

\$1.1 million bid accepted for cafeteria project

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IMMEDIATE SCHEDULE

May 4—Stacking of wrestling mats and prepping the wrestling room for temporary kitchen.

May 5—Moving of items to temporary kitchen. Cafeteria tables moved into south gym.

May 9—Lunch prepped in temporary kitchen and served in south gym.

May 9-13—Contractor to begin moving kitchen materials to be needed to south Community Building hallways. Demolition of cafeteria possible. Dry and frozen goods, wall hangings and trophies moved.

May 16—Contracted start of construction. Open campus lunch for high school.

Work to begin next week.

School officials had hoped for a more favorable bid to expand the cafeteria and remodel the Community Building.

But the lowest bid at \$1.1 million was substantially more than preliminary estimates of \$750,000 to do the project.

Nonetheless, District 20 board members during a special meeting Monday night unanimously voted to accept the bid from Paulsen Inc. of Cozad in addition to two alternate bids.

The first alternate bid of \$61,000 was to remodel the weight room in the Community Building.

Another bid of \$1,100 was accepted for electrical work in the gymnasium.

Coupled with the base bid to expand the cafeteria 12,000 square feet, the alternates raise the price to \$1.2 million.

With officials slicing \$65,000 of work from the bid, the cost will be around \$1.1 million.

Superintendent Mike Teahon said he had visited with DLR Group officials, the architect for the

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project, who said the tight work schedule was part of the reason for the higher bids.

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