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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 30, 1989

A special meeting of the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 30, 1989. The meeting was called to order by Chair Waszkiewicz at 2:05 p.m. in the Board Room, Bernhard Center.

(It was indicated at the January 20 Board meeting that a special meeting would probably be necessary for the consideration of the Waldo Library/Computer Center contract before the March meeting.)

Board members present: Trustee Edwards, Trustee Fraser, Trustee Howard, Trustee Reed, Trustee St. John, Trustee Waszkiewicz, and President Haenicke (ex officio).

Acceptance of the Agenda. The Board of Trustees accepted the agenda as presented on a motion by Trustee St. John, supported by Trustee Edwards.

Waldo Library/Computer Center Project Contract. As presented by Vice President Beam, the low bidding company of Carl J. Heinke and Sons, Inc., from South Bend, Indiana, was recommended as contractor for the project. There was discussion re the granting of a contract to an out-of-state company and the more than \$900,000 difference in bids between Reinke and Sons, Inc. and the next two low bidding companies. In making the recommendation, Bob Self from WBDC, Inc., the architectural firm on the project, and Dr. Charles Davis indicated that they had reviewed the bids carefully and were in agreement. They stated that the company has been in business for forty-five years, worked with WBDC before with very acceptable results, and has done comparable projects and come in under cost. In response to questions re the great dollar difference between the recommended company and the other low bidders, it was indicated in part that Reinke and Sons, Inc. do their own concrete/masonry work, accounting for large savings, while other companies sub-contract this work. It was also discussed that state regulations require that the lowest qualified bid be accepted, that the regulations do not prohibit awarding contracts to out-of-state bidders, and that the contract includes provisions for prevailing wages as required by the state. President Haenicke indicated that he was in agreement with the recommendation. The Board authorized the treasurer to enter into a \$17,425,963 contract with Carl J. Reinke and Sons, Inc. to function as general contractor for the entire construction project. The action was approved after a motion by Trustee St. John, supported by Trustee Reed, on a 5-0 roll call vote, with Trustee Howard abstaining, indicating philosophic concern with the awarding of the contract to an out-of-state company.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Chauncey J. Brinn
Secretary
Board of Trustees