

**LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DISTRICT #70
Libertyville, Illinois**

MARCH 20, 2023

BOARD REPORT NO. 8.5

APPROVAL - SUMMER 2023 PROJECT BID (BUTTERFIELD GENERATOR)

The District recently went out to bid for the second of its potential three Summer 2023 projects. This portion of the project includes the purchase and installation of a generator at Butterfield School.

The District posted the Bid Notice in the Daily Herald, as required, on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Three companies submitted bids. The bid opening was held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 3:30 pm in the Educational Resource Center (ERC).

The base bid results are as follows:

Happ Builders	\$269,000
Powerlink Electric	\$208,297
Volt Electric	\$340,246

One alternate was included in the bid documents. It was Alternate #1 – Increase in Generator Size including connecting associated circuits feeding the front office, associated offices, nurse area and associated air handler unit.

It was recommended to the administration by the District architect, Peter Graves, that Alternate #1 be included with the base bid for the Summer 2023 Butterfield Generator project because it is best practice to include a space within the building that could be used as the main area of continued operations in the event that other areas of the building were without power. After discussion with the low bidder, Peter Graves believes that Powerlink Electric is a qualified bidder capable of meeting the project specifications.

The pricing by all three companies for the Alternate 1 was:

Happ Builders	\$80,000
Powerlink Electric	\$54,804
Volt Electric	\$36,382

The final bid prices are reasonable compared to the current market. Prices were higher than the projected cost as they include additional connections not originally budgeted including boilers and associated pumps.

Also of note, the district just received the \$50,000 of matching funds from the School Maintenance Project Grant applied for in the Fall for this project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Possible Motion: I move that the Board of Education approve the base bid and alternate #1 of Powerlink Electric at a total cost of \$263,101.