

Devine Independent School District Board of Trustees Agenda Document

Meeting Date: July 16, 2025 Agenda Item: Call for Bus Bids

Background Information:

According to CNB (Legal), when a contract for the purchase of school buses is valued at \$20,000 or more, the contract must be made either through competitive bidding or by purchasing the buses through the comptroller. *Atty. Gen. Op. LO-98-063 (1998)*

The Devine ISD will post a Request for Proposal (RFP) on the BuyBoard to purchase one 77 passenger school bus.

Administrative Consideration:

The Director of Facilities and Transportation, Kandy Stein, is requesting the purchase of 1 new school bus. A 77 passenger school bus costs approximately \$153,772. Ms. Stein has been utilizing a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Grant to replace pre-2007 diesel fueled school bus with bus that is the current or previous model year at the time of application.

Budgetary Consideration:

Given that the price of each bus is uncertain until the bids are submitted from a vendor, the budget consideration at this time would be not to exceed \$155,000 fund balance. The TCEQ grant will reimburse the district's fund balance \$53,699 per bus bringing the total cost to the district after the grant to approximately \$101,301.

Supporting Documents:

None at this time

Recommendation:

Approve the call for bids for one 70-80 passenger school bus grant authority to the superintendent to commit a purchase requisition to the vendor for the purchase of the bus upon return of the bids.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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