

Consider approval of the purchase of school buses

1. Background:

The Transportation Department would like to purchase new buses to replace aging buses in the district fleet. District staff is requesting to purchase six (6) 72-passenger diesel-engine buses, three (3) special needs buses, and one (1) activity bus.

Thomas 72-passenger

Company	Cost Per Bus	BuyBoard Fee	Total Cost for 6
Thomas Built Buses	\$165,800 (6)	\$800.00	\$995,600

Thomas Special Needs

Company	Cost Per Bus	BuyBoard Fee	Total Cost for 2
Thomas Built Buses	\$163,000(2)	\$0.00	\$326,000

Minotour Special Needs

Company	Cost Per Bus	BuyBoard Fee	Total Cost for 1
Thomas Built Buses	\$109,500 (1)	\$0.00	\$109,500

White Activity Bus

Company	Cost Per Bus	BuyBoard Fee	Total Cost for 1
Thomas Built Buses	\$107,500 (1)	\$0.00	\$107.500

2. Process:

The quotes and pricing were obtained from Thomas Bus Gulf Coast GP, Inc., which is an awarded vendor through the TASB's BuyBoard purchasing cooperative. Competitive procurement is through RFP 2223-125 Transportation Supplies, Equipment, and Supplies. All buses will be equipped with air-conditioning, seatbelts, and interior cameras for safety purposes. Thomas Built Buses offers lower fuel, maintenance, and replacement part costs. This manufacturer also provides for a lower total cost of ownership. District staff is recommending that all buses be purchased from Thomas Built Buses.

3. Fiscal Impact:

The total cost of the bus purchases will be \$1,538,600 and funding will be through the 2023 Bond Funds

4. Recommendation:

The board approves the purchase of six (6) 72-passenger diesel-powered buses, three (3) special needs buses, and one (1) activity bus from Thomas Bus Gulf Coast.

5. Required:

Board action.