

## PURCHASING

The Board intends to authorize purchases to serve the educational program by providing the best value for supplies, equipment, and services.

All contracts for, and purchases of supplies, materials, equipment, and contractual services in the amount of \$20,000 or more shall be based, when feasible, on at least three competitive bids. When competitive bidding is not used, an explanation is required. All purchases less than \$20,000 in amount may be made in the open market, but shall, when possible, be based on at least three competitive quotations or prices. All purchases made in the open market shall be consummated after careful pricing.

When bidding procedures are used, bids shall be advertised appropriately and mailed to suppliers and contractors that request them.

All formal bids shall be opened at the time specified and all bidders and other persons shall be invited to be present.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept that bid which appears to be in the best interest of the district. The Board reserves the right to waive any informality in, or reject, any or all bids or any part of any bid. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. The Board also reserves the right to negotiate with the lowest responsible bidder when all bids exceed the budgeted appropriation.

The bidder to whom the award is made shall be required to enter into a written contract with the district.