

**MEMORANDUM**

**F.5 Approve School Bus Purchase**

**Mr. Sederlund**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “That the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of 13 total school buses from Hoekstra Transportation Inc. and Holland Bus Company as follows:

**Holland Bus Company (Holland, MI):**

Three (3) 2023 Blue Bird Front Engine 89-Passenger Transit Buses with 2 rows each of integrated child restraint seats, additional safety lighting and cameras at \$129,574.53 each.

Two (2) 2023 Blue Bird Front Engine 89-Passenger Transit Buses with storage compartments, along with 2 rows each of integrated child restraint seats, additional safety lighting and cameras at \$131,952.53 each.

Two (2) 2023 Blue Bird 77- Passenger Gasoline Engine Transit Buses with 2 rows each of integrated child restraint seats, additional safety lighting and cameras at \$112,786.53 each

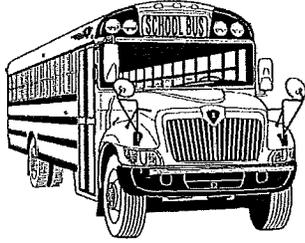
**Hoekstra Transportation (Grand Rapids, MI):**

Three (3) Thomas Saf-T-Liner C2 65-passenger school buses with integrated child restraint seats, front wheelchair lift, additional cameras at \$113,816.00 each.

Three (3) Thomas Saf-T-Liner C2 77-passenger school buses with integrated child restraint seats, front wheelchair lift, additional cameras at \$111,538.00 each.

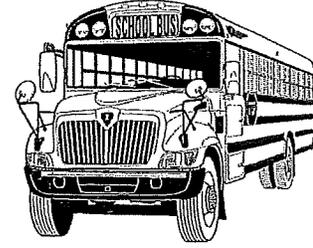
The total for this purchase would be \$1,554,263.71

RATIONALE: The Director of Pupil Transportation has compared the specifications of the offerings from each of (3) three manufacturers represented in the purchasing program and has made the determination that the recommended bus models will best serve the district at this point based on the performance of our latest purchases and other comparative factors. Funding will come from the 2018 Bond Fund for this purchase.



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Date: April 12, 2022  
To: Scott Sederlund, Assistant Superintendent Business & Operations  
From: Mahlon G Williams, Director of Pupil Transportation  
Subject: School Bus Purchases

As we have done in the past, I am using the MSBO Bus Purchasing Program in order to assist in making the recommendations to purchase replacement school buses utilizing the 2018 Bond Funds allocation.

I have enclosed a packet containing the required Board Resolution that needs to be adopted for us to utilize the program along with the Vender invitation to Bid, the Bus Specifications, the bus Specification Options, and Specification/Price Comparisons generated by the program.

Assuming that the Board approves the resolution, I am recommending that we purchase the following:

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The total for this purchase would be \$1,549,507.71

I would like to note this year's purchase is different. We are buying larger buses to compensate for the shortage of drivers and because of that shortage we are combining routes to ensure we are about to provide transportation services to our community. We are also buying gasoline buses exploring alternative fuel sources because of higher fuel prices, projected lower maintenance cost, and new EPA laws that are coming into place in 2024.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,  
Mahlon G. Williams