



**FOREST LAKE AREA SCHOOLS
FOREST LAKE, MN 55025**

May 21, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: 4.2

TOPIC: School Bus Leasing & Used Bus Purchasing

BACKGROUND: The Minnesota Department of Education allows Bus Leasing. Limited funding has forced school districts to examine alternative ways to replace older school buses. Forest Lake Area Schools has been leasing regular and special education busses for several years. The school district's finance committee supports using bus leasing to replace some of the district's aging fleet.

PROCESS: The Transportation Department is requesting permission to lease 6 new 2016 lift buses; lease 24 new 77 passenger school buses and to re-lease 10 - 2014 lift buses using the Minnesota State Bid Contract with Hoglund Bus Company.

The department is also requesting to purchase 6 – 2014 77 passenger buses that were originally on lease from the Hoglund Bus Company.

The School District's Finance Committee has reviewed and supports this request.

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends leasing buses and purchasing used buses from Hoglund Bus Company according to the description above and the attached summary document.

Bus Leasing / Purchases for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Detail

2014 Lift Buses	10	12	1,196.26	\$	143,551.20
2016 Lift Buses	6	12	1,202.68		86,592.96
2016 77 pass	20	1	15,733.00		314,660.00
2016 77 pass TRLR	4	1	16,058.56		64,234.24
2014 77 pass purchase	6	1	66,000.00		396,000.00
				\$	<u>1,005,038.40</u>