

To: Board of Education

From: Paula Murrish, director, food services & purchasing, ext. 2706

Re: Purchase of Kitchen Equipment – Free State, Lawrence High

Date: July 21, 2016

Background:

Part of the bond construction included the addition of production kitchens and updating kitchen equipment to six elementary schools. This update relieves both high schools from large satellite production demands to these elementary schools and allows more production time to cook for high school students. To support the scatter style of service at the high schools, they are in need of speedy quantity preparation equipment. The griddle/grill unit allows for freshly cooked product. This type of unit offers two-sided cooking for quicker output and reduces the risk of undercooking while enhancing product consistency and flexibility of independent controlled heating zones.

Bids and Specifications:

The district met with kitchen equipment companies to compare equipment options and also determined what the utility needs are to support the new equipment. Specifications were written and bids solicited from three vendors for equipment and delivery. The district is working on obtaining bids to run additional electric to both locations and hasn't received a firm bid. The results are as follow:

Premier Restaurant and Supply	No Response
Kain McArthur, Inc.	\$41,073
Sunflower Restaurant Supply, Inc.	\$39,588
Allowance for utility work and hook-ups	\$ 6,500

Recommendation:

Administration recommends board approval for the purchase of griddle/grill kitchen equipment in the amount of \$39,588 for both high schools from Sunflower Restaurant Supply, Inc., paid from capital outlay funds allocated for kitchen equipment.

Motion:

"I move the Board of Education approve the purchase and delivery of griddle/grills kitchen equipment from Sunflower Restaurant Supply, Inc. at a cost of \$39,588 for both high schools and an allowance up to \$6,500 for utility work and equipment hookup costs."