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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Josh Becker, Director of Building Operations
Date: February 2, 2026
Re: MTI Distributing Purchase Agreement

This request is for approval to purchase two (2) new Toro Z Master 5000 series zero-turn mowers from MTI Distributing, to support the District's grounds maintenance operations. As we continue to seek efficient and reliable equipment solutions, staff and leadership has identified these units as a cost-effective and versatile option that will support mowing operations during the warmer months.

The Toro zero-turn mowers will provide dependable performance, reduced maintenance risk associated with used equipment, and long-term value through seasonal use. These units will enhance lawn and sports field maintenance operations and improve response time due to the acreage covered by the larger units compared to the current units. One of the units currently in use will be retired and used for parts, and the other will be used throughout the district as additional manpower is needed to maintain properties through the growing season.

Pricing has been researched and compared with similar equipment from multiple vendors, and the Toro units represent a competitive and responsible investment for the District. These units will be assigned to the district wide team and if needed will be available for use at Rock Island High School.

Equipment Details:

- **Equipment Model:** Toro Z Master 5000 Series
- **Model Details:** 72" Side Discharge - 26.5hp Kohler EFI motor - Tweels(Airless Tires)
- **Condition:** New (full manufacturer warranty)
- **Cost:** \$14,518.24 per unit
- **Quantity:** 2 units
- **Total Cost:** Not to exceed \$29,036.48

The District has previously spent \$5,988.60 with MTI Distributing for repairs and parts on District-owned equipment and anticipates approximately \$6,000 in additional repair and parts costs for the remainder of the year. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of two new Toro zero-turn mowers, along with repairs and parts for other equipment, for a total cost not to exceed \$41,025.08.

Investment Period: FY26

Total Investment: \$41,025.08

Funding Source: District Funds/Maintenance and Operations Department

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