

## SBRC Meeting minutes

June 14, 2022 Meeting via Zoom

### Members present:

John Tocci, John Heffernan, Steve Bilafer, Victor Hebert, Mayanne MacDonald Briggs, Kevin Coughlin

### Members absent: Phil Gonzalez

### Members of School Administration present:

Superintendent Michael Welch, Director of Facilities Denise Maroney

Meeting called to order at 12:02 PM

Discussion on how members should complete tables for response to interviews. Denise will attach copies of each company's power point as exhibits for our submittal to MSBA.

Chair Tocci and Victor Hebert reported out on Compass references. Vice chair Bilafer and Kevin Coughlin reported on Skanska references. John Heffernan reported on CMS references and Mayanne MacDonald Briggs reported on Colliers. Denise requested that any outstanding reference sheets be sent to her as soon as possible. Agreed that Skanska and Compass were the clear top two choices.

Discussion of the top two firms, Skanska and Compass followed. Denise Maroney reported Skanska had an interview score of 599, Compass an interview score of 573.

### Initial vote taken:

Vice Chair Bilafer: Compass

Mayanne MacDonald Briggs: Skanska

Kevin Coughlin: Skanska

Victor Hebert: Skanska

John Heffernan: Compass

Chair Tocci: Compass

The initial vote was tied although Mr. Hebert indicated that his vote for Skanska was on a slim margin and close to a tie. A deeper dive and in-depth discussion of the references we received ensued. Discussion followed regarding who had the most recent and similar experiences and the commentary and accolades from the references. Compass references came from Wellesley (two projects), Westwood and Norwood. Wellesley and Westwood were elementary school consolidations and Norwood a middle school change from 6-8 to 5-8. John and Victor reported uniformly excellent reports from references regarding management of the challenging consolidation process. Discussion of which team might be able to work with all stake holders to best get us to a yes. Discussion included responses to individual questions and how each member felt about the responses. Steve reported excellent references for Skanska but concern over lack of similarity of recent projects to Oakdale, which is why he initially chose Compass

During course of further conversation it became clearer that Compass was the top choice. After this more in-depth discussion a vote was taken.

Final vote via roll call:

Vice Chair Bilafer: Compass

Mayanne MacDonald Briggs: Compass

Kevin Coughlin: Compass

Victor Hebert: Compass

John Heffernan: Compass

Chair Tocci: Compass

Discussion regarding contract negotiations. Vice Chair Bilafer inquired if we could wait until Matt Wells, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance started in July. Not feasible. We now have a deadline of Friday June 17, to submit, and make the targeted MSBA July meeting. Team decided that Dr. Ed Gotgart will reach out to Compass. Superintendent Welch will reach out to Jen Flynn to connect Dr. Gotgart. Denies Moroney and John Tocci would play support roles for MSBA follow-up.

New Business:

Motion to approve April 25, 2022 meeting minutes made by Vice Chair Bilafer, seconded by John Heffernan, voted unanimously for approval via roll call vote.

Vice Chair Bilafer then motioned that Compass be notified today, seconded by John Heffernan, voted unanimously by roll call vote.

At 12:59 PM, Mr. Heffernan motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hebert, voted unanimously.