

Devine Independent School District Board of Trustees Agenda Document

Meeting Date: September 16, 2024
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 two (2) 77 passenger school buses.

Administrative Consideration:

The transportation supervisor, Kandy Stein, is requesting the purchase of 2 new school buses. A 77 passenger school bus costs approximately \$152,000 and a 77 passenger school bus with a lift costs approximately \$159,000. Ms. Stein has been utilizing a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Grant to replace pre-2007 diesel fueled school buses with buses that are 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 \$159,000 per unit from fund balance. The TCEQ grant will reimburse the district's fund balance \$87,822 per bus bringing the total cost to the district after the grant to approximately \$135, 356 for both buses.

Supporting Documents:

None at this time

Recommendation:

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Superintendent of Schools