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DATE: 11/01/21

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve the purchase of 11 School Buses for 2022.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

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

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

The Transportation Department is requesting to purchase nine (9) 84 passenger buses, two (2) 66 passenger special needs buses, and move eleven (11) current regular route buses into the spare inventory. The daily bus routes are forecast to remain the same from 2021 to 2022. The increase in capacity will improve some overcrowded routes and hedge against adding routes. This strategy is important given the current labor market and shortage of bus drivers.

It is recommended to continue acquiring new buses with air conditioning, Motorola Radio Systems, Central State Camera Systems, and Paging 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 cost of each 84 passenger bus is \$141,255.00, and the cost of each 66 passenger special needs bus is \$120,896.00 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:

\$1,357,191.00 KISTA Lease for Buses (9) 84 passenger buses and (1) 66 passenger special needs bus
\$ 120,896.00 IDEA ARP Grant Funds for (1) 66 passenger special needs bus with all accessories
\$ 35,000.00 General Fund for Motorola Radio Systems & Central State Camera Systems for 10 buses
\$ 1,513,087.00 Total Bus Purchase Cost

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the purchase of (11) eleven School Buses for 2022.

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