



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION REPORT

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For Action: May 1, 2019

1. TITLE

BTA IV: Award Construction Contract K5114, Bid No. B11825, to Sprinturf, LLC for the Athletic Field Improvements at Garfield High School project

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this action is to provide authorization for the Superintendent to enter into a construction contract in the amount of \$1,018,595, which includes the base bid plus Alternates #1, #2 & #3, plus Washington State Sales Tax, for the Athletic Field Improvements at Garfield High School project.

3. RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to execute Contract K5114 for the Garfield High School Athletic Field Improvement project with Sprinturf, LLC in the amount of \$1,018,595, which includes the base bid plus Alternate #1, #2 & #3, plus Washington State Sales Tax, with any minor additions, deletions, and modifications deemed necessary by the Superintendent, and to take any necessary actions to implement the contract.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

a. Background

The Athletic Field Improvements at Garfield High School project, located at Garfield High School, 400 23rd Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122, and funded through the BTA IV levy passed by the voters in February 2016. The levy included the Athletic Field Improvements at Garfield High School project to be opened for the 2019-20 school year.

The original school was constructed in 1923, with additions in 1929, 1962, and 2008. The 2008 addition included an expanded performing arts center as well as a complete renovation of the school and existing athletic field and track. The existing synthetic turf and track surface have not been replaced since the 2008 renovation.

The scope of work for this project includes synthetic turf replacement, track re-surfacing, underground infrastructure for future athletic field lights, and miscellaneous associated work. The recent bell time changes have reduced hours for after school field use, so the district is installing athletic field lighting at various middle and high school athletic field locations. Once all the required permits for the lighting at Garfield are obtained the installation will be done under a separate contract.

Three different turf infill material options were bid to provide a range of options for the District, including:

- Cork, as the Base Bid;
- Thermo Plastic Elastomer (TPE), as an Alternate Bid No.4
- Styrene Butadiene Rubber (SBR), also known as “crumb rubber” as an Alternate Bid No. 5

As the Board has previously noted receipt of public comments surrounding health concerns related to the use of SBR crumb rubber, Seattle Public Schools formed a committee to identify alternative infill mixtures (to SBR crumb rubber) until more definitive health studies were conducted. Infill alternatives were identified for consideration that did not pose a greater injury risk to athletes and had similar maintenance characteristics as SBR crumb rubber to retain continuity in Grounds Department maintenance practices and not increase annual operating costs. Cork and TPE were selected as two synthetic turf infill mixtures that met those criteria and were bid against SBR crumb rubber to establish a cost differential.

The Athletic Field Improvements at Garfield High School project was publicly bid on March 21, 2019, with a total of (5) bids being received. The base bid is \$901,545.

Until publication of more definitive studies concerning the use of SBR crumb rubber, this Board Action Report is seeking approval of the use of cork as the synthetic turf infill material and authorization for the Superintendent to execute a contract amendment with the contractor.

The motion allows the district to execute a construction contract with Sprinturf, LLC, who was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

b. Alternatives

Deny Motion. If this motion is denied, the aging synthetic turf at Garfield will not be replaced, which could possibly cause safety concerns in use of the field. Also, the field lighting, under a separate contract, will not installed in a timely manner and the District will have to continue to limit school athletics and Seattle Parks use to daylight hours.

c. Research

Not applicable.

5. FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE

The project budget for Garfield High School is \$2,394,565, plus Washington State Sales Tax.

The revenue source for this motion is from the BTA IV Capital Levy.

Expenditure: One-time Annual Multi-Year N/A

Revenue: One-time Annual Multi-Year N/A

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

With guidance from the District’s Community Engagement tool, this action was determined to merit the following tier of community engagement:

- Not applicable
- Tier 1: Inform
- Tier 2: Consult/Involve
- Tier 3: Collaborate

These projects have undergone a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process, which included public comment and community meetings, and are in review by the City of Seattle through the Master Use Permit process, for which a public workshop was held.

7. EQUITY ANALYSIS

This motion was not put through the process of an equity analysis. The field and track replacement are on its normal schedule for replacement. The additional field lighting provides use of field lighting for schools across the city. The selection of projects in the BTA IV Capital Levy program were designed to provide equitable access to safe school facilities across the city.

8. STUDENT BENEFIT

It is the goal of the District to continue the process of implementing the BTA IV Capital Levy programs and provide students with safe and secure school buildings and facilities.

9. WHY BOARD ACTION IS NECESSARY

- Amount of contract initial value or contract amendment exceeds \$250,000 (Policy No. 6220)
- Amount of grant exceeds \$250,000 in a single fiscal year (Policy No. 6114)
- Adopting, amending, or repealing a Board policy
- Formally accepting the completion of a public works project and closing out the contract
- Legal requirement for the School Board to take action on this matter
- Board Policy No. _____, [TITLE], provides the Board shall approve this item
- Other: _____

10. POLICY IMPLICATION

Per Board Policy No. 6220, Procurement, any contract over \$250,000 must be brought before the Board for approval.

11. BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

This motion was discussed at the Operations Committee meeting on March 14, 2019. The Committee reviewed the motion and moved it forward to the full Board with a recommendation for consideration.

12. TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Upon approval of this motion, the construction contract will be executed and a Notice to Proceed will be issued to the selected contractor.

13. ATTACHMENTS

- None