

**WESTWOOD REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 4, 2021**

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Special Note: N.J.S.A 10:4-8(b) authorizes local units to conduct public meetings through use of streaming services and other online meeting platforms in certain circumstances. Therefore, in light of the current Public Health Emergency and Executive Order, the public meeting will be held online. The district website contains detailed information.

1. Meeting called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. online.
2. Roll Call
3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG
4. The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Westwood Regional Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be sent to the following announcing time and place thereof:

Westwood Borough Hall
Westwood Public Library
Township of Washington Administration Building
Township of Washington Free Public Library
The Record
Community Life
Pascack Press

5. **PUBLIC FORUM** (Pursuant to Board Policy 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings):

During this portion of the meeting, district residents and staff are invited to address the Board of Education on any topics specifically addressed in this agenda or on any other questions, comments, or concerns that may be in respect to the operation of their schools. The Board requests that individuals wishing to speak raise their hand and sign the speakers' list via the chat feature in Zoom giving name and address, and asks that all remarks be directed to the Board as a whole (not to individuals). The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding personnel matters are discouraged and cannot be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. If a matter concerning a district staff member is of interest or concern to a resident, the matter should be referred to the responsible Building Principal, Superintendent of Schools, or the Board of Education, either by telephone, letter, or email.

Although the Board may not respond to items raised during the public forum, all public comments will be considered and may be discussed tonight under the appropriate agenda items or "new business" at this meeting, at subsequent meetings under "old business," or during a Board committee meeting, if appropriate.

Each speaker's statement will be limited to five (5) minutes in duration. The Public Forum will be limited to one (1) hour in duration.

6. **FINANCE / FACILITIES**

A. Motion: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, the Westwood Regional Board of Education ("the Board") advertised for bids for the Security Vestibule Renovations Project at Berkeley Elementary School, Brookside Elementary School, Jessie George Elementary School, Washington Elementary School and Westwood Regional High School ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2021, the Board received bids for these Projects; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bidder for the Project, APS Contracting, Inc., ("APS") submitted a base bid #1 for the Berkeley Elementary School in the amount of \$83,000, base bid #2 for Brookside Elementary School in the amount of \$242,000, base bid #3 for Jessie George Elementary School in the amount of \$192,000, base bid #4 for the Washington Elementary School in the amount of \$221,000, and base bid #5 for the Westwood Regional High School in the amount

of \$220,000 together with Alternate No. WeHS-2 in the amount of \$35,000 and Alternate No. WeHS-3 in the amount of \$48,000, for a total contract sum of \$1,041,000; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by APS is responsive in all material respects and it is the Board's desire to award the contract for the Projects to APS.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board awards the contract for the Project to APS in a total contract sum of \$1,041,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the Project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, and an executed contract, as prepared by the Board, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2021-2022 Budget Work Session

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: that this meeting be adjourned and the Board meet in Private Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel, litigious, and negotiation matters. The decisions which emanate from these discussions will be disclosed to the public when action is taken by the Board.