

Denton Independent School District
Transportation Bus Purchase
April 14, 2020

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the quotes from Longhorn Bus Sales in the amount of \$2,010,867.00 for the purchase of nineteen (19) buses.

BOARD GOAL:

Growth & Management – Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Transportation Department currently has one hundred and twenty-five (125) routes throughout the District. The first quote is for nine (9) 71-passenger route buses at a cost of \$102,593.00 per bus for a total of \$923,337.00. The second quote is for ten (10) 71-passenger special needs route buses at a cost of \$108,673.00 per bus for a total of \$1,086,730.00. All nineteen (19) buses will have air conditioning and a propane fuel source. These buses will replace current fleet buses that are fourteen (14) to fifteen (15) years old and will eliminate all non-air-conditioned buses from the District fleet. Denton ISD has been awarded two (2) Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) grants. The first grant will reimburse the District \$546,732.00 towards nine (9) buses and the second grant will reimburse the District \$1,064,000.00 towards ten (10) buses. These grants will provide a total savings to Denton ISD in the amount of \$1,610,732.00.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The nineteen (19) buses will be used for routes throughout Denton ISD. These buses will be purchased through a Texas Local Governmental Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard). This purchase is being brought for approval in accordance with the District’s CH (local) policy.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost of these buses will be borne through a combination of General Fund - Fund Balance and the TCEQ grants.

General Fund – Fund Balance	\$ 400,135
TCEQ Award – 582-19-97486-VW	1,064,000
TCEQ Award – 582-19-97444-VW	<u>546,732</u>
Total Cost of Bus Purchase	\$2,010,867

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The Transportation Department will be able to order & receive the buses in a timely manner in which to be able to better serve our students for the 2020-2021 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that both quotes from Longhorn Bus Sales totaling the amount of \$2,010,067.00 plus a Buyboard fee of \$800.00 for a total of \$2,010,867.00 for the purchase of nineteen (19) buses be accepted.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Scott Niven, Chief Financial Officer
Jim Watson, Director of Transportation
Dianna Casper, Director of Purchasing

ATTACHMENT:

None

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____
Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____
Signature of Superintendent: _____