

Livonia Public Schools

Director of Operations

To: Andrea L. Oquist, Superintendent
From: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations
Date: January 17, 2019
Re: Purchase of Lawn Equipment – 2013 Bond

I would like to discuss the purchase of new lawn mowers, one for each of the high schools, at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. This was originally discussed at the January 14, 2019 Study Session, where the proposal to purchase was brought to the Board. We are recommending the purchase of three (3) Grasshopper Model 900D mowers from J & R Tractor, LLC, Monroe, Michigan, at a cost of \$16,700.00 each, for a total cost of \$50,100.00. The District put this out for public bid twice, and both times received a single response. While we received a single bid, we are pleased with the pricing. The MSRP for the Grasshopper 900D starts at \$21,030.00, which means our bid pricing is a 20% discount from retail.

The District has a history of nearly 30 years with Grasshopper mowers. We average 20 years on the units before looking at replacement. Additionally, J & R Tractor provides parts and repair services quickly when needed; thus, reducing mower down time. They also are helpful with over-the-phone diagnostic and repair help. The Maintenance Department team has a good working knowledge of the Grasshopper mower. The current units at Churchill, Franklin, and Stevenson that we plan to replace with this recommended purchase are from 1998 and will be put up for auction.

I am requesting this item be added to the agenda of the January 22, 2019 meeting. Attached you will find a recommendation memo from Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, along with the bid tabulation. Funds for this purchase would be from the 2013 Bond Fund.

Attachments

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c: Board of Education