



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEVE LIDGARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – BUSINESS SERVICES
SUBJECT: BUS PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION
DATE: APRIL 21, 2020
TYPE: ACTION NEEDED

According to Board Policy 6210, purchases exceeding \$50,000 require school board approval. We are currently preparing to purchase three buses. The State of Washington provides reimbursement for most of the purchase cost in the form of annual depreciation payments. Since the estimated total purchase cost of these buses exceeds the policy amount, school board approval is required. Below is a description of the buses and costs, including sales tax, being considered for purchase:

2- 78-passenger, rear-engine diesel route buses, estimated cost \$ 290,584 (145,292 @ 2)

1- 78-passenger, rear-engine bus with luggage compartments, estimated cost \$157,589

Bluebird manufactures the buses. All "yellow" school buses are purchased with Transportation Vehicle Fund resources that are restricted for this purpose. The cost for school buses is set through a statewide bidding process supervised by OSPI. Three fully depreciated busses from the current fleet will be surplus when the new vehicles arrive.

The estimated delivery date is six months from the order date, so we will process these purchases in the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Recommendation: We recommend the board move to approve the purchase of three 78-passenger school buses for a total estimated cost \$ 448,173