

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 77
Mankato, Minnesota

April 7, 2015

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, in the Mankato Room at the Intergovernmental Center. Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present at roll call: Judi Brandon, Sara Hansen, Ann Hendricks, Tom Rekstein and Jodi Sapp. Absent: Kinney Eberhart and Kristi Schuck.

Mrs. Brandon moved, and Ms. Hansen seconded, approval of the agenda together with a Personnel Addendum. The motion carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Open Forum: No one wished to speak.

Information Reports: Report from Activities Directors, presented by Todd Waterbury and Brian Fell.

Student/Staff Recognition

The following East High students are recognized for their accomplishments:

Boys Basketball - Team State Participants

Mattu Chuol

Ben Schwartz

Damani Hayes

Jordan Whelan

Alex Turner

Patrick Pitts

Brian Keel

Hussein Mohamoud

Nic Seiler

Gorg Alhag - AP 3rd Team All-State Selection, All-Star Team Series Selection,
MSHSL All-Tournament Team Selection

Dylan Hayenga

Sam Ahrens

CJ Ayers - MSHSL All-Tournament Team Selection

Jay Beckman

Hunter Oberle

Dominick Nussmeier

Girls Alpine Ski

Morgan Keim-Wolfe - State Participant (44th Place)

Jordan Risk - State Participant (22nd Place) - All-State Honors

Girls Hockey

Rebekah Kolstad - All-State Selection (MSHSCA)

Gymnastics

Lauren Kloss - State Participant (All-Around and Section Balance Beam Champion), All-State Honorable Mention (MSHSCA)

Girls Basketball - MSHSCA Silver Academic Team Award**Boys Swim and Dive**

Andy Schultze - State Participant - 500 Free

Jacob Long - State Participant - 100 Backstroke (13th Place)

State Participant in 200 Medley Relay - Micah Warning, Jacob Long, Josh Hammond and Andy Schultze (15th Place)

Math League - State Participants

Dani Gleason

Elora Greiner

Brian Kennedy

Nick Olson

Ben Schwartz

Bryce Sellner

Rion Wendland

Jayde Whelan

Jacob Wilde

DECA - State Participants

Kyra Beske

Julia Englehardt

Tessa Machado

Taylor Nasinec

Ruwayda Omar

Kameron Saiki

Garett Stage

Cole Theobald

Triple 'A' Award

Ashlee Henderson

Cory Weston

VEX Robotics

State Champions and advanced to World Championship Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky

Jordan Pasker

Andrew Miller
Kyle Ulrich
Sam Mansfield
Alex Berg
Dani Gleason
Kenzi Gleason
Tessa Machado
Chris Thielsen
James Coomer

The following West High students are recognized for their accomplishments:

Triple 'A' (Academics, Athletics, Arts) Award Winners:

Allison Peters
Benjamin Rorem

GIRLS' ALPINE SKI:

6th Place State Finish

State Girls' Team Participants:

Dana Bohks
Briggs Carlson
Lauren Colway
Hailey Kopischke
Greta Schwickert
Lindsey Sievers

Gold All State Team Academic

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All State H/M: Lexi Schoper

All State Academic:

Sarah Buryska
Madeline Mueller

GYMNASTICS

State Individual Participants:

Madeline Maruska (Beam and Vault)
Mikaela Sellner (Floor)

All State:

Madeline Maruska (Vault)
Miranda Deatley (Floor)
Mikaela Sellner (Beam, Floor)

All State H/M:

Taylor Amundson (Bars)
Miranda Deatley (Vault, Beam)

Cierra Goerish (Floor)
Madeline Maruska (Beam, Floor)
Mikaela Sellner (Vault, Bars)

BOYS' SWIM/DIVE:

4th Place Team State Finish

State Qualifiers:

