

**Board of Trustees
Barton Community College**

September 11, 2018 Special Board Meeting

Detail: Matching funds have been raised for the installation of turf on both the Barton baseball (infield only) & softball fields (entire field). The college has been working with Venture Corporation (in cooperation with various subcontractors - fencing, concrete, turf) to prepare a bid for the project.

The project will also include replacement fencing (baseball sidelines) and relocating the softball fence to meet the required dimensions. The bid includes all prep work that is necessary for the installation of the turf. Astroturf is the subcontractor that will be installing the turf for this project. The turf carries an 8-year warranty (industry standard) and the life expectancy of the synthetic surface is 10-15 years depending on usage levels and annual care/maintenance of the new surfaces.

The installation of the synthetic surface will ultimately give us a recruitment advantage moving forward as we continue to improve the athletic facility infrastructure here at Barton. These surfaces will allow us much more scheduling flexibility, the ability to host events in the summer months, is a much safer surface for our student athletes, and will save the college the annual costs of maintaining the current natural surfaces.

Venture (General Contractor) – Dirtwork and drainage

- Astroturf – Turf supplier and installer
- Eldridge Fencing – Fence supplier and installer
- Eakin Enterprises – Concrete

Softball Field - \$416,400

Baseball Field - \$347,100

Recommendation: Approve the contract with Venture Corporation in the amount of \$763,500 for the installation of Astroturf on the Softball field (entire field) and the Baseball field (infield only).