

To: Board of Education

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Re: Mowing Services Contract – Secondary Schools

Date: April 7, 2016

Background:

The Facilities and Operations Department began using contracted mowing services for Lawrence High and Free State High Schools during the 2014 growing season. Midway through the 2015 growing season, four additional sites including South, Southwest, West, and Liberty Memorial Central Middle Schools were added to the contract. District grounds staff is involved with the moving in and out of schools affected by bond construction. The same staff has also become more actively involved with landscaping, tree care, and the district warehouse. Because of these additional demands on the grounds staff, bids for mowing services were expanded for the 2016 growing season.

Currently, the bids for mowing services cover approximately 2.16 million square feet of green space. Services will include the mowing, trimming around buildings and obstacles, and edging of sidewalks. The lowest qualified bid, from *Perfect Cut Lawn & Landscaping*, includes the mowing service, price per mow and the guaranteed maximum price per season (32 mows), which is represented below. Bids were solicited in two packages-middle and high schools.

	Middle Schools per mow	High Schools per mow	GMP per season
Gaston's Quality Lawn Care	\$1,945	\$1,515	\$110,720
Lawrence Landscape	\$2,071	\$1,565	\$116,352
Perfect Cut Lawn & Landscaping	\$1,010	\$ 675	\$ 53,920

Recommendation:

Administration recommends board approval of a mowing contract with *Perfect Cut Lawn & Landscaping* for the 2016 mowing season at Lawrence High, Free State High, South, Southwest, West, and Liberty Memorial Central Middle Schools for the guaranteed maximum price of \$53,920.

Motion:

"I move the Board of Education approve a mowing contract with *Perfect Cut Lawn & Landscaping* for the 2016 mowing season at Lawrence High, Free State High, South, Southwest, West, and Liberty Memorial Central Middle Schools for the guaranteed maximum price of \$53,920."