Board further authorizes and directs the Superintendent and Treasurer to take any and all actions which may be necessary to issue Qualified School Construction Bonds as authorized by the OSFC, and to make certain funds are provided in a timely manner to assist in the Energy Conservation Retrofits.

SECTION 3. That the Treasurer of the Board is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the OSFC.

SECTION 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board; and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Daniel Pycraft moved, seconded by Courtney Ortner that the foregoing resolution be approved.

Roll Call: Ortner - yes; Pycraft - yes; Battig - yes; Becker – yes.

Motion Carried

APPROVE HB264 PROJECT 10-39

WHEREAS, the Firelands Local School District has previously authorized CCG Energy Solutions, Inc. to perform an in-depth engineering analysis of it's facilities for the purposes of developing an Energy Conservation Retrofit Program under the guidelines of Ohio Amended House Bill 264; and,

WHEREAS, CCG Energy Solutions, Inc. has completed said energy analysis in accordance with the provisions of amended HB 264; and,

WHEREAS, the results of this study reveal that the Firelands Local Schools will save an estimated \$70,902 per year in energy and operational costs over a fifteen-year period based on the implementation of the above mentioned energy retrofit program; and,

WHEREAS, the costs for implementation of the above mentioned retrofits will not exceed \$1,200,000;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Firelands Local Schools (the "District"), County of Lorain, Ohio (at least two-thirds of all members thereof concurring), this Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with CCG Energy Solutions, Inc. for the purposes of performing an Energy Conservation Retrofit Project as outlined in their program proposals, contingent upon State Department of Education approval of this project under the guidelines of Ohio Amended House Bill 264; and,

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in accordance with the provisions of amended House Bill 264, this Board of Education does hereby exempt itself from the statutory bidding requirements under the Ohio Revised Code section 3313.372.

Courtney Ortner moved, seconded by Jane Battig that the foregoing recommendation be approved.

Roll Call: Ortner - yes; Battig - yes; Pycraft - yes; Becker – yes.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT 10-40

Courtney Ortner moved, seconded by Daniel Pycraft that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call: Battig - yes; Becker – yes; Ortner - yes; Pycraft – yes.

Motion Carried

MEETING ADJOURNED