Luke Ambrose (400 Free Relay)
Daniel Egli (500 Freestyle, 400 Free Relay)
Ty Kolb (50 Freestyle, 200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay)
Ben Rorem (200 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay, 50 Freestyle)
Henry Simpson (200 Medley Relay, 400 Free Relay, 100 Backstroke)
Tanner Sonnek (200 Medley Relay, 200 IM, 200 Free Relay, 100 Breaststroke)
Hayden Zeigler (200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay, 50 Freestyle)
Thomas Fitzloff (500 Freestyle)
Jonas Fu (Alternate)
Brad Halbur (Alternate)
Joe Park (Alternate)
Ethan Patenaude (Alternate)

All State:

Ty Kolb (200 Medley Relay, 50 Freestyle, 200 Free Relay)
Ben Rorem (200 Free Relay)
Henry Simpson (200 Medley Relay)
Tanner Sonnek (200 Medley Relay, 200 IM, 200 Free Relay, 100 Breaststroke)
Hayden Zeigler (200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay)

All State Team Silver Academic (MSHCA)

WRESTLING:

State Qualifier: Zachary Jakes (220 lb.)

MATH LEAGUE:

State Individual Qualifier (21st of Top 50 Statewide): Nick White

State Team Tournament Participants:

Jameson Auger
Lucas Baston
Lucas Guo
Zamaan Hashmi
Megan Ochs
Justin Portner
Lauren Smith
Nick White

AIME Qualifiers: (American Invitational Mathematics Examination - Top 1% in Nation)

Nick White

Justin Portner
Lucas Guo

DECA:

State Participants:

Badre Alkurdy
Tripp Bastian
Mason Balster
Austin Bowyer
Riley Fazio
Joshua Gish
Peter Haley
Megan Holub
Muneera Khambaty
Jared Lim
Matthew Meyers
Nick Spiess

National Qualifier: Badre Alkurdy (Business Finance Category)

KNOWLEDGE BOWL:

State Team Tournament Qualifiers:

Muneera Khambaty
Elissa Schmiel
Matthew Meyers
Justin Portner

The consent agenda items outlined below were approved on a motion by Ms. Sapp, seconded by Ms. Hansen, and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of the March 16, 2015, regular Board meeting.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Tracy Corcoran - Full-time (1.00 FTEs), Talent Development K-12 Reading Coach for the 2015-16 school year. She will be compensated according to her placement on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Kari Pratt - Full-time (1.00 FTEs), Talent Development K-12 Math Coach for the 2015-16 school year. She will be compensated according to her placement on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Connor Donohue - ACES Co-Supervisor at Roosevelt Elementary School for 4 hours per day/5 days per week beginning March 16, 2015 and continuing

through the end of the 2014-15 school year. He will be compensated at the rate of \$11 per hour.

Jessica Mock - Special Education Paraprofessional at Dakota Meadows Middle School for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning March 26, 2015. She will be compensated at the rate of \$10.66 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employees Association.

Connie Van Raalte - Full-time Secretary for Instructional Support beginning May 1, 2015. This position has a work year of 251 days and 10 paid holidays. She will be placed at step 2, classification B22 of the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule.

Rachel Varin - ACES Co-Supervisor at Roosevelt Elementary School for 3 hours per day/5 days per week beginning March 16, 2015 and continuing through the end of the 2014-15 school year. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Mavis Gieser - Increase in Cook's Helper assignment at West High School from 5 hours per day to 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning March 17, 2015.

Mona Smiley - Increase in Special Education Paraprofessional Loyola PreSchool assignment from 15 hours per week (3 hours M-F) to 31 hours per week (with the addition of 4 hours per day/M-Th) at HeadStart, effective as of March 31, 2015.

Sheila Veroeven - Voluntary decrease in Special Education Paraprofessional assignment from 21 hours per week to 6.5 hours per week (3.25 hours T/Th) at 5 C's. She will no longer have an assignment at HeadStart, effective as of March 30, 2015.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Greg Beeck, Coordinator at Futures, has requested a leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act commencing on May 7 and ending May 22, 2015.

Tyson Walker, 6th Grade Teacher at Franklin Elementary School, has requested a leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act commencing on May 11 and ending May 29, 2015.

