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Board adds bidding standards to project

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FREMONT -- The city school board adopted two additional bidding standards Monday for the new Fremont Middle School project.

Superintendent Traci McCaudy said last spring the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission approved school boards to adopt additional bidder work force standards.

One of the new standards aims to make sure construction personnel have at least three years experience in their trades and have certifications such as an apprenticeship or journeyman's card.

The other new standard is to require payment of wages based upon the prevailing wage for Sandusky County.

"With the economy the way it is, everything is coming in under estimate (with other school projects in the state), which is good for us," McCaudy said. "In order to make sure this is a quality project and to get local involvement, it would be best to adopt these items."

McCaudy said changes have been made to the construction documents to require contractors bidding on a project to provide their financial background and detail their experience with similar projects.

The middle school is estimated to cost \$27 million, which voters approved in 2008. It is scheduled to be complete during 2011.
