

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMPETITIVE RETAIL NATURAL GAS SERVICE FROM THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID SUBMITTED TO META SOLUTIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 2020 AND TERMINATING NO LATER THAN JUNE 2025.

WHEREAS, the School District is a member of META Solutions (f/k/a Metropolitan Educational Council) (the "Council"), a body authorized by state statute to aggregate purchasing needs of schools and of related nonprofit educational entities so as to take advantage of economies of scale when purchasing essential products and services; and

WHEREAS, the Council joined with other major school districts and educational purchasing councils to conduct a Request for Proposal for competitive natural gas service commencing with the July 2020 billing cycle and terminating no later than the close of the June 2025 billing cycle, with bids to be submitted for one, two and three year periods (the "RFP"); and

WHEREAS, the Council has sent notices to bid on the School District's natural gas supply along with other school district's natural gas supply to all competitive retail natural gas service providers licensed to sell natural gas in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Council will select or has selected the lowest responsible bid submitted in response to the attached RFP; and

WHEREAS, this School District may review the lowest responsible bid and corresponding term and elect to accept the lowest responsible bid with no obligation prior to that time or thereafter if the School District does not sign a Master Supply Agreement with the selected bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will review the lowest responsible bid and corresponding term when the RFP is concluded and determine whether the lowest responsible bid provides for competitive retail natural gas service for all of the School District's natural gas supply that is the result of a public and competitive RFP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WORTHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education of this School District does hereby consent, as a member of the Council, to the conducting of an RFP process by the Council for competitive retail natural gas service commencing with the July 2020 billing cycle and terminating no later than the end of the June 2025 billing cycle, with bids to be submitted for one, two and three year periods on such terms and conditions as the Council deems appropriate.

Section 2. The Board of Education of this School District does hereby authorize the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to execute a Master Supply Agreement between the School District and the lowest responsible bidder in the RFP so long as the Superintendent or his appointee finds that the price reflects the results of a public and competitive request for proposal.

Section 3. The Board of Education hereby directs the Treasurer to review the lowest responsible bid once received and the Master Supply Agreement and determine if the School District has sufficient funds to certify this resolution and, if the Treasurer so finds, to certify this resolution.