Regular Board Meeting

May 19, 2025

AGENDA SECTION: Consent Agenda

SUBJECT: Approval of School Bus Purchase

BOARD POLICY: CH (Legal) & CH (Local)

PRIORITIES: Bond Passage & Implementation

FISCAL NOTE: Bond Funds

PREPARED/PRESENTED BY: Mari Zamora, Chief Operations Officer

Background Information

Per CH (Legal) & (Local):

The Board delegates to the Superintendent or designee the authority to make budgeted purchases for goods or services. However, any single, budgeted purchase of goods or services that costs \$50,000 or more, regardless of whether the goods or services are competitively purchased, shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place.

The 2023 Bond Committee approved a \$7 million allocation for the purchase of new school buses. The board previously authorized the purchase of 30 buses in 2024. With the remaining bond funds, the district will now purchase 12 additional buses. Of these, 10 will be equipped with wheelchair lifts to serve special needs students. The remaining 2 will be 14-passenger buses that do not require a CDL-certified driver, allowing for flexible transportation of small groups. This purchase will fully utilize the remaining bus allocation from the bond. The district has had a successful history of purchasing buses from Longhorn Bus Sales, LLC.

Recommendation

Administration recommends the board approve the purchase of ten special needs buses and two 14-passenger school buses from Longhorn Bus Sales, LLC for \$2,069,816 as part of the approved bond allocations.

Communication Deployment

Board Meeting Minutes

Suggested Motion

The Board moves to approve the purchase of 12 school buses from Longhorn Bus Sales, LLC for \$2,069,816.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. T. Lamar Goree Superintendent