
Board of Education

INFORMATION

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| TITLE: | Current Proposals, Bids and Renewal |
| DATE: | June 10, 2021 |
| RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: | Charles Warren, CFO |
| VISION 2023 STRATEGY: | Parameter “We will be responsible stewards of our resources” supporting all seven strategies |

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

The following is information related to current bids and proposals. Award status may be pending agreement on final pricing and contract.

- Milk and Bread
Requested by: Leigh Christian, Supervisor of Child Nutrition
Selection Method: Request for Proposal
Funding Source: Child Nutrition Funds
Award: Milk – Hiland Dairy; Bread – Harris Bakery
Bid Count: One local milk bidder and two local bread bidders
Additional Information: Milk and bread purchases are a significant portion of the Child Nutrition budget. Pricing was in line with economic conditions and current year expenses.
- Transportation Fuel
Requested by: Dennis Siebenmorgen, Director of Transportation
Selection Method: Request for Proposal
Funding Source: Operating Funds
Award: Littlefield (local vendor)
Bid Count: Two local and one from out of state
Additional Information: Fuel costs per gallon decreased from FY21 to \$0.0125. The District understands more miles will be projected in FY22 as activities return to normal.

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3. Insurance

Requested by: Charles Warren, CFO

Selection Method: Renewal

Funding Source: Operating Funds

Award:

| Policy | Provider | 2020-2021 | Difference | 2021-2022 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Student Accident | L.E. Smith & Assoc. | \$77,255 | \$1,816 | \$79,071 |
| Professional Liability | BHC | \$28,890 | (\$2,254) | \$26,636 |
| Property, Vehicle & Mobile Equipment | ASBA | \$721,221 | \$56,864 | \$778,085 |
| Totals | | \$803,099 | \$56,426 | \$827,366 |

The District’s student accident premium is still below the levels paid before the closure of in-school instruction in 2020. The reduction in the Professional Liability policy is primarily due to the lack of activity during the pandemic. The Property insurance premium increased due to the fact the all the Vision 2023 Capital Improvement Project values are added (new construction is expected to be complete in FY22). All changes in premiums appear reasonable.

4. Contract for District-Wide Sanitation/Recycling Services

Requested by: Shawn Shaffer, Supervisor of Facilities

Selection Method: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: Operating Funds

Award: City of Fort Smith Sanitation Services

Bid Count: Two, one in state (Waste Management) and one local (Fort Smith)

Bid Summary:

| Vendor | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | Total |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Waste Management | \$172,090 | \$176,894 | \$183,595 | \$532,579 |
| City of Fort Smith | \$122,022 | \$122,022 | \$122,022 | \$366,066 |

VISION 2023 STRATEGY: Strategy 3. Instruction

1. Pearson Connexus

Requested by: Martin Mahan, Deputy Superintendent

Selection Method: Renewal

Funding Source: ESSER

Additional Information: Pearson will provide the curriculum and learning management platform needed to continue the K-12 virtual option.

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2. Jimmy Casas and Associates

Requested by: Martin Mahan, Deputy Superintendent

Selection Method: Renewal

Funding Source: State Categorical Funds

Additional Information: Jimmy Casas is a leadership coach and he will provide embedded professional development to building and district leaders.

3. Capturing Kids' Hearts

Requested by: Martin Mahan, Deputy Superintendent

Selection Method: Committee Review

Funding Source: ESSER

Additional Information: Through experiential training, expert coaching, an SEL curriculum for students, and personalized support, *Capturing Kids' Hearts*® equips professionals in K-12 education to implement transformational processes focused on social-emotional wellbeing, relationship-driven campus culture, and student connectedness. This resource will assist in the development of authentic middle schools.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information item. No recommendation is required.

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