

HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD INQUIRY

Date Received: January 20, 2025

Time: 10:27 PM

Board Member: Adriana Quinones

Administrator: Manoj Roychowdhury

I. INQUIRY/ISSUE DESCRIPTION:

I have some questions regarding agenda item 5.04 F. I noticed that the previous bids for this project were rejected. Could you please provide the amounts of the rejected bids and let me know which contractors submitted them?

Additionally, what steps have been taken to secure the remaining funding for this project? Have we reached out to or lobbied any other elected officials to help secure additional resources?

I also inquired with the Little League regarding their costs for Highlander Field, and they mentioned that their project was closer to \$250,000. Given this, I'm curious as to why there is such a large difference in costs for our project. If grading the field is one of the additional costs, could you please separate that from the rest of the overall costs for clarity?

II. ANALYSIS/FACT FINDING:

The first time the District rejected bids for the 2 youth baseball fields at Kwis Elementary was on November 9, 2023. Twenty-one (21) contractors attended the mandatory job walk and three (3) contractors submitted bids. One vendor was granted bid relief due to a clerical error and the other bids received exceeded the budgeted amount. The contractors and the bids were as follows:

Contractor	Bid Amount
Klassic Engineering	\$3,202,539
The Nazerian Group	\$3,974,123
Ohno Construction	\$3,998,000

The District issued the bids second time after revision of the specs from the Architects and recently received 7 bids. The contractors and the bids are as follows:

Contractor	Bid Amount
Estate Design & Construction	\$2,484,000
Asphalt Fabric & Engineering	\$3,121,956
AMB Group	\$3,296,000
RG General Engineering	\$3,441,757

Williamson Construction	\$3,600,000
The Nazerian Group	\$3,640,000
Ohno Construction	\$3,750,000

As you may be aware, the District received a grant of \$1.5 Million from (then) County Supervisor, Janice Hahn, for the Kwis baseball field. The grant request was initiated by the (then) Board Member, Anthony Duarte. The District committed \$0.5 million to supplement the project cost.

The District continues to pursue grant funding from elected officials when we are aware of such opportunities. Most often, District's elected Board Members become aware of such funding during their regular networking events with the elected officials.

I am not aware of the similarities between the Highlander Field project estimate from little league and Kwis baseball field project. However, here are the main specifications for the Kwis Baseball field project. The detail bid packet is available ([Kwis Baseball Fields Bid package](#)) for your reference.

- New construction of two baseball fields
- Grading & construction of an approx. 485-foot fire lane as required by DSA and the County
- ADA accessible paths of travel within the new fields as well as to the existing restrooms within the campus and to parking stalls as required by DSA
- ADA restroom upgrades as required by DSA
- Chain-link field backstops and netting that have specific structural footings that meet DSA requirements
- New field irrigation

In addition to the above specifications, Contractors have to comply with the district insurance, prevailing wage and PLA requirements. Since grading is an intrinsic component of the project, it is not advisable to separately bid out the same from the other components of the project.

III. RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

IV. ESTIMATED RESPONSE TIME REQUIRED:

3 hours