

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: June 24, 2025

Agenda Item: N.13

Board Goal: Community Relations

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of the 2025 Bond Purchase of School Buses – International, Thomas

Administrator Responsible/Position: Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer
Cassandra Behr, Director of Transportation

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☒ Action needed ☐ Information only ☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy: CH Legal and Local ☐ 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, May 2021 - 14 buses; January 2022 - 14 school buses; September 2022 - 51 buses; July 2023 - 10 buses. April 2024, the Board approved the acceleration of school bus replacement with the purchase of 30 buses, and seatbelt installation on select buses so that all Hays CISD route and trip buses are now equipped with seatbelts.

☒ **Future action anticipated:** N/A

☒ **Background information:** The 2025 Bond contains \$7M for the purchase of school buses, activity buses, a large tow truck, and two years of SMARTag Maintenance. The accompanying table contains information on the vehicle quotes we received.

E. Comments Received:

☒ Cabinet ☐ DLT ☐ FBOC ☐ Teacher Org. Reps. ☒ Other: Transportation

F. Administrative Recommendation: Approval of the purchase of buses as presented.

Advantages and benefits of this proposal: N/A

Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement: N/A

Effect of this action on other parts of the system: N/A

Consequences of not approving this recommendation: N/A

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: \$6,105.766 Total

\$4,222,326 – International (10 SPED Buses, 14 GenEd Buses)

\$1,883,440 – Thomas (8 Transit Buses)

☐ Budget ☒ 2025 Bond ☐ Grant/Special Funds: ☐ Other

☐ Budget Amendment Needed

Prior Year Spending: \$4,742,995

Bid/Contract Information: TIPS

Reasons for rejecting alternatives: N/A

Future/Ongoing: N/A

H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

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

Evaluation method and time line: N/A

Next report to the board: N/A

I. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the 2025 Bond purchase of 10 special education buses and 14 general education buses from International for an amount not to exceed \$4,222,326, and 8 transit buses from Thomas for an amount not to exceed \$1,883,440, as presented.