

LYME-OLD LYME SCHOOLS

Regional School District #18



Special Board of Education Meeting

April 19, 2021

Board Present: Diane Linderman, Chair; Martha Shoemaker, Vice Chair; Steven Wilson, Secretary; Rick Goulding; Suzanne Thompson

Present Via Telephone: Jennifer Miller; Mary Powell St. Louis; Jean Wilczynski

Absent by Previous Arrangement: Stacey Leonardo

Administration Present: Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools; Ron Turner, Director of Facilities and Technology

The meeting was called to order by Chair Linderman at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to review the bids for the installation of the artificial playing surface. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ron Turner, Director of Facilities and Technology, provided the following background information on this agenda item: this project will install a multi-purpose athletic field on the Lyme Street campus behind the high school. The project will address overuse of the existing fields, the need for additional field space for practice and games, and the lack of available water to irrigate fields. This work was advertised through an open bidding process, and four proposals were received.

Bid Results

Company Name	Base Bid	Alternate 1 Mid-Field Logo	Alternate 2 30' Ball Screen	Alternate 3 Scoreboard	Total
Mountain View	\$1,667,500	\$11,400	\$35,700	\$33,200	\$1,747,800
H.I. Stone&Sons	\$1,780,000	\$13,400	\$36,000	\$31,400	\$1,860,800

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R.A.D. Sports	\$1,798,150	\$13,890	\$29,610	\$45,778	\$1,887,428
Green Acres	\$1,867,266	\$10,812	\$33,724	\$34,223	\$1,946,025

Recommendation: after consultation with Kevin Fuselier of SLR, it was recommend moving forward with Mountain View utilizing the Greenfield All Sport Ultra turf fabric provided by Geo Surfaces. Not only is Mountain View the lowest bidder, but they also have years of experience and a proven track record installing synthetic turf fields. The Geo Surfaces fabric has also been used successfully with several Brockfill and Brockpad installations, including the field where the District completed a site visit. A reference check of Mountain View was successfully completed.

As the bids were well below the projected budget, it was recommend that the center logo, higher safety netting system, and scoreboard alternates all be included in the project. Sufficient funds will be available for contingency.

Mr. Neviasser reported that the original estimate for this project was \$2.1-\$2.4 million. With the receipt of the lower bid, there will still be money in the undesignated fund. Currently, there is slightly over \$2.3 million in the undesignated fund.

MOTION: Mrs. Shoemaker made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Goulding, to award Mountain View Landscapes & Lawncare, Inc., the contract to install a synthetic turf field on the Lyme Street campus including bid alternates 1, 2, and 3 for \$1,747,800.

Follow-up discussion included the following questions:

Mrs. Shoemaker inquired about heavy equipment/truck traffic during construction and any possible damage to the pavement. Mr. Turner responded that they were not anticipating this but that any damage to the district's pavement would be the responsibility of the installer. He further noted that the soil that is dug up will remain on the district's property, thus decreasing the amount of trucks going in and out of the campus.

Mrs. Thompson asked about the possibility of the Brock pad breaking down and having a negative environmental effect. Mr. Turner explained that the material is placed underneath the surface of the ground and would not affect the environment. Mr. Neviasser further noted that the material of the entire turf field is 100 percent recyclable with the pad having a 20-year lifespan.

Mrs. Linderman asked about the location of the scoreboard. Mr. Turner reported that it will be placed in the right-hand corner of the field toward the pond.

Mrs. Miller asked for assurances that the installers were well vetted. Mr. Turner reported that Kevin Fuselier of SLR International Corporation, who completed the evaluation of the bids submitted for the synthetic turf field, is confident in the work of Mountain View Landscapes and Lawncare and considered

a premiere installer. Dr. Goulding further explained the research done on previous installations by this company.

Mrs. Wilczynski inquired about the inclusion of a contingency amount in the bid. Mr. Neviasser reported that the numbers provided do not include contingency as they have more than 10% in the undesignated fund for contingency purposes.

Mrs. Shoemaker asked if the Board would have to approve the expenditure of additional monies for this project. Mr. Neviasser noted the level of expenditures requiring Board approval; he further noted that this type of project is very straightforward and is a standard installation. This surface area is very familiar as it was dug up previously for the installation of the geothermal wells so they should not come across any surprises.

Dr. Goulding, noting that this is a great time for receiving lower municipal bids, reported that the Facilities Committee will be discussing at their next meeting the possibility of recommending the installation of a foundation for lighting on this site. He noted the importance of doing this at the same time as the field installation.

Mrs. Shoemaker asked about the timeline for the installation of the field. Mr. Turner responded that it will begin June 1 and completion is anticipated by the end of August.

VOTE: the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to award Mountain View Landscapes & Lawncare, Inc., the contract to install a synthetic turf field on the Lyme Street campus including bid alternates 1, 2, and 3 for \$1,747,800.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m. upon motion by Mrs. Shoemaker and a second by Dr. Goulding.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Wilson, Secretary