

FARGO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMO #82 – 2024-25

March 11, 2025

RE: Award of Bid – Bluestem Center for the Arts Sound System Upgrade

FROM: James Hand, Director of Facilities
Bill Westrick, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Superintendent

BOARD FOCUS: Action Required

Sealed bids were received on February 20, 2025, for the Bluestem Center for the Arts Sound System Upgrade. The project involves the removal of the existing sound system and installation of a new sound reinforcement system, wireless microphone system, and wireless production intercom system at the Bluestem Amphitheater.

A total of three bids were received for this project:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate #1	Alternate #2	Total Bid
Grotberg Electric, Inc.	\$212,500	\$123,500	\$63,400	\$399,400
JDP Electric, Inc.	\$248,485	\$111,230	\$56,938	\$416,653
Magnum Electric	\$242,020	\$149,890	\$78,800	\$470,710

After administrative review, it is recommended that the low bidder, Grotberg Electric, Inc., be awarded the bid for the base bid plus alternates #1 and #2, as specified, at a total cost of \$399,400.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the base bid plus alternates #1 and #2 from Grotberg Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$399,400 for the Bluestem Center for the Arts Sound System Upgrade and issue a contract accordingly.