

Board of Education: Crete-Monee School District 201-U

Regular Board Meeting – September 16, 2025

Award the project of the Crete-Monee Middle School Renovation to BEAR Construction in the amount of \$4,054,535 via the TIPS Cooperative.

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The Issue:

Crete-Monee Middle School is in need of additional classrooms and workspaces to accommodate the current academic programming. Seven classrooms, 4 small group workrooms, and 2 teacher work rooms are proposed to be constructed at the building this school year with an anticipated completion date of August 2026.

Justification:

The additional space will reduce the amount of teachers, switching classrooms, utilizing mobile carts and provide additional areas to accommodate small group work and staff collaboration.

Board Policy and Past Practices

It is the practice of the Board to investigate, discuss and decide on actions that could improve the district facilities.

Strategic Plan:

The recommendation supports Goal #6 of the Strategic Plan which states that the Board is to “create or enhance facilities that are equitable, safe, and well-maintained to meet the educational needs of our students.”

Community Impact:

The capital improvements will provide additional learning space for the students and staff. The increased learning space will enhance the learning environment of the students.

Supporting Data:

The following documents have been included for reference and review:

- Proposal from Bear Construction - [Addition](#)
- Proposal from Bear Construction - [Interior](#)
- Proposal from Bear Construction - [Demolition](#)
- Proposal from Bear Construction - [Breakout Rooms](#)

Financial Impact:

The base bid proposed amount of \$4,054,535 has been verified with TIPS Purchasing Cooperative. This project will be funded with proceeds from the sale of alternative revenue bonds, secured by dissolving TIF 5 in University Park.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends awarding the project of the Crete-Monee Middle School Renovation Project to BEAR Construction.