Christina Woodside, a teacher currently on Board approved leave, has requested an extension of her leave for the 2015-16 school year.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Douglas Bengtson, Custodian at East High School, has requested an extension of his Board approved leave on a part-time basis through May 31, 2015.

Roxana Flynn, Head Cook at Garfield Elementary School, has requested an extension of her Board approved leave until April 27, 2015.

Roxy Johnson, Cook Manager at East High School, has requested an extension of her Board approved leave through May 4, 2015.

RESIGNATIONS (ADMINISTRATION)

Brian Gersich, West High School Principal - Last date of service will be June 30, 2015.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Gerald Burkhardt - Talent Development Math Teacher at Franklin/Garfield Elementary Schools, effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Meghan Wall - Kindergarten Teacher at Bridges Community School, effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Katie Westman - Special Education Teacher at Dakota Meadows Middle School, effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

RESIGNATIONS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Andrew Ariegwe - Supervision/Security at East High School, effective as of April 15, 2015.

Beverly Clark, Secretary to the Principal at Franklin Elementary School, has submitted her resignation for purposes of retirement effective as of June 8, 2015.

Niki Greenwood - Special Education Paraprofessional at Washington Elementary School, effective as of April 2, 2015.

Kristi Kosak - NonClassroom (Playground) Paraprofessional and ACES Assistant at Hoover Elementary School, effective as of April 2, 2015.

Melissa Stuckmayer - ACES Site Supervisor at Roosevelt Elementary School, effective as of March 27, 2015.

Kris Hemstock and Corey Kapaun from the Mankato Sertoma Club presented a check for \$7,500 to be used for sixth grade field trips over the next five years, and shared plans for the Mankato Sertoma Club and the Key City Sertoma Club to merge and become the Sertoma Club of Greater Mankato. They were thanked for the club's

generous donations and the tremendous impact they have had on students in the Mankato Area Public Schools. Ms. Hansen made a motion to accept the gift, seconded by Mr. Rekstein, and carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Mrs. Brandon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to accept the following gifts:

The East High Vex Robotics Program received the following donations:

Analog Devices (Norwood, MN) - \$1,000

Autumn Grace- \$500

Patricia Nelson - \$50

Wingert Realty & Land - \$50

Growth Holdings LLC - \$501

DeGrood Appliance Company - \$100

Cambria Company (LeSueur, MN) - \$200

FPX, Inc. - \$100

Interlaken Technology Corp (Chaska, MN) - \$1,000

Greg Beeck was selected as a winner of the Office Depot and OfficeMax Foundation "A Day Made Better Program". As part of this award, Futures received school and office supplies valued at \$500.

Rachael Wick donated \$150 to Kennedy Elementary for their art program.

Rasmussen College was an exhibit sponsor and donated \$500 to the 2015 Career Expo. They also donated \$500 worth of books to the Early Childhood Family Education Program.

Dan and Theresa Ertz donated an American flag and stand to Rosa Parks Elementary School.

State Farm donated a salvaged 2007 Ford Focus to the West High Technology Education Department.

Gene Biewen donated \$100 to Project READ.

The motion carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) has set up a process for assigning an Identified Official with Authority. The new system is called the External User Access Recertification System and the new process will provide consistency for external user access to all MDE secured systems protected by an MDE User Account. The School Board must designate the Identified Official with Authority to authorize user access annually, as well as any time there is a change in the assignment of the Identified Official with Authority. This certification of the Identified Official with Authority designation is in accordance with Minnesota State Access Control Security Standard 1.0. The District may assign this role to more than one person or to a person other

than the Superintendent or Director. The School Board minutes must clearly specify this role assignment. Mr. Rekstein made a motion to designate Sheri L. Allen, Superintendent, and Barb Macrafc, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/School Board Deputy Clerk to the role of Identified Official with Authority. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Brandon and carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Part of the normal staffing process is the adoption of a resolution relating to the termination/non-renewal of the teaching contract of probationary and/or substitute teachers. A motion was made by Ms. Sapp and seconded by Mr. Rekstein to adopt the resolution as follows. The motion then carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION/NON RENEWAL
OF TEACHING CONTRACTS OF PROBATIONARY AND/OR
CONTRACT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

