

Trustees' Questions and Answers for the
April 22, 2025
School Board Meeting Agenda

This document serves as a means to allow LCSD Trustees an opportunity to ask questions about the upcoming board meeting agenda items. Questions posed by board members will be answered as soon as possible by District staff, so please post your questions as soon as possible. Trustees, please note that you have until 12:00 pm the day before the board meeting to submit questions. This will allow time for District staff to answer. District staff will answer questions in this document by 12:00 pm the day of the board meeting. These questions and answers will be posted in the consent agenda meeting materials so the public can see the questions and the answers provided.

Agenda Item #:15

Trustee Question:

Exactly how many buses are we going to be equipping with new camera systems-district wide? Also, are going to be adding these camera systems to our fleet vehicles (i.e. school cars, etc?) I would appreciate a breakdown of per unit costs. Thank you- Trustee Farr

District Staff Answer:

Lyon County School District (LCSD) is proposing comprehensive audio and visual camera system upgrades for the entire school bus fleet. This includes enhancements to 85 general education buses and 16 special needs buses, totaling 101 buses. Each bus, regardless of type, will be equipped with an upgraded eight (8) camera system.

For the general education buses, the proposed configuration includes four (4) wide-angle cameras installed in a staggered arrangement along the interior of the bus to ensure full coverage of student seating areas. For exterior surveillance, the proposal includes one (1) camera positioned to face outward through the front windshield, capturing the driver's view of the road; one (1) Combined Stop Arm Camera to provide street-side monitoring; and one (1) overview camera mounted on the curb-side front, oriented toward the rear of the bus. This system will also incorporate GPS, cellular, and Wi-Fi capabilities, as well as Driver Alert buttons.

$\$425,170 / 85 \text{ Buses} = \$5,002 \text{ per bus}$

The special needs buses will also receive an eight (8) camera system. Due to the smaller size of these buses, the configuration requires one (1) fewer interior cameras. In its place, the design includes one (1) additional exterior camera installed above the wheelchair lift to ensure comprehensive coverage of loading and unloading activities.

$\$79,696 / 16 \text{ Buses} = \$4,981 \text{ per bus}$

LCSD's current Yukon fleet is equipped with Verizon Connect, which includes both a forward-facing and a driver-facing camera. This system alerts the Transportation Department in the event of unsafe driving behaviors such as following too closely, exceeding the speed limit, drowsy or distracted driving, and smoking. LCSD has experienced considerable success with the Verizon Connect system and, as such, recommends maintaining its current use without modifications.

District white fleet vehicles, which are used exclusively by LCSD staff, are not equipped with camera systems.

– Harman Bains, Executive Director of Operations

Agenda Item #:24

Trustee Question:

Do our other labor partners - namely the LCCSEA and the LCAA have any input or recommendations on the master calendar? If so, shouldn't we also list them in policy ICA as well? Thank you- Trustee Farr

District Staff Answer: Thank you for your question, Trustee Farr.

The Lyon County Classified School Employees Association (LCCSEA) does have input on the master calendar as outlined in Article XI, Section C of their Negotiated Agreement, which states: "The Association may make recommendations to the Board regarding the annual school calendar." This provision ensures that LCCSEA is provided the opportunity to offer input during the calendar development process.

While the Lyon County Administrators Association (LCAA) agreement does not include formal language regarding input on the master calendar, district leadership regularly engages site administrators' feedback prior to presenting a proposed calendar to the Board for approval.

-BillieJo Hogan, Executive Director of Human Resources