

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

To: ESD Board of Education
From: ESD Chief Financial Officer, Rebekah Brooks
Date: June 7, 2023
Business Date: June 12, 2023
Subject: Purchase five school buses

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize bus purchase as presented.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

As it was shared with the board during the Transportation department's showcase back in March, it has been determined that many school buses need to be replaced. As shown in the proposed budget at the last board meeting, we have set aside \$400,000.00 in our Capital Reserve Fund (pending board approval). Based on the estimates we have received to purchase the additional buses, the earliest possible date we can expect delivery if we order them this week, will be in July 2024. While the original plan was to purchase three new buses during the 2023-24 school year and then reassess for the following year, we would like the board to consider purchasing five new buses which would be funded by the \$400,000.00 that would carry over from this year's funding into the new year. Then, the remainder of the purchase equaling \$302,191.62 would be covered by funds set aside in the 2024-25 budget. The cost to purchase the three general education buses will be \$428,601.00, while the cost to purchase the two special education buses will be \$273,590.62.

These quotes were obtained using a State of Colorado cooperative agreement that allowed us to bypass the RFP process. A copy of the quotes with description of the bus specifications and price is attached.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost to purchase four new school buses will be \$702,191.62.

Recommended Motion:

I move to approve the purchase of five school buses and authorize the school board president to sign the proposals for the general education and special needs buses.