

Action Item

Subject:

Proviso East Classroom Furniture

Background:

Beginning in the Fall of 2017, Proviso East will continue the initiation of its Transformation Plan by launching the 2nd phase of the College and Career Readiness Academies and the 1st phase of the Competency-Based Education Pilot Program. As a part of its transformation, Proviso East High School was also selected to participate in the State of Illinois' competency-based education pilot in April of 2017. Seventeen (17) teachers were recently selected to serve as demonstration classrooms for the competency-based pilot during the first year of learning and research. The incentive package for the teachers includes the needed professional development, collaboration time, technology, and classroom furniture that is more conducive to a personalized competency-based model. As a result of the partnership between the academy model and competency-based education, Proviso East students will be able to gain a better understanding of career paths as they advance academically by demonstrating mastery of specific standards.

Administration's Analysis:

Based on the volume of classroom furniture needed for the new academies at Proviso East, a bid was published in the Chicago Tribune, posted to the District's website, and emailed to eight vendors. The public bid opening was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, with one vendor in attendance. The bids received were as follows:

Midwest Office Interiors	\$179,471.20
Staples Business Advantage	\$203,433.80

Midwest Office Interiors is owned by Warehouse Direct who also recently was awarded the office supply contract with the District. Warehouse Direct also held the maintenance supply contract with the District until July 1, 2017 when Unique Products won the bid.

Statute, Administrative Policy or Board Rules Statement:

All contracts for supplies, materials, or work involving expenditures in excess of \$25,000 shall be made in accordance with the State law bidding procedure, unless specifically exempted, 105, ILCS 5/10-20.21.

Implementation Plan:

The Proviso East will assemble and install furniture to the designated academy.

Administration's Recommendation:

That the Board of Education of Proviso Township High Schools District 209 accepts the Superintendent's recommendation to award the contract for Proviso East classroom furniture to Midwest Office Interiors at a cost not to exceed \$179,471.20.