



Geneva Community Unit School District 304
227 North Fourth Street
Geneva, IL 60134

Board of Education Report

Transportation Memo 2023

To: Dr. Andy Barrett, Superintendent
Board of Education

From: Todd Latham, Assistant Superintendent – Business Services

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2023

Meeting: Monday, October 23, 2023

Agenda Item: *School Bus Bid Recommendation* **Policy Reference:** 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts

The district conducted a bid opening, on October 16, 2023, for the purchase of gasoline, propane, and/or diesel-powered buses with warranty options of multiple years. Two companies submitted a bid packet: Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc., and Central States Bus.

The unit price of diesel ranged \$130,780 to \$141,305.

The unit price of gasoline ranged \$127,190 to \$130,780.

The unit price of propane was \$139,550.

The cost increased \$5,850 (4.8%) per gasoline buses and \$9,440 (7.8%) per diesel buses over the prior year.

Fuel cost estimates as of October 2023:

Diesel \$4.37/gallon - 8.5-9.0 miles per gallon

Propane \$1.89/gallon - 7-8 miles per gallon

Gasoline \$3.84/gallon - 5-6 miles per gallon

The Business Office/Transportation recommends the board accept and approve the following:

The Business Services Office recommends the Board of Education accept the bid for propane buses received on October 16, 2023, for nine (9) 72-Passenger Blue Bird propane buses from Central States Bus, Oswego, IL in the amount of \$1,255,950 (\$139,550 each).

Additionally, we request the board approve the following purchases through the state procurement process: seven (7) 30-passenger gasoline buses totaling \$721,462 and four (4) 24-passenger gasoline buses totaling \$430,528. The 2023-2024 total for bus purchases is \$2,407,940 and the total budget is \$2,120,000. The budget anticipated gas or diesel buses as this provided the best market forecast.

ATTACHMENT(S): Bid Sheet and Propane Bus Summary

Recommendation: Motion to accept the bid from Central States Bus of Oswego, IL, and approve the purchase of nine (9) 72-passenger propane buses in the amount of \$1,255,950 and a five (5) year warranty for \$30,690.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the purchase of seven (7) 30-passenger gasoline buses in the amount of \$739,726 and four (4) 24-passenger gasoline buses in the amount of \$412,264 from the State Bid Program.