WHEREAS, Bente Bruihler, Nicole Bush, Kaj Fjelstad, Hugh Henry, Anthony Jackson, Nancy Kluck, Molly Mathiowetz, Susan Nace, Rebecca Phaengkhouane, Jessica Quinonez, Collin Scott, Stacie Smith, Katherine Sump are probationary or substitute teachers in Independent School District No. 77,

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 77 that pursuant to Minnesota Statute 122A.40 Sub division 5, and Minnesota Statute 122A.44 Subdivision 2 that the teaching contracts of Bente Bruihler, Nicole Bush, Kaj Fjelstad, Hugh Henry, Anthony Jackson, Nancy Kluck, Molly Mathiowetz, Susan Nace, Rebecca Phaengkhouane, Jessica Quinonez, Collin Scott, Stacie Smith, Katherine Sump are hereby terminated at the close of the 2014-15 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teachers regarding termination and non-renewal of their contracts and assignments as provided by law.

On March 19, 2015, six bids were received for the Garfield Renovation project. The administrative team and ISG, our professional engineering firm, recommended that the project bid of \$1,320,000 as submitted by Brennan Construction of Mankato be accepted by the School Board. The project budget is \$1,665,000. A summary of the bids and the recommendation letter are on pages _____. Mrs. Brandon made a motion to accept the bid as recommended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sapp and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

On March 31, 2015, four bids were received for the Prairie Winds Middle School construction project. The administrative team and ISG, our professional engineering firm, recommended that the project bid of \$33,980,000 (including bid alternates A-1 and A-2) as submitted by Knutson Construction Services Inc. of Minneapolis be accepted by the School Board. The project budget is \$36,000,000. A summary of the bids and the recommendation letter are on pages _____. Ms. Hansen made a

motion to accept the bid as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Brandon and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

The following 2015-2016 Dental Program rates were approved on a motion by Mr. Rekstein and second by Ms. Hansen. The motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote. The rate for single dental insurance will increase from \$30.69 to \$32.35 and the rate for family will decrease from \$76.49 to \$74.38. A voluntary dental program was implemented to provide optional dental insurance benefits for employee groups that previously did not have access to group dental insurance plans. There is no employer contribution to the plan. The 2015-16 monthly rates for the Delta Dental voluntary dental plan will be: Single - \$31.65, Single + 1 - \$64.95, Family - \$104.40.

On March 9, 2015, four bids were received for Employee Group Health Insurance. In accordance with the Health Insurance Transparency Act (HITA), the bids were opened with two members of the largest bargaining group. The results of the bids were made public on March 12, 2015. On March 31, 2015, the employee insurance committee met and reviewed the bids. The South Central Service Cooperative Pool bid projected a 0% increase for 2015-16. Mr. Rekstein made a motion to accept the South Central Service Coop Pool bid for the 2015-2016 health insurance programs with the following rates:

<u>PLAN</u>	<u>SINGLE</u>	<u>FAMILY</u>
Basic +	\$754.50	\$2033.50
Double Gold	\$843.50	\$2233.00
\$500 CMM	\$628.50	\$1660.00
\$3125 CDHP	\$511.00	\$1349.50
\$6350 CDHP	\$407.50	\$1076.50

The motion was seconded by Ms. Sapp and carried on a 5-0 voice vote. The bids and supporting documentation are on pages _____.

The employee Long-Term Disability insurance program rates were guaranteed for two years with an effective date of October 1, 2014. The administration, on behalf of the District's Employee Insurance Committee, recommended continuing this insurance program. Ms. Hansen made a motion to approve continuation of the Long-Term Disability Insurance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Brandon and carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

The employee life insurance program rates were guaranteed for three years with an effective date of September 1, 2013. The administration, on behalf of the District's Employee Insurance Committee, recommended continuing this insurance program. A motion was made by Mrs. Brandon and seconded by Ms. Hansen to continue the program as recommended. The motion carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Alan Hopeman and Michael Hart from Northland Securities, our financial advisory firm, provided a recommendation to forward refund a portion of our Series 2008

