

PURCHASING – BIDDING

The board supports economic development in Iowa. Purchases by the school district will be made in Iowa for Iowa goods and services from a locally-owned business located within the school district or from an Iowa-based company which offers these goods or services if the cost and other considerations are relatively equal and they meet the required specifications.

Prior to August 15 of each year and after analyzing the school district's anticipated procurement level for the current fiscal year, the school board shall set a goal of ten percent of the anticipated procurement level to be purchased from certified targeted small businesses. In determining the procurement level, the cost of utilities (heat, electricity, telephone and natural gas) and employees' costs shall not be included. After the goal has been established, the superintendent shall file the required Targeted Small Business Procurement form with the Department of Education by August 15.

By July 31 of each year, the superintendent shall file a report with the Department of Education outlining purchases of goods and services from targeted small businesses for the previous fiscal year.

The school board and superintendent shall encourage targeted small businesses which are not certified with the Department of Inspections and Appeals to become certified targeted small businesses.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to approve purchases, except those authorized by or requiring direct board action. The superintendent may coordinate and combine purchases with other governmental bodies to take advantage of volume price breaks. Joint purchases with other political subdivisions will be considered in the purchase of equipment, accessories or attachments with an estimated cost of \$50,000 or more.

The superintendent shall have the authority to authorize purchases without competitive bids for goods and services costing under \$1,500 without prior board approval. For goods and services costing more than \$5,000 and less than \$25,000, the superintendent shall receive quotes of the goods and services to be purchased prior to approval of the board. Competitive sealed bids are required for purchases, other than emergency purchases, for goods and services that cost \$100,000 or more, including construction contracts and school buses.

The purchase will be made from the lowest responsible bidder based upon total cost considerations including, but not limited to, the cost of the goods and services being purchased, availability of service and/or repair, delivery date, the targeted small business procurement goal and other factors deemed relevant by the board.

The board and the superintendent shall have the right to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof, and to re-advertise. If it is determined that a targeted small business which bid on the project may be unable to perform the contract, the superintendent shall notify the Department of Economic Development. The board will enter into such contract or contracts as the board deems in the best interests of the school district.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 18.6(9); 23A; 28E.20; 72.3; 73; 73A; 285.10(3), .10(7); 301 (2005).
261 I.A.C. 54.
281 I.A.C. 43.25.
481 I.A.C. 25.
1984 Op. Att'y Gen. 115.
1974 Op. Att'y Gen. 171.

Cross Reference: 705 Expenditures
711.4 Transportation Equipment
801.5 Site Acquisition
802 Maintenance, Operation and Management
803 Selling and Leasing

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REQUISITIONS AND PURCHASE ORDERS

Supplies, equipment, and services may only be approved for purchase by the superintendent. Requisition for supplies, equipment, and services shall be made by employees to their immediate supervisor. Only those purchases approved by the superintendent shall be processed by the school district.

The superintendent may authorize a procedure for the purchase of small, emergency items, usually at a cost of \$1,500 or less.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code § 279.8 (2005).

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RECEIVING GOODS AND SERVICES

To assure goods and services procured by the school district are properly accounted for and are of the quality and type ordered, goods will be received by the board secretary (a designated secretary in the central office). Goods and services which do not meet the requirements specified in the purchase order or contract will not be paid for or accepted.

If goods must be delivered to and received by someone other than (a designated secretary) the board secretary, it shall be the responsibility of that person to inform the board secretary, to assure the goods and services are properly accounted for, and to ensure they are of the quality and type ordered.

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PAYMENT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES

The board authorizes the issuance of warrants for payment of claims against the school district for goods and services. The board will allow the warrants after the goods and services have been received and accepted in compliance with board policy and the claims audited by the board.

Claims for payment of freight, drayage, express, postage, printing, water, lights, telephone, rents, and payment of salaries pursuant to the terms of a written contract may be paid by the board secretary prior to formal audit and approval by the board.

In addition, the secretary, upon approval of the board president, may issue warrants for verified bills filed with the secretary when the board is not in session prior to payment and prior to audit and approval by the board.

The board secretary shall examine the claims and verify bills.

The secretary shall determine to the secretary's satisfaction that the claims presented to the board are in order and are legitimate expenses of the school district. It shall be the responsibility of the secretary to bring claims to the board.

The board president and board secretary may sign warrants by use of a signature plate or rubber stamp. If the board president is unavailable to personally sign warrants, the vice president may sign warrants on behalf of the president.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to develop the administrative regulations regarding this policy.

Legal Reference: Iowa Constitution, Art. III § 31.
Love v. City of Des Moines, 210 Iowa 90, 230 N.W. 373 (1930).
Iowa Code §§ 279.8, .29, .30, .36; 291.12; 721.2(5) (2005).
281 I.A.C. 12.3(1).
1980 Op. Att'y Gen. 102, 160, 720.
1976 Op. Att'y Gen. 69.
1972 Op. Att'y Gen. 130, 180, 392, 456, 651.
1936 Op. Att'y Gen. 375.

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UNPAID WARRANTS

Generally, the board shall authorize claims to be paid only when sufficient revenue is available for such claims. The board may authorize the payment of claims for which insufficient funds are available.

When the board deems it necessary to authorize warrants without sufficient funds available, stamped warrants or anticipatory warrants may be authorized.

It shall be the responsibility of the board secretary to issue anticipatory warrants when needed.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code chs. 74; 74A (2005).
281 I.A.C. 12.3(1).

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