Livonia Public Schools

Finance Office

Date: March 28, 2018

To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

From: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations
Alison Smith, Director of Finance

Re: Maintenance and Transportation Vehicle Replacement Cycle

We would like to discuss the Maintenance and Transportation vehicle replacement cycle at the Finance Committee meeting on Monday, April 9, 2017.

The school district maintains a fleet of 110 school buses; 66 are 2014 and newer, and were purchased with 2013 bond funds; 44 range in year from 2004 to 2008. Rick Martin, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor, and Peggy Streffon, Transportation Supervisor, have recommended that the school district purchase nine new school buses through the Michigan School Business Officials Bus Purchasing Consortium Program to replace nine of our 2004 77-passenger buses at an estimated cost of $792,000. If approved, this purchase would come out of the 2018-19 General Fund budget.

Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, has recommended that the school district purchase four Ford T-150 utility vans, three F250 Ford pick-up trucks with the plow and tow package, and two Ford Connect vans from Gorno Ford, Woodhaven, Michigan through the MiDeal State of Michigan Extended Purchasing Program. The total cost for this purchase is $254,411.00. These nine new vehicles will be used in the Maintenance Department. As a result, Maintenance will repurpose five older vehicles, which are still in decent repair, to school buildings. Additionally, 16 of the department's oldest vehicles in poor repair will be sold at auction. With this recommended purchase, the department will be left with a fleet no older than the 2009 model year, with the exception of two older vehicles in good repair. If approved, this purchase would come out of the 2017-18 General Fund budget in the event that the vehicles are received prior to June 30, 2018, which we believe they will be.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

AS/kp

Attachment

c: Board of Education