

BOARD RESOLUTION

The Board of Education (the "Board") of the Big Walnut Local School District, Sunbury, Ohio, (the "School District") met in general session _____, 2023, at _____ p.m., at the offices of the Board, _____, Ohio _____ with the following members present:

M____. _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its passage.

AUTHORIZING META SOLUTIONS, ACTING JOINTLY AS A MEMBER OF THE OHIO SCHOOL CONSORTIUM ("CONSORTIUM")¹, TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPETITIVE RETAIL NATURAL GAS SERVICE FROM THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER SUBMITTED TO CONSORTIUM AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO PURCHASE COMPETITIVE RETAIL NATURAL GAS SERVICE FROM SUCH BIDDER.

WHEREAS, the School District is a member of META Solutions, a body authorized by state statute to aggregate the 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;

WHEREAS, in prior years, META Solutions has joined with other school districts and educational purchasing councils, acting jointly as a member of the Consortium, to conduct a Request for Proposal ("RFP") for competitive natural gas service commencing on or about mid-February 2024;

WHEREAS, through prior RFP processes, the Consortium has selected the lowest and best bids submitted in response to RFPs; and the School District has previously elected to enter into a Master Supply Agreement with the lowest and best bidder for competitive retail natural gas service for all of the School District's natural gas supply;

WHEREAS, the Consortium intends to issue a new RFP for competitive retail natural gas service commencing with the July, 2025 billing cycle and terminating no later than the end of the June, 2030 billing cycle for participating school districts and education purchasing councils;

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to participate in this upcoming RFP process and potentially execute a Master Service Agreement with the lowest and best RFP bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will review the lowest and best bid and corresponding terms when the RFP is concluded and determine whether the RFP resulted in the lowest and best bid for competitive retail natural gas service for all of the School District's natural gas supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF DELAWARE, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

¹ The members of the Consortium are the META Solutions, the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency, the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council, the Stark County Schools Council of Governments, Columbus City Schools, and South-Western City Schools.

Section 1. The Board of Education of the School District does hereby consent, as a member of META Solutions to the conducting of an RFP process by the Consortium for competitive retail natural gas service commencing with the July, 2025 billing cycle and terminating no later than the end of the June, 2030 billing cycle, with bids to be submitted for one, two and three year periods on such terms and conditions as the Consortium deems appropriate.

Section 2. The Board of Education of the 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 and best bidder in the RFP so long as the Superintendent or his appointee finds that the price reflects the results of a public and competitive RFP process.

Section 3. The Board of Education hereby directs the Treasurer to review the lowest and best 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.

M____ seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

The resolution passed.

Passed: _____, 2023

**CERTIFICATE
EXPENDITURE BASED ON CONTRACT**

The undersigned hereby certifies that: (a) the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly passed by the Board of Education of said School District on the ____ day of _____ 20__; (b) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.412, the School District has in effect for the remainder of the school fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes, including the renewal of existing levies which, when combined with estimated revenue from all other sources available to the School District at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the School District to maintain all personnel and programs on all days in its school calendar for the current fiscal year and for a number of days in succeeding fiscal years equal to the number of days that instruction was held or is scheduled to be held for the current fiscal year; (c) this Certificate attached to the appropriation measure shall cover only the fiscal year in which the appropriation measure is effective and does not consider the renewal or replacement of an existing levy as the authority to levy taxes that are subject to appropriation in the current fiscal year unless the renewal or replacement levy had been approved by electors and is subject to appropriation in the current fiscal year; and (d) this Certificate covers the term of the Master Supply Agreement including any allowable extensions.

Dated: _____, 2023

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Darren Jenkins, Treasurer

Ryan McLane, Superintendent

Doug Crowl, Board President

