

FARGO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMO #47– 2023-24

September 26, 2023

**RE:** Award of Bids – Custodial and Grounds Equipment

**FROM:** James Hand, Director of Facilities  
Jackie Gapp, Business Manager  
Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Superintendent

**BOARD FOCUS:** Action Required

Sealed bids were received on September 14, 2023, for Custodial and Grounds Equipment. The equipment includes three (3) autonomous floor scrubbers, 26 lite walk-behind scrubbers, five (5) walk-behind scrubbers, three (3) mid-size no-touch cleaning systems, 19 compact no-touch cleaning systems, and robotic lawn mowers for 13 sites.

Three vendors responded to the bid request. The results are presented in the table below with the lowest bid highlighted:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Autonomous Scrubbers (3)</b>	<b>Lite Scrubbers (26)</b>	<b>Scrubbers (5)</b>	<b>Mid-Sized No-Touch Cleaners (3)</b>	<b>Compact No-Touch Cleaners (19)</b>	<b>Robotic Lawn Mowers</b>
Cole Papers, Inc.	\$273,723.00	No Bid	\$17,871.30	\$12,626.76	\$67,273.30	No Bid
Stein's Inc.	\$244,860.00	\$79,300.00	\$ 22,296.00	\$ 13,248.75	\$70,213.17	No Bid
Midwest Auto Mowers	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	\$310,968.00

Following administrative review, it is recommended that each vendor be awarded based on the lowest bid for the requested items.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Accept the bids from Cole Papers, Inc. for \$97,771.36 for five (5) walk-behind scrubbers, three (3) mid-size no-touch cleaning systems, and 19 compact no-touch cleaning systems, accept the bids from Stein’s Inc. for \$324,160.00 for three (3) autonomous floor scrubbers and 26 lite walk-behind scrubbers and accept the bid from Midwest Auto Mowers for \$310,968.00 for robotic lawn mowers for 13 sites.