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TO: Dr. Griff Powell and Dr. Patricia Wernet, Interim Superintendents

**Board of Education** 

FROM: Jeanne Keane, Senior Director of Buildings & Grounds

**SUBJECT:** Longfellow Boiler Replacement

**DATE:** April 12, 2022

## **Summary**

The three existing steam boilers located at Longfellow Elementary were installed in 2002. Each boiler is manufactured by Weil-McClain Model 88 Series 1. These boilers have had multiple leaks causing corrosion between and allowing water loss. They also have heavy impacted scale even with our boiler chemicals in place. The burners are obsolete and need an upgrade. One of the three boilers have been shut down for the last 4 years and is not repairable. A lifespan of 15 years or more is typical for a boiler which can be extended years longer with proper maintenance. The boilers should be replaced as soon as possible in order to reduce the potential for an emergency situation where heat is not available to the facility and the school is shut down with loss of instruction

An RFP for the project was placed in the Wednesday Journal on 2/23/2022. Eight proposals for the above-captioned project were received at the District Office, 260 W Madison Street, Oak Park IL 60302, on Thursday March 10, 2022 and publicly opened at 11:08 a.m. I have enclosed a copy of the Bid Tabulation Sheet summarizing the proposals received. The bid results were discussed with FAC on 3/21/2022 at 7:00 pm. FAC unanimously recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract for boiler replacement at Longfellow Elementary School, to the lowest bidder who met all requirements, Anchor Mechanical Inc.

## **Bid Recommendation**

Anchor Mechanical Inc.is the low-bidder meeting all requirements of the contract documents and bidding requirements at \$548,000. STR and CS2, our MEP consultant, performed due-diligence to check references, as well as verified the scope in their bid to be consistent with the contract documents.

Administration will be seeking a motion that the Board of Education of Oak Park District 97 approve the Longfellow Boiler Replacement Project at the April 26, 2022 meeting.