

Memo

To: Board of Education
From: Steve Goss
cc: Superintendent Keevin O'Neill
Date: November 11, 2024
Re: Recommendation to replace domestic water heaters at Vicksburg High School

We have been advised that the two domestic water heaters at the high school are at the end of their operational lives, with one unit having failed. Technicians have advised us that, due to the age of the units and the inability to reliably source replacement parts, it will be more cost effective to replace both water heaters at this time.

Facilities Director Dewey Waterman solicited competitive quotes from three plumbing contractors for the purchase and installation of two new domestic water heaters, along with plumbing modifications to disconnect two existing 500-gallon hot water storage tanks. This change will not only enhance efficiency but also reduce energy costs by eliminating the need to maintain nearly 1,000 gallons of hot water. The storage tanks will remain in place for the time being, should hot water demand increase in the future.

Competitive quotes were received from the following:

1. Mall City Mechanical Inc.: \$28,182.00
2. R. W. LaPine, Inc.: \$28,451.00
3. A1 Refrigeration: \$43,485.00

I am requesting board approval to award the project to Mall City Mechanical, Inc. at the low quote of \$28,182. This project will be funded by the district's General Fund.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.