

To: Board of Education

From: Paula Murrish, director, food services & purchasing, ext. 2706
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Re: Purchase of Lunchroom Tables – Deerfield, Schwegler, Woodlawn

Date: February 4, 2016

Background:

Voters approved a \$92.5 million school bond issue to improve facilities, enhance technology and expand career and technical educational opportunities. The focus of this bond plan was on equipping our teachers and students with tools for 21st century teaching and learning.

A significant piece of successfully completing the district's bond construction projects involves furnishing and equipping the educational spaces. This has become even more important with the implementation and expansion of the Blended Learning initiative and creation of exciting new and/or renovated classrooms, learning pockets, media and technology centers, and learning commons spaces including the cafeterias. The district has standardized the cafeteria tables with 3-in-1 style seating, which can be used three different ways: single unit (bench and table top); bench seating mode; and linking units together for use as cafeteria/social-seating table arrangements. It is now time to bid the 3-in-1 convertible bench/tables for Deerfield, Schwegler and Woodlawn Elementary Schools.

The same specifications were used as with purchases for Langston Hughes, Hillcrest, New York and Cordley Elementary Schools and sent to three possible vendors. The bid results are as follow:

Global Industrial	No Response
School Specialty	\$69,332.52
SSi Furnishings	\$66,801.50

Recommendation:

The administration recommends board approval for the purchase 114 3-in-1 convertible bench/tables from SSi Furnishings for the delivered price of \$66,801.50.

Motion:

"I move the Board of Education approve the purchase of 114 3-in-1 style cafeteria tables from SSi Furnishings for Deerfield, Schwegler and Woodlawn Elementary Schools in the amount of \$66,801.50."