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Approval of 2026/2027 Dairy Bid Award

Purpose

To present the Board of Education with the proposed vendor contract for dairy product procurement for the 2026/2027 school year for formal approval. This item requests the approval of the bid submitted by Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. to ensure continuous food service operations across the district.

Background and Information

Maintaining daily food service operations requires a reliable dairy supply for our students. The district utilizes approximately 1,500 to 1,600 half-pint cartons of milk daily, delivered directly to Centennial, Kimes, and Northlawn Schools.

Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. submitted the bid for the 2026/2027 school term, which includes both firm and escalating pricing alongside vendor-provided storage coolers. Securing this contract ensures operational consistency and maintains a predictable, structured framework for our student nutritional programs.

Key Provisions

The contract establishes pricing for standard dairy offerings for the upcoming academic year. The firm/fixed price structures submitted by Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. are designated as follows:

- ½ Pint 1% White Milk: \$0.4314 per carton
- ½ Pint 1% Chocolate Milk: \$0.4647 per carton

Alternatively, standard escalating clause rates are noted at \$0.3817 for white and \$0.4040 for chocolate. This contract will take effect for the 2026/2027 school year immediately upon board approval and will be managed within the district's operational food service budget.

Administrative Recommendation

The administration recommends that the Board of Education formally approve the 2026/2027 dairy bid contract to Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. as presented on the consent agenda.