



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: Dr. Albert G. Roberts, Superintendent of Schools  
FROM: Therese M. O'Neill, Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations  
SUBJECT: Playground Bid-Final Recommendations  
DATE: March 19, 2013

At the February 26, 2013 meeting, the Board of Education reviewed bids received for work finalized and approved at its January 22, 2013 meeting, for playground work at its Hatch, Irving, Mann & Whittier schools, including base bids and a series of alternates for each respective school (this entire packet is included for review). The Board further was informed of FAC's (Facility Advisory Committee) review of bids received, as well as additional concerns for investigation prior to a final recommendation coming to the Board for approval.

One of FAC's concerns was the "Items mistakenly left off the bid tab by design team" and insuring, prior to award of a contract to the low responsible bidder, Clauss Brothers, that quantities and final costs were derived. There were 6 items "mistakenly left off" and these were:

1. New sod at Hatch.
2. 6' Chain Link gate for Irving Alternate #2.
3. Reinstall bike racks at Whittier (base bid).
4. Sod for Mann (base plan).
5. Sod for Mann Alternate #1.
6. Traffic control for Irving Alternate #2.

Altamanu was directed to acquire quantities and costs for the above and I have been informed that items #1, #4, and #5 above (all sod related) were already "accounted for" within the bid amount submitted and item #6 above, "has also been accounted for under other line items within the bids. The reattachment of the bike rack at Whittier will be done as part of the bid as well given it was noted on the drawings, at no additional cost".

Altamanu further informs me that: "There will be an extra charge from our list for the 6' tall gate (#2 above) and some additional 6' chain link fencing for the Irving Alternate 2 plan (#2 above). This gate and fencing was not clearly noted on the plans, not covered in the bid tab, so his (Clauss') fencing sub-contractor did not price it into his bids. His price to include this is \$1,900 and this pricing is consistent with his unit prices for other fencing items."

FAC also was concerned about the additional 10% contingency and, recognizing that FAC met again on Monday, March 11, 2013, it continues to see that as a concern. They feel that the Board should anticipate a conceptual potential set-aside of an additional 2% of total project (bid amounts) cost, not 10%, for possibly “unforeseen” circumstances, as a contingency. As always, the Board is approving actual hard bid numbers, not any additional percentages for contingencies.

Therefore, I am recommending award of a base contract in the following amount: \$2,077,148.70 for these specifics:

1. Hatch – Base Bid	\$ 387,728.05
2. Mann – Base Bid	\$ 408,041.60
3. Whittier – Base Bid	\$ 420,790.35
4. Irving – Alternate #2	\$ 858,688.70
5. Chain Link Gate & Fencing (Irving)	\$ 1,900.00
 GRAND TOTAL – BASE BID	 \$2,077,148.70

Secondly, I have now reviewed with the individual schools which alternates they would like to support:

1. Hatch, at this point, is unable to fund any of the alternates requested.
2. Mann’s Executive Board is recommending this Friday, support of the two alternates bid (New Entry - \$17,815.25 and Relocation of Trash enclosure - \$17,486.20) for a total of \$35,301.45; however, the Executive Board will be presenting to the full PTO on Friday, March 15 for final approval.
3. Whittier PTO, in concert with the Board of Education, will support funding 50% of the Whittier Play Equipment alternate (\$27,155.05). It has been determined that the Whittier Water Line/Utility work is unnecessary; however the Director of Buildings & Grounds can provide a water line, spigot and hose so that the garden will have access to water for the garden.

Total alternate work recommended for approval is \$62,456.50. The total recommended contract award to Clauss Brothers is \$2,139,605.20 (Base of \$2,077,148.70 plus total alternates of \$62,456.50).

The only other cost associated with this project is the direct purchase, by District 97, of the artificial turf from Field Turf in the total amount of \$117,667.

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Attachments