



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: May 20, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Approval of Purchase of School Bus Order with 2023 Bond Program Funds

PRESENTER: Earl Husfeld, Chief Financial Officer

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Per Board Policy CH (Local), any single, budgeted purchase of goods or services that costs \$50,000.00 or more, regardless of whether the goods or services are competitively purchased, shall require Board of Trustee approval before a transaction may take place.
- As you are aware, included in the 2023 Bond Program was \$4,500,000.00 for the purchase of school buses.
- In June 2023, the District ordered fourteen (14) school buses at a cost of \$1,836,864.00.
- As we discussed with you during the April 15, 2024 board meeting, based on current replacement needs, we are proposing the following purchases:
 - Twelve (12) regular, 77-passenger buses
 - One (1) mid-size special needs bus with lift
- The school buses we are replacing are model year 2007 or older buses with higher mileage that are increasingly costly to repair. Additionally, many of these buses have outdated camera/video systems that are also costly to repair.
- As we shared with the Board of Trustees and the Community during the 2023 Bond Program planning, the District has twenty-eight (28) buses in our fleet that were model year 2007 or older. With the purchase in June 2023, and this purchase in May 2024, we are attempting to replace/retire most of these older buses.
- To ensure the best pricing and value, the District utilized the TASB BuyBoard cooperative purchasing method to obtain the proposals on the following pages from Rush Truck Centers/Rush Bus Centers.
- The projected delivery date of these buses is at least 180 days after receipt of the order.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

The \$1,957,479.00 purchase cost will be paid with 2023 Bond Program funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

Rush Truck Centers/Rush Bus Centers Customer Proposal Letters

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the proposals submitted by Rush Truck Centers/Rush Bus Centers in the amount of \$1,957,479.00 for the purchase of 13 school buses as presented.