

To:	Board of Education
From:	Janice Roome, Comptroller
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Date:	July 21, 2025
Re:	Request approval of proposal for tennis court resurfacing

Background Information

At the April 14 meeting, the Board granted permission to seek bids on tennis court resurfacing. We had been in contact with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) regarding grants available to help with the cost of this project. The expected amounts of the grants are \$60,000 from the National USTA and \$3,500 from the Missouri Valley section of the USTA. The work was expected to be completed in July 2025. An update was given at the June 9 board meeting that no bids had been received.

Administrative Considerations

After receiving no bids for the project, we worked with the USTA to find a reputable contractor to complete the project. We discussed postponing the project to July 2026 and the continued availability of the grant funds. The USTA representative believes that we will still be able to obtain the grants.

Options Considered

We contacted the USTA recommended vendor, McConnell & Associates (MAC) headquartered in St. Louis. They have worked on and are working on several projects in our area. They inspected our courts and presented a proposal for the project. Due to the late timing, they were unable to schedule the work for July 2025. They are willing to put us on their schedule with priority for July 2026, which is the athletic department's preferred timing for the project.

MAC is a member of the TIPS purchasing cooperative and has a contract with the State of Illinois. This allows us to accept the proposal without seeking bids a second time. The original estimated cost of the project including architect fees was approximately \$160,000. MAC's total proposal for repair, resurfacing, and new nets is \$140,435. The architect fees are \$6,750 for a total estimated cost of \$147,185. This should leave enough in the budget for any additional costs associated with further deterioration in the next 12 months.

Fund Source

The project will be paid for with USTA grants and County Facility Sales Tax Funds.

Recommendation

We recommend granting approval of the McConnell & Associates proposal for repair and resurfacing of the tennis courts in July 2026.