

NAVARRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Subject: **Purchase two specialized transportation and two general education school buses.**

Date: December 16, 2024

Administrator Responsible/Position: Brittany Johnson, Director of Transportation

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

Information Only Action Needed Receive Input

B. Authority for This Action:

Local Policy Law or Rule N/A

C. Priority, Goal, or Need Addressed:

Strategic Plan District/Campus Improvement Plan Other

Priorities

- Priority 1:** Recruiting, Hiring, Coaching, and Retaining High Quality Teachers and Staff to Support Student Outcomes.
- Priority 2:** Maximizing Academic Performance.
- Priority 3:** Maximizing Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Opportunities, Performance, and Engagement.
- Priority 4:** Planning, Preparing, and Maintaining Facilities and Environments for Learning.
- Priority 5:** Obtaining and Maintaining Top Rated District Recognition

Board Goals for 2023-2028

- Goal 1*:** The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Reading will increase from 49% to 60% by June 2024, 65% for 2024-2025, 70% for 2025-2026, 75% for 2026-2027, 80% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**
- Goal 2*:** Increased overall student performance in mathematics to 85% Meets Standard by 2028. The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Math will increase from 53% to 65% by June 2024, 70% for 2024-2025, 75% for 2025-2026, 80% for 2026-2027, 85% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**
- Goal 3*:** The percentage of graduates that meet the criteria for CCMR will increase from 72% to 88% by August 2024 and increase to 95% by 2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

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Summary: Purchase two 77 passenger general education buses and two specialized transportation (SPED) buses equipped with a wheelchair lift.

Background Information: Our yellow bus fleet currently has 5 SPED buses. Two are from 2008, one is from the year 2020, and two are from 2023. We utilize the buses from 2008 as

spares. The overall condition, mileage and year of units 0850 (2008) and 0851 (2008) bring them up for replacement. It is recommended to replace buses on a 15 year/150K miles timeline.

Unit 0850 (2008 yr) - Odometer 184,354 *Wheelchair lift is inoperable and needs the hydraulics replaced. We have spent \$84,840.93 over the life of this vehicle.

Unit 0851 (2008 yr) - Odometer 230,170 We have spent \$81,550.77 over the life of this vehicle.

I would recommend auctioning these two units once replacements are onsite. We are currently utilizing three of the five for daily routes. And with the increase in SPED transportation requests I would predict the necessity of creating a fourth SPED route before the end of the 24-25 school year.

Continuing to follow the recommended replacement schedule and planning for our continued growth I recommend ordering two 77 passenger general education buses as well. As these buses arrive onsite we would begin to auction the 2008 year general education buses that do not have air conditioning.

Staff used BuyBoard vendors to obtain pricing for this bus purchase.

Bus	Vendor	Delivery Time	Cost
Gen / SPED	Longhorn Bus Sales	12 - 13 months	\$163,000 / \$167,000
Gen / SPED	Thomas Bus Texas	6 - 7 months	\$166,000 / \$164,000
Gen / SPED	Rush Bus Center	6 - 7 months	\$160,000 / \$165,000

Prices include REI onboard cameras and Bearcom 2-way radio.

Due to the price, requested specifications, reliability and delivery times we have determined that the Thomas Bus Texas buses provide the best value to the district. An additional \$800 BuyBoard fee will have to be added to each purchase order issued.

E. Comments Received:

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Other

All agenda items are reviewed by the Superintendent's Leadership Team.

F. Administrative Recommendation: It is the recommendation that the board approves the purchase of two 77 passenger general education buses and two specialized transportation (SPED) buses equipped with wheelchair lifts from Thomas Bus Texas.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: **Amount:** \$662,260.00 (this includes the \$800 BuyBoard fee)

Budget Grant/Special Other
 Bond Funds

*2021 Bond Issue funds and interest earnings.

H. Exhibits: _____

I. Action: "I move to approve/disapprove/postpone" Motion to approve the purchase of two 77 passenger general education buses and two specialized transportation buses equipped with wheelchair lifts in the amount of \$662,260.00.

Motion by: _____ second by: _____

FOR: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson
AGAINST: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson
ABSTAIN: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson

MOTION CARRIED/DENIED/POSTPONED