General Obligation Bonds. Northland Securities estimated that our school district could save our local property taxpayers an estimated \$800,000 by the refinancing of this debt. As a result of these potential savings to our taxpayers, the administration recommended that the School Board take action to approve the following resolution providing for the Sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds up to an amount of \$6,320,000.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION
CROSSOVER REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015B; COVENANTING AND OBLIGATING
THE DISTRICT TO BE BOUND BY AND TO USE THE PROVISIONS OF MINNESOTA
STATUTES, SECTION 126C.55 TO GUARANTEE THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL
AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District 77, (Mankato Area Public Schools), State of Minnesota (herein, the "District"), as follows:

- 1. The School Board hereby finds and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the District to sell and issue fully registered General Obligation Crossover Refunding Bonds, Series 2015B in the total aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$6,320,000 (herein, the "Series 2015A Bonds"). The proceeds of the Series 2015A Bonds will be used to crossover refund, on February 1, 2019, all or a portion of the February 1, 2027 through 2029 maturities, aggregating up to \$5,900,000 in principal amount, of the District's General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2008A, dated August 1, 2008 as the date of original issue (the "Series 2008A Bonds").*
- 2. The School Board desires to proceed with the sale of the Bonds by direct negotiation with Northland Securities, Inc. (herein, "NSI").*
- 3. The Board Chair and the Superintendent or the Director of Business Affairs are hereby authorized to approve the sale of the Series 2015B Bonds in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$6,320,000 and to execute a bond purchase agreement for the purchase of the Bonds with NSI, provided the total savings is at least \$800,000 and the savings meet the 3% savings test as set forth in Minnesota Statutes 475.67, subdivision 12.*
- 4. Upon approval of the sale of the Bonds by the Board Chair and the Superintendent or the Director of Business Affairs, the School Board will take action at its next regularly scheduled meeting thereafter to adopt the necessary approving resolutions as prepared by the District's bond counsel.*
- 5. (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Bond Registrar or any*

successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Bond Registrar for the Bonds is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Bond Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.

(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now or hereafter established by the Department of Finance and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The Board Chair, Clerk, Superintendent or Director of Business Affairs is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

- 6. NSI is authorized to prepare and distribute an Official Statement related to the sale of the Bonds.*
- 7. If the Board Chair and the Superintendent or the Director of Business Affairs have not approved the sale of the bonds to NSI and executed the related bond purchase agreement by December 31, 2015 this resolution shall expire.*

Mr. Rekstein made a motion to approve the resolution and proceed with the sale of general obligation refunding bonds up to an amount of \$6,320,000. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sapp and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote. The bonds will be sold through a negotiated sale. Final School Board action will occur at the next Board meeting scheduled after the sale.

There being no further business to consider, Ms. Sapp moved and Mr. Rekstein seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:34 p.m., on a 5-0 voice vote.

Clerk _____

Attest:

Chairperson _____

BID TABULATION

Renovation

ISD #77 Garfield Elementary School



Project Number:13-16028

Bid Letting Time & Date: 2:00 p.m. - Thursday, March 19, 2015

Bid Letting Location: ISD#77 - 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN - Minnesota Valley Rm

Contractor	Bid Bond	Add. #1	Add. #2	Responsible Contractor & Cert of Compliance	Base Bid	
Brennan Companies	X	X	X	X	\$1,320,000.00	
Met-Con Companies	X	X	X	X	\$1,449,000.00	
WEB Construction	X	X	X	X	\$1,449,800.00	
RW Carlstrom	X	X	X	X	\$1,451,500.00	
KUE Contractors	X	X	X	X	\$1,576,527.00	
Ebert Construction	X	X	X	X	\$1,588,800.00	

March 23, 2015



Mankato Area Public Schools - District 77
Jerry Kolander
10 Civic Center Plaza
Mankato, Minnesota 56001

Re: Garfield Elementary School Renovation

Jerry:

As you are aware, on March 19, 2015, at 2:00PM, bids were received and read aloud for the Mankato Garfield School Renovation Project. The District received (6) six bids from prime bidders, and the apparent low bidder is Brennan Construction of Mankato, Minnesota. Brennan Construction's bid amount is **\$1,320,000.00**.

