

Nemaha Central school board members approved the go-ahead for the link addition between the elementary/middle school and high school and VoAg greenhouse at the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 12.

Eric Stallbaumer with AHRS Construction, the Construction Manager At-Risk for the proposed projects, presented the bids received for the Base Project – the Link Addition; and Alternate Projects – Greenhouse, VoAg Building, HS Restroom Remodel, and HS flooring replacement.

The Link Addition will connect the present two buildings and contain four classrooms, two single-unit restrooms and two small work rooms. It has not been decided which classes will occupy those classrooms but it is expected that the extra space will alleviate over-crowding in the elementary wing.

The low bid for the construction of the Link Addition was \$1,599,156. Added to this cost will be the fees for the project management, CMAR, and bond which total \$101,897; for a total project cost of \$1,701,053.

The low bids for the alternates were:

Alternate No. 1 – Greenhouse, \$238,202

Alternate No. 2 – VoAg Building, \$293,422

Alternate No. 3 – HS Restroom Remodel, \$96,695

Alternate No. 4 – Flooring Replacement in the HS, \$69,982

Eric informed members that if a bid was approved at this meeting, the link addition will be ready for occupancy in August, 2019. If approved, the alternate projects will be scheduled at optimum times so as not to interrupt school time.

Supt. Kohlman presented the board members with the current balance in the Capital Outlay and Contingency Reserve funds. The Capital Outlay has a current balance of \$2.5 million. Members questioned Kohlman as to what the future capital expense needs are anticipated such as buses and computer hardware.

Donations and pledges for the VoAg program total slightly over \$100,000 at this time. These funds and any future donations will be used to partially fund the greenhouse or VoAg building, if approved.

Following discussion and consideration of the finances available, it was the consensus of the board members that the link addition was a need and that if any of the alternates should be considered, it would be the greenhouse. The six members present voted unanimously to approve the bids for the Link Addition and the Greenhouse.

In other business, approved under personnel action were new hires: Mary Jane Fleming, part-time regular ed para at NCEMS; Amber Bloom, student assistant for the after-school program; and Jeremy Rudder, part-time piano accompanist in the music department. Resignations were accepted from Shelly Abker, EMS para and Martha Parthemer (retirement), para at Frankfort.