

\$1.1 million bid accepted for cafeteria project

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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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