I&S Group (I&S) has reviewed Brennan's bid form, and reviewed the Prime Contractor Statement of Qualifications required to be submitted with the bid. Additionally, I&S met with Brennan Construction on March 23, 2015 to verify the status of the bid submitted. Based on our previous knowledge of Brennan Construction, the information submitted, and our meeting with Brennan Construction, we believe Brennan Construction's bid to be the lowest responsible bid.

It is our understanding that the bid amount is within budget. Therefore, we would recommend the District award the contract to Brennan Construction for the base bid amount of **\$1,320,000.00**.

Please feel free to contact me at 507.387.6651 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Steffl", written over a horizontal line.

Justin Steffl,
Associate Principal, Project Manager

115 East Hickory Street, Suite 300 + Mankato, MN 56001
info@is-grp.com + www.is-grp.com
P: 507.387.6651

BID TABULATION

ISD #77 Prairie Winds Middle School
Mankato, MN



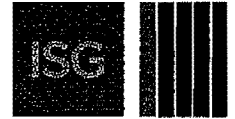
Project Number: 13-16027

Bid Letting Time & Date: 2:00 p.m. - Tuesday, March 31, 2015

Bid Letting Location:

Contractor	Bid Bond	Add. #1	Add. #2	Add. #3	Base Bid	Alt. A-1	Alt. A-2	Alt. A-3	Line Item Clarification Price A-1
Black & Dew	X	X	X	X	\$38,340,000.00	\$660,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$1,130,000.00	\$239,870.00
Knutson Construction	X	X	X	X	\$33,346,000.00	\$606,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$1,100,000.00	\$240,000.00
Met-Con Construction	X	X	X	X	\$33,549,000.00	\$625,000.00	\$37,000.00	\$1,120,000.00	\$239,000.00
Shaw Lundquist	X	X	X	X	\$34,650,000.00	\$621,000.00	\$40,500.00	\$420,000.00	\$240,000.00

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION



April 1, 2015

Sheri Allen
Mankato Area Public Schools ISD#77
10 Civic Center Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

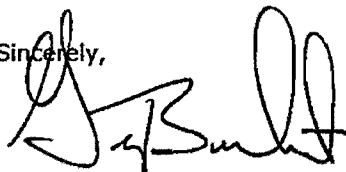
RE: Official Notice to Proceed for ISD77 Prairie Winds Middle School

Ms. Sheri Allen:

On March 31, 2015 bids were received for the ISD77 Prairie Winds Middle School project.

The apparent low bidder is Knutson Construction of Minneapolis, Minnesota. We have confirmed that Knutson Construction's bid is complete and thorough. Therefore, we recommend approval of their bid plus Alternates A-1 and A-2 for a contract sum of \$33,980,000.00.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Borchert".

Greg Borchert
Project Manager

I+S GROUP

info@is-grp.com + www.is-grp.com

**Mankato Area Public Schools
Group Health Insurance Bids for 7.1.15**

Bid Opening Date: 3/9/2015 4:30pm

Largest Exclusive Representatives Present: Robin Courrier (TCHR), Cheryl Ellstrom (TCHR)

District Employees Present: Jerry Kolander, Kelly Hanson

RFP Submitters

BID A	PEIP
BID B	BC/BS - Fully Insured
BID C	BC/BS-Self Insured
BID D	South Central Service Coop - BC/BS

