

# Chippewa Valley awards bond contracts

## Work scheduled to start in spring 2020

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On Feb. 10, the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approved awarding contracts for parking lots. The lot at Sequoyah Elementary School in Macomb Township is one of the parking lots that will be restored.



The Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approved awarding contracts on Feb. 10, including contracts for parking lot restoration. One of the lots to be restored is at Shawnee Elementary School in Macomb Township.

New security features, improved parking lots and upgraded teacher technology are among the spring projects recently approved by the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education.

On Feb. 10 the board awarded contracts regarding security, parking lots and chiller upgrades districtwide. The board awarded contracts totaling \$5,972,187 to the following contractors:

- ML Schoenherr Construction Company for carpentry at \$543,600
- Roseville Glass for glass and glazing at \$2.34 million
- Tech Mechanical Inc. for mechanical at \$327,240
- Ferndale Electric Company Inc. for electrical at \$22,247
- Asphalt Specialist, Inc. for sitework at \$2.73 million

Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations Scott Sederlund said that the bids received were within the budget allocation for the 2018 bond issue program, and that the projects will begin in spring 2020.

“This project will consist of parking lot restoration at Sequoyah and Shawnee elementary schools, building security upgrades to all school buildings and chiller replacement for the Cherokee Elementary School,” Sederlund said. “The security upgrades will install interior locks on all the larger classroom spaces such as gyms, cafeterias, LGIs and media centers. The security upgrades will also include the replacement of all existing interior glass with the new school guard glass for all classrooms, large group areas, large group instruction areas and main offices.”

Work will start on June 16.

“Unfortunately it is going to go pretty much the whole summer because both of these lots are complete tear offs and redos,” Sederlund said, adding that work would also be weather dependent.

Access to the two elementary buildings, both of which are located in Macomb Township, will be limited, with primary access by custodians and contractors, according to Sederlund. He said the goal is to have the work complete by the start of the school year. Superintendent Ron Roberts said that he has been in contact with township clerks in Clinton and Macomb townships regarding any precinct changes that will need to be made due to the construction and the Aug. 4 election.

The board also approved awarding contracts for bids related to classroom technology and teacher devices. The board approved awarding contracts totaling \$6.23 million for 21st century classroom and teacher devices upgrades district-wide that are also part of the 2018 bond program to these contractors:

- Sehi Computer Products, Inc. for teacher computers at \$877,500
- Microsoft for teacher presentation devices at \$709,893
- Tierney Brothers, Inc. for interactive flat panels/microphones at \$4.64 million.

The projects will start in the spring of 2020.

“This project will consist of districtwide replacement of teacher computers and presentation devices, classroom interactive flat panels and teacher classroom microphones,” Sederlund said.

Voters approved the \$97 million bond issue in November 2018. Billed as a “Safe Schools, Strong Schools” proposal, it called for financing updated security and technology in district buildings as well as infrastructure improvements.