

## **School board re-bids contracts**

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FREMONT -- The city school board approved a resolution Monday night to re-bid the electrical and HVAC work for the new middle school.

The Fremont City Schools Board of Education rescinded contracts for plumbing, HVAC and electrical work in accordance with a court order.

The contract for plumbing and HVAC work originally went to Warner Mechanical of Fremont. Another bidder, Vaughn Industries LLC of Carey, had submitted a bid for the HVAC package and a combined bid for the HVAC and electrical work.

Vaughn Industries challenged the board's award of the HVAC contract to Warner Mechanical in a lawsuit in the Sandusky County Common Pleas Court on April 14. In court, it was found that the combined HVAC and plumbing contract could not be awarded to Warner Mechanical because of an error in completing the bid form.

The legal option the board chose is to have Warner Mechanical keep the plumbing contract, since they were the lowest responsible bidder.

District Treasurer David Chambers said after the meeting that contractors who originally bid for HVAC and electrical will have the chance to re-bid. The re-bids will take place between Wednesday and May 19.

Superintendent Traci McCaudy, Chambers and Board President Tim Ellenberger will prepare a contract with Warner Mechanical for \$959,444. According to the resolution, Warner Mechanical's original bid for plumbing and HVAC was \$3,956,444.

The other option for the board, which was not chosen, would have cost an additional \$111,356.

"I feel we did the right thing tonight putting those up for bid," board member Marc Glotzbecker said.