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Information and Action Item: Playground Improvements at Crow Island School

TO: School Board
Superintendent Kocanda

FROM: Brad Goldstein
Chief Financial Officer

March 20, 2018

Overview & Background

Due to early signs of failure, last year we had two wooden playground structures inspected by a certified playground inspector. The inspector recommended the west structure be replaced due to rotting, therefore, an upgrade to the Crow Island playground is planned for Fiscal Year 2019.

Input on the design, with the assistance of a landscape architect, K M Talty Design, was obtained from school personnel and Administration. The Village Design Review Board is expected to approve the project on Monday, March 19, 2018.

There were three options that were brought forward to the committee:

- Option 1- \$38,772.00
- Option 2 - \$54,835.00
- Option 3 - \$48,028.00

Many factors were taken into consideration, including how the pieces fit aesthetically with the location. Option three was the first choice of the committee. Landscape Structures is the vendor that the District has chosen to move forward with. Landscape Structures, is a part of the National Joint Powers Alliance, a cooperative that allows us to move forward without bidding out the equipment, and receive the best pricing, they are the parent company of NuToys,

a vendor we have used successfully in the past. We will be bidding out the installation of the equipment in April, as well as the surface material. We will have two alternates for surface material; engineered wood chips, which match what is currently in place, and a rubberized surface.

Additional costs related to this project are contained in the attached letter of opinion from K M Talty Design. Once the Design Review Board has approved the project, we will move forward on bidding out the installation and surface materials. We expect to bring this before the Board in April.

Recommendation

The recommendation is for the Board to approve the purchase of playground equipment from Landscape Structures in the total amount of \$45,280, utilizing the National Joint Powers Alliance cooperative contract pricing.

Attachments

[K M Talty Design Letter](#)
[Landscape Structures Pricing Breakdown](#)