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Memorandum of Recommendation
November 17, 2025

TO: Nicholas A. Russo, Superintendent

FROM: Matthew McDaniel, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations

RE: **Recommendation for Approval of Swimming Pool Starting Blocks**

The district advertised a Request for Proposals for the Swimming Pool Starting Blocks project on September 17, 2025, in the local publication, the Rochester Post, and posted RFP documents on the Purchasing pages of the district's website, Sigma, and BidNet Direct on September 18, 2025. The district received three (3) responses on the due date of October 23, 2025 at 2:00pm.

This request is to fund the cost to replace the swim starting blocks at all 3 high school pools. The current starting blocks are 20 or more years old and past their useful life and are difficult to repair. In addition, the current starting blocks do not have the same features that newer starting blocks have, such as improved surface material to prevent slipping, additional adjustability features that allow the platforms to be adjusted to accommodate various size swimmers, angled platform surfaces (wedges) that allow for better swimmer starts and improved features for backstroke swimmers. The new staring blocks will provide better performance and improved safety for the swimmers.

Proposals were evaluated by Director of Capital Projects and Facilities, Pete Muscio, Project Engineer, Sarah Fremont, and Stoney Creek High School Coach, Erica Zuercher. Bids were analyzed for bid content and inclusion of required submittals by Purchasing Supervisor, Jennifer Fickel.

The proposal summary is attached. Proposal documents are on file in the Purchasing Department. The source of funding is the general fund.

Based on this information, we recommend THAT **the District award the Swimming Pool Starting Blocks project to Aquatic Source, in the amount of $171,340.00.**

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Category No. :	**N/A**
Project:	**26.06 Swimming Pool Starting Blocks**
Bid Category/Description:	**N/A**

	Date:	**Time:**
Bids Due:	10/23/2025	2:00pm
Bids Opened:	10/23/2025	2:00pm

Company	Total Base Bid	Alternate	Iran Economic Sanction	Familial Disclosure	Bid Bond	Comments
Advanced Pool Services, Inc	**$ 164,400.00**	$ 8,800.00	☑	☑	☐	Velo DPTS TA
Aquatic Source	**$ 110,900.00**	$ 60,440.00	☑	☑	☑	SR Smith
Baruzzini Contracting, LLC	**$ 186,751.50**	$ 5,694.00	☑	☑	☑	Spectrum 2510131
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