

**School Board Meeting:**

**May 28, 2024**

**Subject:**

Playground Resurfacing at HES, MESI,  
MEEC and TESS

**Presenters:**

**Tim Helppi,  
Director of Buildings and Grounds**

**Preston Euerle,  
R.A. Morton and Associates**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Accept the lowest qualified base bid submitted by Midwest Playscapes for the amount of \$768,692.03 to complete the poured-in-place playground resurfacing at Hanover Elementary School, Tatanka Elementary School, Montrose Elementary School and Montrose Early Education Center.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Four playgrounds were selected to be resurfaced during this project. There will be two playgrounds remaining to be resurfaced after this project is completed. The City of Buffalo is planning to replace the playground equipment at Parkside Elementary and Northwinds Elementary is raising funds for new playground equipment. The district will coordinate the playground resurfacing with the install of the new equipment at these two locations.

The Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District secured the services of R.A. Morton and Associates to draft bid documents and coordinate the public bid for the Playground Resurfacing project.

Bids were opened on Thursday, May 16, 2024 with four separate companies submitting complete bids. The low bid was submitted by Midwest Playscapes Inc. Enclosed is the letter of recommendation from R.A. Morton & Associates along with the bid results showing the four complete bids that were submitted.

The scope of the playground resurfacing project will include removal of the existing wood fiber surfacing, installing concrete curbs as needed, installing a compacted sand base, installing a compacted aggregate base and installing a 4" poured-in-place surfacing at each of the above locations.

This project was bid in three different bid sections (3A Concrete, 31A Excavation, and 12A Poured in Place Rubber). There was one addendum which stated that bid section 31A Excavation would be done by the owner under a separate contract. We have secured the services of a local excavation contractor to remove the existing wood fibers and install the compacted sand.

The total amount for this project is expected to be \$1,192,832.00 for these four playgrounds. This amount includes excavation, poured-in-place rubber, moving existing playground equipment in Montrose to fit into a revised playground container, and an allowance for the three elementary schools to purchase a new piece of playground equipment for each playground.

This project was specified in the bond referendum that was passed in the fall of 2023. The current amount that is budgeted for these four locations, including the allowance for playground equipment at three locations, is \$1,246,635.00.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Bid Recommendation – BHM Playground Resurfacing
- Bid Results BHM Playground Resurfacing Tabulation