

SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Resolution Number 0404-172

RESOLUTION

- Whereas: it is the intent of the Syracuse City School District to renovate all of its buildings under a comprehensive public/private partnership; and
- Whereas: the City and the District desire to establish a joint cooperative board (the "JSC Board") to manage and administer the design, renovation and financing of existing public schools in the District; and
- Whereas: the City and the District intent to propose legislation (the "Syracuse Schools Act") for enactment by the State of New York (the "State") to encourage the City and the District to undertake cooperatively new and innovative ways of renovating and financing public schools within the City including without limitation to authorize the JSC Board to enter into contracts in connection therewith on behalf of the City and the District; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved: That for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the City and the District agree as follows:
1. Establishment of the JSC Board.
 - A. There is hereby established a joint cooperative board to be known as the "Syracuse Joint School Construction Board." The JSC Board shall be composed of eleven members, one of whom shall be the New York State Regent for the District of the City (the "Regent Member"). The Regent Member shall be an ex officio, non-voting member of the JSC Board. The other nine members of the JSC Board shall consist of:
 - Superintendent of the District;
 - Three members of the Board of Education appointed by the President of the Board of Education;
 - President of the City Common Council;
 - Two Common Councilors of the City Common Council appointed by the President of the City Common Council;
 - Mayor of the City; and
 - Two members appointed by the Mayor of the City.
 - B. Each member shall be appointed for a period of one year. Members shall be eligible to serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms. Members of the JSC Board shall receive no compensation for their services. The membership on the JSC Board of an ex officio member shall terminate upon the inauguration or appointment of his or her successor in such office, which successor in office shall thereupon become the member.

- C. The Mayor shall be the Chairperson of the JSC Board and shall vote only in the event of a tie among the members. The JSC Board shall provide for the holding of regular meetings and such special meetings at the call of the Chairperson, as may be necessary. A majority of the whole number of voting members the JSC Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The powers of the JSC Board shall be vested in and exercised by a majority of the whole number of voting members thereof.

2. Powers and Duties of the JSC Board.

- A. The JSC Board shall utilize the resources and staff of the District and the City to the fullest extent practicable and permitted by the Syracuse Schools Act and applicable law to expedite the reconstruction of existing public schools pursuant to a plan and schedule established by the District Board of Education and to collaboratively seek funds, services and comprehensive development proposals from outside agencies and educational institutions. The JSC Board shall have access to the staff and resources of the City and District including but not limited to the Corporation Counsel's office, professional and technical assistance by planning experts, engineers, architects and any other staff as may be necessary and the premises, personnel, equipment and personal property of the City and the District.
- B. The primary purpose of public school facilities shall be educational. JSC Board shall manage and administer its powers and duties in accordance with such primary purpose and with the secondary purpose that such sites may also serve multiple purposes including but not limited to education and community based services.
- C. As authorized by the Syracuse Schools Act, the JSC Board shall enter into contracts on behalf of the City and the District for the renovation of the existing public schools in accordance with the Syracuse Schools Act and applicable State and local law.
- D. The JSC Board shall manage and administer on behalf of the City and the District any comprehensive reconstruction program (each an "Approved Program") as authorized from time to time by the State Education Department and Syracuse Schools Act as it may be amended from time to time.
- E. Promptly after appointment of the members, the JSC Board shall recommend to the District the projects for renovation of existing public schools to be included in the initial Approved Program and identified as such in the Syracuse Schools Act.
- F. The JSC Board shall report to the City Common Council and the District Board of Education no less frequently than every six (6) months on the status of each reconstruction program and the projects, contracts and other activities of the JSC Board undertaken pursuant to this Agreement or the Syracuse Schools Act.
- G. The JSC Board shall exercise such other and further powers and duties as may be conferred upon it by State law or by agreement of the City and the District.

3. TERM The JSC Board and this Agreement shall continue for a period of five (5) years or until completion of any renovation project undertaken by the JSC Board, whichever occurs first. The City and the District may renew this Agreement for an additional five (5) years. Upon termination or expiration of the term hereof, the JSC Board shall cease to exist and custody and control, if any, of projects and school buildings shall revert to the District and the City.