

To: Board of Education

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Re: Purchase of Lunchroom Tables – Pinckney

Date: February 9, 2017

Background:

In April 2014, 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 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: 1) as a single unit (bench and table top); 2) bench seating mode; and 3) linking units together for use as cafeteria/social-seating table arrangements. It is now time to bid the 3-in-1 convertible bench/table for Pinckney Elementary School. The same specifications were used as the cafeteria tables that were purchased for Cordley, Deerfield, Hillcrest, Langston Hughes, New York, Schwegler, Sunset Hill and Woodlawn Elementary Schools. A bid request for 40 cafeteria tables was sent to three qualified vendors.

Bids were returned as follow:

School Outfitters	NO BID (unable to match color)
SSi Furnishings	\$24,041.20
School Specialty	\$27,335.20

Recommendation:

Administration recommends board approval for the purchase of 40 cafeteria tables from SSi Furnishings at the delivered price of \$24,041.20.

Motion:

"I move the Board of Education approve the purchase of 40 cafeteria tables from SSi Furnishings for Pinckney Elementary School in the amount of \$24,041.20."