



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: October 21, 2025

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. In May 2024, the District ordered thirteen (13) school buses at a cost of \$1,957,479.00.
- Based on current needs, we are proposing the following purchases for the Transportation Department:
 - One (1) regular, 77-passenger bus
 - One (1) special needs bus with lift
 - One (1) 14-passenger school activity bus
- Following is the rationale for the request to purchase each of these buses:
 - The 77-passenger bus is needed to assist with re-aligning some of the District's longer routes in an effort to reduce student ride time.
 - The special needs bus with lift is needed to address the increased number of special needs students who qualify for specialized transportation.
 - The 14-passenger activity bus is needed due to the frequency of use, and requested use, of the two (2) school activity buses in our current fleet.
- To ensure 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 the special needs bus and activity bus is 30-60 days and the 77-passenger bus is 180-250 days after receipt of the order.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

The \$421,778.00 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 \$421,778.00 for the purchase of 3 school buses as presented.