

Athletic Facility Master Plan

Bid Process Detail

Per our conversation at the April 2023 Workshop Session, we wanted to provide clarity on the bid process. As was agreed upon by the school directors, the bid process will be broken out as follows to include bids on three separate items:

1. Installation of Turf on Thompson Field at White Family Dental Stadium, Replacing the Track Surface, Relocating the Jumping Pits at White Family Dental Stadium, Adding ADA access to the stadium from East High Street, and Improving EMS access
2. Construction of a Two story Field House
3. Construction of a Three story Field House

The typical “bid process” involves our architect (Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates) preparing bid packets, releasing the bid to the public, collecting sealed bid submissions from interested parties, opening bids at the close of the bid period, evaluating bid results, and awarding project to the lowest bidder. This process requires the District to accept the lowest responsible bidder.

As it relates to the construction of a field house (two and three story options), the above-outlined sequence is the only option available to the District. However, as it relates to the turf and track projects, an alternative bid process does exist known as the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN). When the District installed the current turf at Jane Hoover Field, the KPN process was utilized.

How the Keystone Purchasing Network Works?

KPN is a cooperative purchasing program. KPN’s sole purpose is to save school districts and other public agencies time and money by soliciting bids and leveraging demand. KPN must follow bidding laws applicable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for public school systems. Through KPN, school districts can buy immediately without having to go to bid as KPN has already written the specifications, advertised for bids, published the bid solicitation, accepted sealed bid submissions, evaluated the results, awarded to the low bidders, and managed awarded vendors.

What’s Included in the KPN Bid?

Replacement of the track and adjusting the layout, which includes the following scope:

- Excavation
- Stormwater Management
- Prep Work
- Structural Work (i.e. fencing, bleacher work, lighting)
- Installation of track and turf surface

Next Steps

1. Board approves District to work with CRA, ELA, and Fidevia to prepare bid documents (April 25, 2023, Action Meeting)

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2. District works with CRA, ELA, and Fidevia to identify best approach to bidding the track and Thompson Field turf (i.e. traditional vs KPN or both if possible)