

## **Box Elder School District**

### **Approval of Final Construction Contract for Discovery Elementary**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract for the expansion of Discovery Elementary.

**Background:** In November of 2025, the Board of Education awarded the construction design contracts to Design West Architects and Hughes General Contractors. From November of 2025 through April of 2026, the staff at the Board of Education, along with Design West and Hughes General Contractors have been working on design and engineering for the expansion of Discovery Elementary. The expansion will total 29,478 square feet and will add 12 new classrooms, along with an additional gym. The construction is slated to begin in May 2026 and be completed by July of 2027.

**Recommended Motion:** I move that the BESD Board of Education approve the guaranteed maximum price contract with Hughes General Contractors for the expansion of Discovery Elementary in the amount of \$15,567,895.

**Policy Implications:** None

**Financial Implications:** The Board of Education intends to seek a loan to finance the expansion of Discovery Elementary. The loan will carry an interest rate of approximately 4.4% for a term of no more than 20 years. Loan payments will be made from the Capital Outlay fund with existing funds.

**Staff Implications:** None at this time.