

Dunlap Community Unit School District 323
Board of Education Meeting
October 15, 2025

ACTION ITEM

TO: Members of the Board of Education
Dr. Scott Dearman, Superintendent

FROM: Dr. Scott Adreon, Director of Operations & Services

SUBJECT: Bus & Auxiliary Vehicle Purchases

PROPOSED ACTION:

That the Board of Education approves the recommendation to purchase three buses, two service vehicles, and one fleet vehicle for a cost of \$644,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Each year Dunlap C.U.S.D #323 tries to keep our transportation fleet in good working order by replacing a portion of our fleet. We have over 70 buses and fleet vehicles to maintain. Our practical goal would be to replace 6 or 7 vehicles each year to ensure that none are more than 10 years old. This year we propose that the school district secure the following for the 2026-2027 school year from Blue Bird Bus sales:

(2) New 2026 Blue Bird 84-Passenger All-American Transit Buses

Cost: \$170,000 per bus

(1) New 2026 Bluebird Conventional 77-Passenger

Cost: \$150,000 per bus

(2) Service Truck for Building Maintenance and Tech Dept. (Current has 215,000 miles)

Budget Cost: \$55,000 per vehicle

(1) Fleet Vehicles for Student Transportation

Budget Cost: \$44,000 per vehicle (Chevy Traverse)

Total Proposed Expenditure for the 6 Vehicles = \$644,000 of which approximately 64% (Excluding Service Truck Purchases) will be reimbursed to the district over the next five years.