

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2025

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION, ISD #31

FROM: ASHLEY EATRIDGE, CPA, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES

SUBJECT: BEMIDJI MIDDLE SCHOOL LED RETROFIT BIDS

COMMENTS:

Bids have been received for the Bemidji Middle School LED Retrofit project.

The project will be completed from June - August 2026 and will upgrade our lighting to LEDs and the control system to include timer switches and occupancy sensors which will result in better control over the work environment for staff and energy efficiencies that will result in operational energy costs savings.

One timely bid was received and it was from Bessler Electric in the amount of \$817,700. This is the same contractor that completed the Bemidji High School LED Retrofit project.

We did receive a second bid from another contractor but it was received after the bid deadline, so we were unable to accept it for consideration. In the bid specifications it states "it is the bidders responsibility to see that mailed or delivered bids are in the hands of the Owner at the School District Office prior to 2:00 pm." It was also stated in the bid specifications and bid advertisement that the bid deadline was 2:00 pm. Unfortunately, this contractor turned their bid in at the School District Office at 2:10 pm.

ACTION:

The motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____
and, carried () to approve the low bid of \$817,700 from Bessler Electric for the Bemidji Middle School LED Retrofit project.

BID FORM

PROJECT: Bemidji Middle School Lighting Retrofit

BID OPENING DATE/TIME December 10th, 2025 at 2:30 PM

BID OPENING PLACE. ISD #31 District Office
502 Minnesota Ave NW
Bemidji, MN 56601

THE OWNER. ISD #31 Bemidji Area Schools
502 Minnesota Ave NW
Bemidji, MN 56601

I have received the Drawings and Specifications for the Single Prime Contract for EAPC Project No. 20251240, Bemidji Middle School Lighting Retrofit, Bemidji, MN.

I have also received Addenda Nos. #1 and have included their provisions in my Bid. I have examined both the documents and the site and submit the following Bid:

I will do the General & Electrical Construction work for the lump sum price of Eight hundred
seventeen thousand seven hundred dollars. dollars (\$ 817,700.00).

JB 1. To hold my bid open for 30 calendar days after its' opening.

JB 2. To accept the provisions of the Instructions to Bidders regarding disposition of Bid Security.

JB 3. To enter into and execute a Contract, if awarded on the basis of this bid, and to furnish Guarantee Bonds in accord with the Instructions to Bidders.

JB 4. To accomplish the work in accord with the Contract Documents.

JB 5. I have attached the required Bid Security.

JB 6. **I have attached Attachment A: Minnesota Prime Contractor Response form.**
(Bids will not be accepted without this form per Minn. Stat. § 16C.285)

Official Address:

331 OAK HILLS RD SE

BEMIDJI, MN 56601

BESSLER BROTHER'S ELECTRIC, LLC firm name

 signed by

Justin Bessler, President title