Killeen Independent School District
Board Agenda Item Action Sheet

Date: November 10, 2026

Agenda Item Caption: Consideration of the Procurement of Fifteen 72-Passenger Diesel School Buses and Three 47-Passenger Diesel School Bus with Three Wheelchair Spaces.

Purpose of Agenda Item: Action needed

Administrative Recommendation: Move to approve the proposal to purchase of Fifteen 72-Passenger Diesel School Buses and Three 47-Passenger Diesel School Bus with Three Wheelchair Spaces. through the Texas Buy Board Purchasing Cooperative, as presented.

Background Information: The administration is recommending the purchase of eighteen new diesel school buses to support the District's transportation needs and comply with Texas Senate Bill 546 (Transportation Code §547.701(f)), which requires all school buses operated by or contracted for use by a school district to be equipped with three-point seat belts for every passenger, including the driver, by September 1, 2029.

The District currently operates a fleet of 278 school buses, of which 119 do not have three-point seat belts for every passenger. To meet the September 1, 2029, compliance deadline, 53 school buses will be replaced and 66 will be retrofitted with three-point seat belts. Of the 53 buses identified for replacement, 18 are recommended for purchase at this time. Budgeted funds allocated for 2026-27 will be used to purchase the requested buses.

Fiscal Analysis: The estimated price of $3,000,000 for the eighteen school buses will not exceed the $3, 500,000 2026-27 budgeted funds allocated for the replacement of school buses without seatbelts. The purchase will be made from the Transportation Departments fund budget.

Regulatory Requirement: Board Policy CH (Local): Purchasing and Acquisition, requires Board approval of all contracts/purchases with a single amount of $100,000 or more.

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Attachments: Presentation

Signature Requested: No