

DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING

The School Board of the De Smet School District #38-2 of Kingsbury County, SD convened pursuant to due notice at 5:30 PM on August 22, 2022 for a special meeting in the High School Conference Room. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Barb Asleson by conference call, Evan Buckmiller, Jared Tolzin and Norm Koehlmoos, Also in attendance: Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visiting was Jason Kann of Co-op Architecture.

AGENDA: There being no changes or additions to the proposed agenda, on motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by J. Tolzin. All voting “aye”, motion carried.

BID PRESENTATION BY CO-OP ARCHITECTURE: Architect Jason Kann reviewed the bid tabulations that were opened on August 16th at 2 PM in the MS/HS Library. Three bids were received for the Laura Ingalls Wilder building project/addition. They were as follows:

Clark Drew Construction	Base Bid \$8,892,000 plus Alt #1 \$80,900	Total \$8,972,000
Kyburz-Carlson Construction	Base Bid \$9,113,000 plus Alt #1 \$75,000	Total \$9,188,000
*WS Construction	Base Bid \$8,443,100 plus Alt #1 \$74,500	Total \$8,517,600

Mr. Kann had hoped for additional bids as there were several more companies that showed interest at the preconstruction meeting held on July 28th, but he was also very comfortable with the three competitive bids received and the companies are reputable. The bids received exceeded the amounts projected in April due to the fluctuations and variance in the building and construction supplies along with the shortage in the labor market. The base construction cost bid \$8,443,100 versus the estimated bid of \$7,044,975. There are variables of additions and deletions including the alternate #1 to update the existing DDC controls of \$74,500. Mr. Kann noted that he was recommending the lower contingency reserve percentages within the estimates from 5% to 3% feeling the amount will be adequate for this project. The overall project estimation when including the reserve, professional services, geotechnical/survey, testing/inspections and the playground relocation is \$9,349,709. An overage of \$1,374,904 of the estimates of same list in April of \$7,974,805. The bond amount passed by the District is for \$9,000,000. The overages will come from reserve balances in capital outlay and future budget dollars. The construction bids do not include furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Co-op Architects were pleased that there were multiple bids within the main bids including the plumbing and electrical. Given the market and what they have seen in other bids, they are not surprised at the numbers. Mr. Kann did not recommend a rebid as there most likely would not be much fluctuation in the bid amounts and with the volatile market could possibly increase along with loss of interest in the project and construction time pushed back. He noted that he and his colleagues have never seen the number of projects that continue to pour into their firm and they only foresee the projects to rise during the winter. There are a few areas that the architect firm will work with WS Construction to lower the costs and possibly see a savings of \$200,000-\$300,000. The board encourages WS Construction to work with local sub-contractors whenever possible. Other main firms noted that will be working on the project will be Efraimson Electrical of Bryant, Redlinger Brothers (plumbing) and Active Heating of Watertown. Mr. Kann noted that they are comfortable with working with WS Construction and have had excellent recommendations on their projects.

Mr. Kann is anticipating work to commence soon on the heating and cooling system to have it in place for this winter. When the geo-thermal wells are no longer the heat/cooling source, construction can safely begin on the foundation of the building project. This will allow construction to go forward as weather permits through winter and spring months. He also noted they are working to assure that orders for construction supplies will be submitted immediately to not delay the building project as it progresses.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BID: On motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by J. Tolzin to accept the low bid for the amount of \$8,443,100 plus Alternate #1 \$74,500 for a total of \$8,517,600. Roll call vote: N, Koehlmoos “aye”, J. Tolzin “aye”, E. Buckmiller “aye”, B. Asleson “aye”, Shane Roth “aye”. All board members voting “aye”, there were no “nays”. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business at this time, on motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by E. Buckmiller to adjourn at 5:56 PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST: President Shane Roth
Susan L Purintun, Bus. Mgr

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