

NAVARRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Subject: **Consider and possible approval of the purchase of 8 school buses (7 general/1 special education equipped with a wheelchair lift)**

Date: November 17, 2025

Administrator Responsible/Position: Brittany Johnson/Director of Transportation

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☐ Information Only

☒ Action Needed

☐ Receive Input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy

☐ Law or Rule

☐ N/A

C. Priority, Goal, or Need Addressed:

☐ Strategic Plan

☒ District/Campus
Improvement
Plan

☐ Other

Priorities

☒ **Priority 1:** Recruiting, Hiring, Coaching, and Retaining High Quality Teachers and Staff to Support Student Outcomes.

☐ **Priority 2:** Maximizing Academic Performance.

☒ **Priority 3:** Maximizing Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Opportunities, Performance, and Engagement.

☒ **Priority 4:** Planning, Preparing, and Maintaining Facilities and Environments for Learning.

☐ **Priority 5:** Obtaining and Maintaining Top Rated District Recognition

Board Goals for 2023-2028

☐ **Goal 1*:** The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Reading will increase from 49% to 60% by June 2024, 65% for 2024-2025, 70% for 2025-2026, 75% for 2026-2027, 80% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

☐ **Goal 2*:** Increased overall student performance in mathematics to 85% Meets Standard by 2028. The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Math will increase from 53% to 65% by June 2024, 70% for 2024-2025, 75% for 2025-2026, 80% for 2026-2027, 85% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

☐ **Goal 3*:** The percentage of graduates that meet the criteria for CCMR will increase from 72% to 88% by August 2024 and increase to 95% by 2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

D.

Summary: Consider and approve the purchase of 8 school buses. 7 -general education school buses and 1- special education school bus equipped with a wheel chair lift.

Background It is recommended that we move forward with the purchase of 7 general

Information: education and 1 special education school bus equipped wheel chair lift. Submitting the purchase this year would allow for an anticipated delivery date of approximately 12-16 months for buses to be built and delivered. Based on the demographers report from November 2024 we are projected to need an additional 5 buses, 4 general education and 1 SPED bus, for growth over the next two years. Additionally, we would be scheduled to replace the 2011 model buses from our fleet during the 2026-2027 school year. Purchasing these 8 buses would also help us to maintain this plan.

With these buses added to our fleet we would be able to transition other buses into the spare and field trip bus rotations. This allows for the continued support of extracurricular activities and does not negatively impact daily routes.

All vendors listed are BuyBoard vendors. Prices below do not reflect the \$800.00 BuyBoard fee per purchase order.

BUS MANUFACTURER	GENERAL ED BUS	SPED BUS	TOTAL COST
Rush Bus Sales	171,448.00	170,648.00	1,370,784.00
Thomas Bus Texas	173,000.00	170,00.00	1,381,000.00
Longhorn Bus Sales	168,368.00	174,012.00	1,352,588.00

Based on the total amounts for all 8 buses and responses to mechanical issues/repairs needed under warranty; the recommendation is to move forward with purchasing the 8 buses from Longhorn Bus Sales.

E. Comments Received:

☒ LT

☐ DEIC

☐ Other

All agenda items are reviewed by the Superintendent's Leadership Team.

F.

Administrative Recommendation:

To approve the purchase of 8 school buses, 7 general education and 1 SPED bus equipped with a wheelchair lift, from Longhorn Bus Sales for the amount of \$1,352,588.00. To include Buyboard fees as needed once the purchase order is submitted.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost:

Amount: \$1,352,588.00

☐ Budget

☐ Grant/Special Funds

☒ Other

☒ Bond

H. Exhibits: N/A

I. Action:

“I move to approve/disapprove/postpone” the purchase of 7 general education and 1 Special Education bus equipped with a wheelchair lift from Longhorn Bus Sales.

Motion by: _____ second by: _____

FOR: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson

AGAINST: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson

ABSTAIN: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson

MOTION CARRIED/DENIED/POSTPONED