

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: April 22, 2024

Agenda Item: K.4

Board Goal: Community Relations

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of 2023 Bond Purchase of School Buses – Longhorn Bus Sales

Administrator Responsible/Position: Max Cleaver- Chief of Operations

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☒ Action needed

☐ Information only

☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy

☐ Law or Rule

☐ N/A

C. Goal or Need Addressed:

Provide safe, reliable transportation

D. Summary:

☒ Previous board action relating to this item –

In March 2021 the board approved the purchase of 10 propane buses.

In May 2021 the board approved the purchase of 14 buses.

In January 2022 the board approved the purchase of 14 school buses.

In September 2022 the board approved the purchase of 51 school buses.

In July 2023 the Board approved the purchase of 10 buses.

On April 15, 2024, the Board approved the acceleration of school bus replacement and seatbelt installation on select buses so that all Hays CISD buses are equipped with seatbelts as soon as possible.

☐ Future action anticipated –

☐ Background information – The 2023 Bond contains \$3,750,000 for the purchase of school buses.

In July 2023 the board approved the purchase of ten (10) buses for \$1,522,812, leaving a balance of approximately \$2,227,198.

The accelerated bus replacement plan approved by the Board in April 2024 contemplates the use of these funds plus the use of 2023 Bond contingency to complete the purchase of approximately 30 buses.

Staff Received three quotes:

Brand		Bluebird	Thomas	International
Vendor		Rush Truck	Thomas	Longhorn Bus
77 passenger bus		\$156,904	\$166,000	\$155,216
Extra Equipment	Radio	\$1,461	\$1,461	\$1,461
	SmartTag	\$1,216	\$1,216	\$1,216
	Samsara GPS	\$180	\$180	\$180
Price per Bus		\$159,762	\$168,857	\$158,073
Total for 30 Buses		\$4,792,847	\$5,065,715	\$4,742,195
BuyBoard Fee		\$800	\$800	\$800
Invoice Total		\$4,793,647	\$5,066,515	\$4,742,995

E. Scope of Options Reviewed:

BuyBoard Cooperative Contract #722-23 School Buses, Options & Parts.
Expires 11/30/2026

F. Comments Received:

☒ **Cabinet** ☐ **DLT** ☒ **FBOC** ☐ **Teacher Org. Reps.** ☒ **Other:** Transportation
Staff shared the bus replacement plan with the FBOC the week of April 8, 2024 and again at the meeting on April 17, 2024.

G. Administrative Recommendation:

The administration recommends approval of the procurement of school buses.

H. Fiscal Impact and Cost: Total Amount: \$4,742,995

☐ **Budget** ☒ **2023 Bond** ☐ **Grant/Special Funds** ☐ **Other**

2023 Bond Funds: \$2,227,198

2023 Bond Contingency: \$2,515,797

Prior year Spending – \$8,493,669

Future/Ongoing – This procurement will be a one-time cost.

I. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action— Max Cleaver, Cassandra Behr

Evaluation method and time line -

Next report to the board -

J. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the 2023 Bond purchase of 30 school buses from Longhorn Bus Sales in the amount of \$4,742,995, as presented.

