

March 24, 2009

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY

FROM: JULIE M. JANSSEN, Ed.D., SUPERINTENDENT

C: Request Approval of Compensation to Robert P. Resch III Architect for Termination of Architectural Services in Connection With Permanent Relocatable Classroom Additions for Class Size Reduction (CSR) at North Ward Elementary School in the Amount of \$25,193

BACKGROUND:

In November 2002, the voters in the State of Florida approved a state constitutional amendment to limit the number of students assigned to each classroom. Pursuant to s. 1, Art. IX of the State Constitution and 1003.03 of the Florida Statutes, the school board and administrative staff considered various implementation strategies within the district in order to meet the constitutional class size maximums. The project at North Ward Elementary School consisted of an installation of three permanent relocatables and associated covered walkways. This project was established to meet compliance with the CSR amendment at individual classroom level and for the start of the 2010-2011 school year.

On September 9, 2008, the school board approved the agreement for architectural services for the above-referenced project. Approval of the original agreement allowed the project architect and engineer (PA/E) to proceed with the design. Part of the PA/E services was to conduct a comprehensive site and facility assessments prior to developing a design for this school. This effort included all aspects of preliminary site design, a feasibility study and all supporting due diligence ranging from geotechnical surveys to soil borings. The PA/E expended many hours in the research development to arrive at final recommendations for design in order to proceed with developing construction documents.

At the January 13, 2009 board meeting a final vote confirmed adoption of an amendment to board policy regarding Student Assignment To Schools (Attendance Districts), which enacted change to the student assignment plan for 2009-10 including school closing/consolidation. These school closings were enacted in order to address district budgetary concerns and declining student enrollment.

Since North Ward Elementary School was included within the schools listed for closing it is necessary to terminate the CSR projects at this location. Project progress was therefore halted after 50% phase III documents were submitted by the PA/E. Based on the original agreement with the PA/E, the school board, as owner, may terminate the agreement for their convenience and without fault of the PA/E. In the event of termination not the fault of the PA/E, compensation shall be provided for services performed prior to termination, together with reimbursable expenses then due and all termination expenses.

The PA/E has provided an accounting of services rendered to date, which has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Office of the School Board Architect. The total amount for these services is \$25,193.

IMPACT STATEMENT:

Construction Cost (Construction Manager Services)	\$0	
Construction Cost Sub-Total		\$0
Project Architect/Engineering Design Cost (PA/E) 18 Facilities	\$923,068	
Termination of PA/E Services @ North Ward Elementary	(25,193)	
PA/E Sub-Total		\$897,875
Furniture, Equipment and Technology (FE & T)	\$0	
FE & T Sub-Total		\$0
Estimated Total Project Cost to Date		\$897,875
The potential source of this funding is District Capital Outlay School Tax.		