NEW BUSINESS - ACTION **AGENDA ITEM VII-3**

R26/27-09

CCC Board of Education – Topic Summary	
Topic:	Natural Resources Center of Excellence Project
Date:	September 16, 2026
Presenter:	Ron Prince - Dean of Campus Services Dale Kuykendall – Wenaha Group Program Manager
Division/Department:	Campus Services
RECOMMENDATION:	Approval of Resolution R26/27-09, Authorizing Swinerton Builders up to a contract amount of $544,669. This amount includes existing departmental approvals of $245,182 for preconstruction services and $299,487 in securing mass timber materials

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:
Contracts and adjustments over $250,000 require Board of Education approval.

BACKGROUND:
An important element of the 2024 General Obligation Bond election was providing funds for the construction of the new Natural Resources Center of Excellence (NRCE).

In November of 2025, a contract was executed with Swinerton Builders for Preconstruction Services in the amount of $85,704. In July of 2026, this amount was increased by $76,071 to cover expanded services and increased project scope. An August increase of $83,407 covered support of the evolving design with trade partner services for the mass timber structure, greenhouses, fire suppression and mechanical work.

This month, in support of commitment to the mass timber structure, additional engineering work and material deposits are required in the amount of $299,487, which requires Board approval. This will bring the total current Swinerton Builders agreement to the amount of $544,669.

The design of the project is rapidly completing, with significant bidding activity occurring through the month of October. Depending on actual bidding results, it is planned to request Board approval for approximately $29,000,000 in November and $14,000,000 in January. The estimated total construction contract amount for Swinerton Builders is $43,250,000, which is in alignment with the current budget. Work at the site is expected to start in January.

ATTACHMENT:
Swinerton Builders Procurement Matrix Dated September 2, 2026

BUDGET IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDS:
This project will be funded from the 2024 General Obligation Bond funds.