

## **Fremont BOE OK's construction contracts**

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FREMONT -- The Fremont Local School Board of Education approved construction contracts for the middle school project Thursday.

Board members said they are thrilled with the process, with construction scheduled to begin next month.

Two of the six prime contractors are local -- Telamon Construction Inc., a Mosser Group Company, is the general trades contractor and Warner Mechanical has the plumbing and HVAC contract. Telamon's base bid was \$10,622,000; with numerous alternates their total contract is \$11,197,300.

The roofing contract went to CRM Inc. of Clyde. The food service contract went to Louis R. Polster Co., the fire protection contract went to Central Fire Protection and the electrical contract went to Lake Erie Electric of Bowling Green.

Board President Tim Ellenberger said with two contracts being in Fremont, 75 percent of the project is being done locally.

"I think we spent a lot of time checking out contractors, and you have a strong mix of local presence," said Chris Moore, senior project manager with Touchstone CPM.

Moore was pleased the bids came in at \$18.1 million, 8.5 percent under the estimate.

Because of bids coming in lower, the district does not need to provide extra funds for energy-efficiency measures and a low-maintenance heating and air-conditioning system. The new school will include 10 of the 11 alternate projects, because of the bid savings. Alternates include roof monitors, tubular day lighting, roller window shades, masonry veneer and landscaping and day lighting controls.

"It's the best possible scenario that could have happened," Moore said.

He said the district has about \$1.25 million set aside to cover unforeseen issues.