

Buildings and Sites

Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material

I. Purpose

This policy provides guidelines, via Appendix I, for district administration to dispose of obsolete equipment and material.

II. General Statement of Policy

State law generally does not allow staff to remove, give away, or donate any school district property. The superintendent or designee is authorized to dispose of obsolete equipment and materials by selling them at a fair price consistent with the procedures. Any sale exceeding the minimum amount for which bids are required must first be specifically authorized by the school board. The superintendent or designee is authorized to properly dispose of used books, materials, and equipment deemed to have little or no value.

III. Sales to Employees

- A. No officer or employee of the school district will sell or procure for sale, or possess or control for sale, to any other officer or employee of the district any property or materials owned by the district unless the property and materials are not needed for public purposes and are sold to a district employee after reasonable public notice, at a public auction, or by sealed response, if the employee is not directly involved in the auction or sale process. Reasonable notice includes at least one week's published or posted notice.
- B. A district employee may purchase no more than one motor vehicle from the district in any one auction. This section does not apply to the sale of property or materials acquired or produced by the district for sale to the general public in the ordinary course of business. Nothing in this section prohibits an employee from selling or possessing for sale public property if the sale or possession for sale is in the ordinary course of business or the normal course of the employee's duties.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 13.591 (Business Data)

Minn. Stat. § 15.054 (Sale or Purchase of State Property; Penalty)

Minn. Stat. § 16B.2975 (Surplus Property Acquisition, Distribution, and Disposal)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.29 (Sale at Auction)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.52 (Contracts)

Minn. Stat. § 471.345 (Uniform Municipal Contracting Law)
Minn. Stat. § 645.11 (Published Notice)

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Edina, Minnesota

Appendix I to Policy 802

PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSITION OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL

I. Asset Disposal

A. Assets With Estimated Fair Market Value Greater Than \$175,000

1. If the value of the assets is estimated to exceed \$175,000 per unit, sealed bids will be solicited by two weeks' published notice in the official newspaper. This notice will state the time and place of receiving bids and contain a brief description of the subject matter. Additional publication in the official newspaper or elsewhere may be made as the superintendent or their designee deems necessary.
2. The sale will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder, be duly executed in writing, and be otherwise conditioned as required by law.
3. A record is kept of all bids, with names of bidders and amounts of bids, and an indication of the successful bid. A bid containing an alteration or erasure of any price contained in the bid which is used in determining the highest responsible bid is rejected unless the alteration or erasure is corrected by being crossed out and the correction printed in ink or typewritten adjacent thereto and initialed in ink by the person signing the bid.
4. In the case of identical high bids from two or more bidders, the school board may, at its discretion, utilize negotiated procurement methods with the tied high bidders so long as the price paid does not go below the high tied bid price. In the case where only a single bid is received, the board may, at its discretion, negotiate a mutually agreeable contract with the bidder so long as the price paid does not fall below the original bid. If no satisfactory bid is received, the board may re-advertise.
5. All bids obtained are kept on file for a period of at least one year after their receipt. Every contract made without compliance with the foregoing provisions is void.
6. Data submitted by a business to the school district in response to a request for bids are private until opened. Once opened, the name of the bidder and the dollar amount specified become public; all other data are private until completion of the selection process, meaning the district has completed its evaluation and ranked the responses. After completion of the selection process, all data submitted by all bidders are public except trade secret data. If all responses are rejected prior to completion of the selection process, all data remain private, except the name of the bidder and the dollar amount specified which were made public at the bid opening for one

year from the proposed opening date or until re-solicitation results in completion of the selection process or until a determination is made to abandon the purchase, whichever occurs sooner, at which point the remaining data becomes public. Data created or maintained by the district as part of the selection or evaluation process are protected as nonpublic data until completion of the selection or evaluation process. At that time, the data are public with the exception of trade secret data.

B. Assets With Estimated Fair Market Value Less Than \$175,000

If the fair market value of the assets is estimated to less than \$175,000, the assets will be made available for purchase utilizing processes compliant with current state laws and regulations.

II. Surplus Computers and Books

A. School Computers

The school district may bypass the requirements for competitive bidding and is not subject to any other laws relating to district contracts if it is disposing of surplus district computer and related equipment by conveying the property and title to:

1. another school district;
2. the state department of corrections;
3. any school system, college, or university in Minnesota; or
4. the family of a student residing in the district whose total family income meets the federal definition of poverty.

B. School Books

The district may dispose of library books, textbooks and accompanying materials, and other books by donating them to a family of a student residing in the district or a charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

IV. Notice of Quotation

Notice of procedures to receive quotations is given by publication or other means as appropriate to provide reasonable notice to the public.

V. Employees

State law does not allow staff to remove, give away, or donate any school district

property. Staff violating this statute will be disciplined.

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