Believing that several separate architects or architectural firms will produce a wider range of experience and talent which should result in development of better or more efficient plans, the Board shall recommend one or more qualified architects or firms to be assigned to buildings projects.

In recommending architects the following criteria will be considered:

1. Training and experience;
2. Planning ability;
3. Promptness;
4. Specification in writing, accuracy and sufficiency of detail;
5. Design, appearance and utility;
6. Ability to meet budget requirements;
7. Past performance;
8. Relation with contractors;
9. Location;
10. Work load;
11. Volume of work previously awarded by the school system with the objective of effecting an equitable distribution of contracts among qualified firms; and
12. Experience with government agencies.

When it becomes necessary to secure the services of an architect or firm, the Board shall request submission of proposal(s) including qualifications and services from interested architectural firms. Public announcements of the proposed projects shall be made.

After review of the proposal(s) submitted and interviews with selected firms under consideration by the superintendent and based upon the superintendent’s recommendation(s), the Board shall make a recommendation(s) to the Lakeland Board of Commissioners.
The Board may hire a construction manager. The selection process will be the same as used to select an architect. Only those firms with previous expertise in construction management will be considered.¹

Legal References