

Lyon CSD Board of Trustees Questions and Answers for the January 28, 2025 School Board Meeting Agenda

This document serves as a means to allow LCSD Trustees an opportunity to ask questions about the upcoming board meeting agenda items. Questions posed by board members will be answered as soon as possible by District staff, so please post your question as soon as possible. Trustees, please note that you have until 12:00 pm the day before the board meeting to submit questions. This will allow time for District staff to answer. District staff will answer questions in this document by 12:00 pm the day of the board meeting. **These questions and answers will be posted in the consent agenda meeting materials so the public can see the questions posed and the answers provided about each agenda item.**

Agenda Item #: 17

Trustee Question: (Whisler) Were the two different curriculums put into the Junior and High schools for the parents to review and if so for how long?

Did the committee talk to parents in the district to see which one the majority of the parents preferred?

District Staff Answer:

The one curriculum, chosen by the committee, was set up electronically for review in each of the Middle and High Schools for all stakeholders. The materials were made available for all parents and stakeholders from December 9th through the 18th. If parents used the login information they could even review materials from home.

Our practice has been that the committee narrows down the choices to one that we then take forward for public review and comment. Since the state vets and approves materials for us to review, in some instances, there may be only one. With the public review, we did not receive any feedback from parents or stakeholders, which we view to be positive. We know that member Parsons viewed the materials and verbally gave positive feedback prior to the last board meeting.

We asked parents to be a part of the committee and they both backed out prior to the committee review that morning.

Agenda Item #: 18

Trustee Question: (Whisler) Since there was only 3 weeks between the Pre-Bid Conference and the one bid the district received, can we extend the biddings for another month or two to see if we get a bid that is closer to the range of the estimated budget given?

District Staff Answer:

District staff, in collaboration with Paul Cavin Architect LLC, carefully considered all options regarding this Request for Proposal (RFP). Ultimately, it was determined that accepting the single bid received was the best course of action. This decision was based on several key factors.

Paul Cavin Architect LLC, along with their industry counterparts who have managed public bids over the past 4-6 months, have reported a significant decline in bid submissions. Many projects have received only 1-2 bids, with some receiving none at all. This is predominantly due to the current Northern Nevada private industry construction demand.

The original project budget was established based on estimated costs from May 2024 and with limited on-site evaluations. Over the past 10 months, several additions were made to the project that were not included in the original estimate. These adjustments include three major changes:

- 1. Door Replacements:** Necessary door replacements were identified at both Dayton High School and Fernley High School due to wear and tear. Student traffic, nearby bushes and trees had caused damage, making it difficult to open and close the doors. To address these safety concerns and prevent future issues, concrete work (2. Concrete Improvements) was added at both campuses, including the removal of trees and bushes. This will enhance the usability of sidewalks and prevent further damage to doors and surrounding concrete.
- 2. Concrete Improvements:** Removal of old damaged concrete and pouring of new concrete at the front of both Dayton High School and Fernley High School. This includes removal of bushes and trees which will optimize sidewalk space and eliminate ongoing damage to concrete and doors at both campuses. This work was deemed critical for safety and long-term maintenance.
- 3. Asphalt Repair:** Additional road asphalt work at the Fernley High School campus was added after electrical issues required the district to dig up an area containing a 50+ year-old Christy box buried underground. During the repair, outdated aluminum wiring was discovered and replaced with safer and more durable copper wiring. District doesn't have the expertise or the equipment necessary to do significant asphalt repairs.

Extending the project deadline due to a lack of bids would violate NRS 338, as such actions could be perceived as favoritism and may result in legal action being taken against the district by

contractors. While the district has the option to reject the bid due to pricing concerns, doing so would require substantial changes to the project scope before it could be rebid. Additionally, past experience has shown that bidding exterior projects closer to the summer months has not been financially advantageous for the district. During this period, contractors tend to become busier and are only willing to take on additional work at premium costs.

Agenda Item #: 19

Trustee Question: (Whisler) I brought this up 2 years ago about Trane and them not being a BBB accredited. There were many complaints found online. What guarantees does the district have if the equipment breaks down? How long is Trane going to give us a warranty for the equipment? And if equipment breaks how long will it take for them to get out here and fix it?

District Staff Answer:

Better Business Bureau (BBB) accreditation is optional and requires businesses to pay an annual fee. A lack of accreditation does not imply poor business practices; it simply means the business has chosen not to participate in the BBB's program. Better Business Bureau without accreditation gives Trane a "B" grade as "Residential Air Conditioning Contractors". Please note, regardless of grade, LCSD is not working with Trane's "Residential" side of their business but instead working with their custom engineering Turnkey program through Omnia Partners. Omnia Partners offers public sector entities access to pre-vetted suppliers and competitively bid contracts that comply with procurement regulations, saving time and ensuring transparency. Compared to using an outside contractor, Omnia Partners provides greater cost efficiency, reduced administrative burden, and the assurance of compliance with public procurement laws.

Trane in the past has provided the district with the industry standard 1-year labor warranty and 2-year parts warranty. Trane also provides the option of extended warranties however the district has not seen that to be necessary as the district personnel have decades of experience with Trane equipment and are able to fix as necessary post warranty. Currently, the district has over 50 pieces of Trane equipment district wide, some of which are over 25 years old. District also has not had any early in life issues with Trane equipment.

The district has also negotiated an emergency support rate of \$125/hr with Trane if the district was ever to be short staffed or unable to diagnose a down age. While this specified service has never been exercised, customer service outside of this has been exceptional with the District as Trane has a dedicated Northern Nevada support team based out of Reno/Sparks. The district ultimately believes that a company's reputation is defined by the quality of its products, services, and customer interactions. Over the past several years, Trane has demonstrated this by consistently providing value and effectively addressing any issues for LCSD.