

THE KENTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION 1055 EATON DRIVE, FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY 41017 TELEPHONE: (859) 344-8888 / FAX: (859) 344-1531 WEBSITE: www.kenton.kyschools.us Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

KCSD ISSUE PAPER

DATE: 9/25/19

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve the purchase of School Buses for 2020.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

6.1 Bus Fleet; 4.31 Authority to Encumber and Expend Funds; and 4.7 Inventories

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

The Transportation Department would like to purchase ten (10) 84 passenger buses and move ten (10) current regular route buses into the spare inventory. Earlier this year the Transportation Department had to pull (10) 78 passenger buses (2006 and 2008 models) from the spare bus inventory to cover regular routes on a daily basis. These buses were placed back into service in order to increase capacity for some overcrowded routes that were maintained by smaller (62-66 passenger) buses. The smaller buses were then moved into the spare bus inventory. The acquisition of 84 passenger buses will assist in controlling the number of routes needed and hedge against adding buses in order to manage crowded routes. This strategy is further important given the current labor market and the current shortage of bus drivers. Once the new buses are received the (10) 78 passenger buses will be returned to the spare bus inventory.

It is recommended that we continue acquiring new buses with air conditioning, Motorola Radio Systems, Central State Camera Systems, Paging Systems, and AVL Tracking Systems. The paging system provides an amplification system for the drivers to manage clear and concise communication with students riding in the back of the bus. The Central States Camera System allows the staff to remove a flash drive from the system to conduct an investigation with the unit still functioning as a recording device. The AVL System provides accurate location and rate of speed for each bus as well as the start and stop time for each route.

The cost of each 84 passenger bus is \$129,438.20 including the additional systems as listed above. Additionally there is a nominal flat rate transportation cost of \$300 included in the total cost.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$1,268,470.00 KISTA Lease for Buses \$26,212.00 General Fund for Motorola Radio Systems, Central State Camera Systems, & AVL Tracking Systems \$1,294,682.00 **Total Bus Purchase Cost**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the purchase of School Buses for 2020.

CONTACT PERSON: Jim Hale & Rob Haney

Principal

Superintendent

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Kenton County Board of Education

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NEW BUS QUOTE

DATE 9/26/2019

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
10	WHAYNE-THOMAS BUILT BUS	\$115,590.00	\$1,155,900.00
10	AC FACTORY INSTALL	\$10,485.00	\$104,850.00
10	PAGE SYSTEM	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
10	CENTRAL STATES CAMERA 500 GB HARD DRIVE	\$1,607.50	\$16,075.00
10	EVENT MARKER BUTTON & HARNESS	\$50.00	\$500.00
10	MOBILCOM MOTOROLA PROFESSIONAL XPR2500 UHF RADIO	\$735.00	\$7,350.00
10	IGNITION SENSE CABLES	\$10.00	\$100.00
10	UHF ROOF MOUNT ANTENNA KIT	\$23.00	\$230.00
10	INSTALL MOBILE & ANTENNA	\$130.00	\$1,300.00
10	HAVIS MOUNTING PLATES	\$29.00	\$290.00
3	DAILY TRAVEL TO INSTALL AT CUSTOMER LOCATION	\$100.00	\$300.00
10	AVL Kits	\$278.70	\$2,787.00
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*Whayne to install AC & Page system on TH20- 84 passenger Thomas Built Bus, Rear

TOTAL \$1,294,682.00