

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT FIRM CONTRACT

April 8, 2019

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Finance Department, is requesting approval of a contract with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP., located at 1966 Greenspring Drive, Suite 300, Timonium, MD 21093.

The current independent financial audit firm contract expires with the completion of the year ending June 30, 2018 work. Article 5-109 of the Annotated Code of Maryland requires “each county board” provide for an annual audit of its financial transactions and accounts. Further the article stipulates the audit be performed by a certified public accounting firm licensed to practice in the State of Maryland and approved by the State Superintendent. Audit results are a matter of public record.

The independent financial auditors work for and report to the Board of Education. Most of the on-going contact with the Board has been delegated to the Audit Committee. The auditors present to the full Board in October of each year.

The funding source for this contract is the operating budget.

Discussion:

Proposals were solicited and advertised. Three firms submitted proposals. The committee, after evaluating and scoring the proposals unanimously agreed that CliftonLarsonAllen LLP would be recommended to the Board for award of the independent audit services contract beginning with the audit for the year ending June 30, 2019 for a period of five fiscal years.

The total five year cost structure is as follows:

Year ending June 30, 2019	\$52,100
Year ending June 30, 2020	\$53,100
Year ending June 30, 2021	\$54,280
Year ending June 30, 2022	\$55,460
Year ending June 30, 2023	<u>\$56,640</u>
Five year total	\$271,580

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that CliftonLarsonAllen LLP be awarded the independent audit services contract beginning with the audit for the year ending June 30, 2019 for a period of five fiscal years, for a total five year cost of \$271,580.