		Monthly Rates				
		Bid A	Bid B	Bid C		Bid D
		PEIP	BC/BS - Fully Insured	BC/BS - Self Insured		South Central Serive Coop - BC/BS
Plan Type/Name	Rate Tier			Expected Claim Level	Max Claim Level	
Aware Gold	Single		\$860.50	\$727.16	\$890.73	\$843.50
Aware Gold	Family		\$2,277.50	\$1,871.15	\$2,304.16	\$2,233.00
Basic +	Single	*\$701.44	\$769.50	\$699.66	\$856.35	\$754.50
Basic +	Family	*\$1872.82	\$2,074.00	\$1,828.34	\$2,250.65	\$2,033.50
\$500 CMM	Single	**\$645.88	\$641.00	\$655.95	\$801.71	\$628.50
\$500 CMM	Family	**\$1724.48	\$1,693.00	\$1,679.07	\$2,064.06	\$1,660.00
CDHP3250	Single	***\$526.54	\$521.00	\$514.95	\$625.46	\$511.00
CDHP3250	Family	***\$1405.82	\$1,376.50	\$1,306.53	\$1,598.38	\$1,349.50
CDHP6350	Single		\$415.50	\$409.90	\$494.15	\$407.50
CDHP6350	Family		\$1,098.00	\$1,029.39	\$1,251.96	\$1,076.50
LEAN 3250****	Single		\$499.00			\$489.00
LEAN 3250****	Family		\$1,315.00			\$1,289.00

*PEIP Advantage Plan

**PEIP Value Plan

***PEIP HSA Plan

****Not a current ISD 77 plan

Mankato Area Public Schools

Health Insurance Transparency Act (HITA) Bid Process

Group Health Insurance for July 1, 2015

Mankato Area Public Schools published a notice in the Mankato Free Press on January 26, 2015 and February 2, 2015 to request proposals for group health insurance coverage beginning July 1, 2015 with March 9, 2015 as the due date. The sealed bids were opened on March 9, 2015 at 4:30pm with Robin Courier (Teacher), Cheryl Ellstrom (Teacher), Jerry Kolander (Director of Business Affairs) and Kelly Hanson (Benefits Specialist) present. Group health insurance bids were received from Public Employees Insurance Program (PEIP), Blue Cross Blue Shield (BC/BS) and South Central Service Cooperative (SCSC).

The bids received were sufficient and the District notified the insurance committee on March 12, 2015 that the bid responses are now public data.

The bids were evaluated and based on the lowest price and allowing our employees to maintain the same level of benefits and network access it is a logical choice for the District to select and continue the group insurance through the SCSC. This choice would also allow the District to maintain our reserves through the SCSC.

Open enrollment has been scheduled for May 1, 2015 through May 22, 2015.

**SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 77
Mankato, Minnesota**

April 7, 2015

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, in the Mankato Room at the Intergovernmental Center. Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present at roll call: Judi Brandon, Sara Hansen, Ann Hendricks, Tom Rekstein and Jodi Sapp. Absent: Kinney Eberhart and Kristi Schuck.

1. Brandon/Hansen approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 5-0
2. Open Forum - none.
3. Information: Activities Directors' Report, Student/Staff Recognition
4. Sapp/Hansen approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the March 16, 2015, regular meeting; Personnel. 5-0
5. Hansen/Rekstein acceptance of gift from Mankato Sertoma Club. 5-0
6. Brandon/Hansen acceptance of gifts and grants. 5-0
7. Rekstein/Brandon designation of identified official with authority for MDE. 5-0
8. Sapp/Rekstein approval of resolution relating to the termination/non-renewal of teaching contracts of probationary and/or contract substitute teachers. 5-0
9. Brandon/Sapp approval of Garfield renovation bids. 5-0
10. Hansen/Brandon approval of Prairie Winds Middle School construction bids. 5-0
11. Rekstein/Hansen approval of rates for 2015-16 dental programs. 5-0
12. Rekstein/Sapp approval of 2015-16 health insurance rates. 5-0
13. Hansen/Brandon approval of 2015-16 disability insurance rates. 5-0
14. Brandon/Hansen approval of 2015-16 life insurance rates. 5-0
15. Rekstein/Sapp approve sale of general obligation refunding bonds. 5-0
16. Sapp/Rekstein adjournment at 6:34 p.m. 5-0

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By: Judi Brandon

The complete minutes and all documents relating to this meeting are on file and available for review in the Superintendent's Office, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 2 and on-line at www.isd77.org.