



MEETING OF: July 9, 2013

TITLE: Lease/Purchase of 24 Buses

ITEM #: 24

Information:

Study:

Action: X

PURPOSE:

Authorize the lease/purchase of 24 buses to support the transportation of students.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

This is a lease-purchase of 18 buses for an annual cost of \$249,860 for five years and a straight purchase of 6 buses at a one-time cost of \$379,930.

The purchases have been separated based on the funding source. The lease-purchase will be funded with Desegregation funding and the outright purchase will be M&O capital.

TUSD Transportation has a fleet of 317 yellow buses to support student transportation requirements. Currently 18 buses are model year 1990 or older and another 6 buses are 1995 models. These buses should be replaced because of age and mileage. The industrial standard life span of a school bus is 15 years.

The 24 replacement buses are all 30 passenger units. An analysis of TUSD ridership shows that last year 50 routes were operated in 81-84 passenger buses when load counts did not exceed 30. By replacing a big bus with a smaller unit annual fuel costs are reduced by approximately \$3,300 per vehicle replaced.

The acquisition of these buses will allow TUSD to make a small increase in the spare ratio. This is important as we anticipate increased transportation support for after school activities related to the Unitary Status Plan.

Paul Larson, Jim Burns, and Candy Egbert will be available to answer questions.

This request supports the Superintendent's Transportation goal by increasing the customer satisfaction and the efficiency of the transportation services provided. The use of smaller and more versatile buses increase Transportations ability to respond to our customer's needs, especially the diverse needs of the students who are qualified by McKinney-Vento and our youngest students attending exceptional education programs and preschool.

BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

For all Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs), Initiator of Agenda Item provides the name of the agency responsible for recording the Agreement after approval:

For amendments to current IGAs, Initiator provides original IGA recording number:

Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

<u>379,930</u>	District Budget
<u>249,860</u>	State/Federal Funds
<u> </u>	Other
<u>Budget Cost</u>	<u>Budget Code</u>
249,860	61051350005070 6734
379,930	61041050005070 6734

Budget Certification (for use by Office of
Financial Services only):

Date _____
I certify that funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$ are
available and may be:
 Authorized from current year budget
 Authorized with School Board approval
Code: Fund:

INITIATOR(S):

<u>James S. Burns, Operations Business Office Coordinator</u>	<u>6/28/13</u>
Name	Date

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