

**Sauk Valley Community College  
February 24, 2020**

**Action Item 4.8**

**Topic: Public Bid Action – 2019 Condensate Pumps Replacement Project**

**Strategic Direction: Goal 1, Objective 3 – Be operationally efficient in order to maintain a low cost of attendance for students**

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**Presentation:**

In July 2018, the Board of Trustees (the Board) approved replacement of eight (8) air handler units for a budget of \$2,400,000. The Board later approved budget adjustments totaling \$331,500, which brought the total project approved budget to \$2,731,500. The College has expended \$2,165,916.51 to-date and has obligated another \$186,987.65. There are \$379,512.35 unobligated project funds as of February 2020.

As a continuation of this project, it was proposed the College utilize unobligated funds to replace existing condensate pumps ancillary to the College’s Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System, which was titled 2019 Condensate Pumps Replacement Project. The project was publicly advertised on November 4, 2019, a pre-bid meeting was held on November 19, 2019, and three (3) contractors and three (3) plan rooms requested were provided bid documents by Willett Hofmann and Associates, Inc. Two (2) proposals were received, opened, and read aloud at the College on December 4, 2019. The results were as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Mechanical, Inc. of Freeport, Illinois	\$ 260,900
Loesher Heating & AC of Sterling, Illinois	274,100

**Recommendation:**

The administration recommends the Board not accept the bids for the 2019 Condensate Pumps Replacement Project. Upon review of the proposals received, the Administration considers it in the best interest of the College to pursue acquisition of condensate pumps at a higher level of quality than proposed in the bid. The Administration will reassess the proposed Condensate Pumps Replacement Project and reconsider completion at a future date.