



Executive Summary Facilities Committee Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, January 19, 2021

TOPIC: Baseball Fields Dressing

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Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Purpose/Background:

Spring is approaching and the athletic field drainage project was completed last autumn. The north and south ball fields on campus are still in need of new infield sand mix, bases, DuraBrick in the batters' boxes and mounds, and general clean up of both areas. Sportsfields, Inc. recommends a Mid Lo mix which tends to reduce instances of dust, mud and does not require as much maintenance as a classic mix. This sand mixture is the same cost as the classic mix but does not require DuraPlay soil conditioner so there will be savings on each field, if the District selects this blend.

Legal counsel has reviewed the Sportsfields, Inc. proposal and noted the threshold for public bidding for school districts is typically \$25,000 for purchases of supplies or work. However, there are a number of exceptions, including one that would be applicable here. The School Code provision includes an exception for "contracts for repair, maintenance, remodeling, renovation, or construction, or a single project involving an expenditure not to exceed \$50,000 and not involving a change or increase in the size, type, or extent of an existing facility." 105 ILCS 5/10-20.21(a)(xi). The nature of the work described in the proposal fits this exception – one expenditure under \$50,000, renovation, not involving a change or increase in the size or extent of the existing fields.

Fiscal Impact:

\$17,200 for south ball field

\$9,500 for north ball field

\$150 for one of the optional Bolco pitcher's rubber

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\$26,850 TOTAL

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Facilities Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to accept the agreement from Sportsfields, Inc. for field dressing services using Mid Lo mix in the amount of \$26,850.