

To: Board of Education

From: Kyle Hayden, assistant superintendent, business & operations, ext. 4309
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Re: Integrated Pest Management Contract & Termite Protection Services

Date: March 17, 2016

Background:

The district has a need to control pests, rodents and termites in its buildings and on its grounds. The district uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) system. IPM is a safer and usually less costly option for effective pest management. It uses common sense strategies to reduce sources of food, water and shelter for pests in school buildings and grounds. An IPM program takes advantage of all pest management strategies, including judicious and careful use of pesticides when necessary.

Rationale:

IPM will be used to determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, chemical, cultural or biological means. IPM depends on current, comprehensive information on the pest and its environment and the best available pest control methods.

The choice of using a pesticide will be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options are not acceptable or are not feasible. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used in order to meet important management goals, the least hazardous material will be chosen in compliance with local, state and federal regulations.

Since January 2013, the USD 497 has been using Schendel Pest Services to perform monthly interior and exterior services and is pleased with their services. The monthly service fee to inspect and treat, as needed, around perimeter of facilities with emphasis on entry points and high risk areas is \$20,700 annually for 27 campuses. If we enter into a 36 month agreement, the monthly price will be retained through June 30, 2019. This is the same price that we have been paying since 2013 with the addition of the Lawrence College and Career Center.

In addition to IPM services, it is necessary to use professional services for termite protection. Sites that were under heavy construction were not completed in 2013 and are in need of services now. These sites include Cordley, New York, Kennedy, Hillcrest and Sunset Hill Elementary Schools and the Lawrence College and Career Center. The cost is typically \$5/station, but we are able to purchase by the pallets and are able to receive a 40% reduction in price or \$3/station. The proposal for termite bait stations is based on exterior perimeter linear feet or \$24,879 with an annual maintenance cost of \$16,030.55 for 24 campuses. The three sites that do not have termite protection services are Facilities and Operations, Pinckney Elementary School and Holcom Community Transition Program (block building).

Recommendation:

Administration recommends that the board enter into contract with Schendel Pest Services for monthly interior and exterior Integrated Pest Management (IPM) services at a cost of \$20,700 annually for all 27 campuses. In addition, administration recommends hiring Schendel Pest Services for termite protection services for Cordley, New York, Kennedy, Hillcrest and Sunset Hill Elementary Schools and the Lawrence College and Career Center site. The initial cost is \$24,879 and the annual protection cost for supplying termite monitoring and additional bait for 24 campuses is an annual cost of \$16,030.55.

Motion:

"I move the Board of Education enter into agreement with Schendel Pest Services for IPM and termite management services for 36 months through June 30, 2019 for a total of \$110,191.65 (annually: \$20,700 IPM and \$16,030.55 termite protection) and an initial termite protection setup for six buildings of \$24,879."