

**WOODFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM #: **DATE:**

TOPIC/TITLE: Repurposing Buses

PRESENTER: Josh Rayburn

ORIGIN:

- TOPIC PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION ONLY (No board action required.)
 - ACTION REQUESTED AT THIS MEETING
 - ITEM IS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL
 - ACTION REQUESTED AT FUTURE MEETING: (DATE)
 - BOARD REVIEW REQUIRED BY
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- STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION
 - BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY
 - OTHER:

PREVIOUS REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

- NO PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION
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- DATE:
 - ACTION:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Board approval is requested to declare the list of transportation related items surplus for repurposing as mobile classrooms.
The list includes two buses that could be used for upcoming grants/projects to serve as mobile classrooms and community engagement.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ELEMENTS:

A motion is needed to approve the repurposing of these buses.

IMPACT ON RESOURCES:

TIMETABLE FOR FURTHER REVIEW OR ACTION:

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Recommended Not Recommended





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Danny Adkins, Superintendent

November 10, 2023

Dear Members of the School Board,

I am writing to propose an innovative initiative that could greatly benefit our students and enhance the educational experience within our school district. As we continue to navigate the challenges posed by evolving educational needs, I believe that repurposing a school bus into mobile classrooms presents a unique opportunity to bring education directly to our students in a new way.

The proposal aims to utilize existing resources efficiently and effectively to create mobile classrooms that will primarily focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) education. One of the goals of the bus would be to foster a passion for these subjects among students and preparing them for the challenges of a technologically advanced world. This will be used during the school year as a mobile lab and during the summer to encourage learning through the summer.

The repurposing of school buses will be funded through a combination of future grants and allocations from the general fund as necessary. Any contributions from the general fund will be minimal as we will strive to start the STEAM bus with materials already purchased. The general fund may be used initially for powering the inside of the bus and demolition/reconstruction needs. We will seek opportunities to apply for grants to keep this bus as engaging in the future.

I am seeking permission from the School Board to proceed and to begin the process of repurposing these school bus. The school bus is currently a spare bus that is one of the oldest still in our fleet. If approved, this bus would be removed from service. The district would still maintain maintenance, fuel, and insurance, but the bus would no longer be available to be a spare. We would likely not use this bus as there are also several other spares that would be used before this bus.

I am enthusiastic about the prospect of implementing this initiative and firmly believe that it aligns with our shared goal of providing the best possible education for our students. I believe that this bus could spark interest in STEAM education for students and promotes our district's Portrait of a Learner. If this is a possibility, we will use Bus 52, VIN# 4DRBWAARXAA178452, Model- International, Year- 2010.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to the betterment of our educational system.

Sincerely,

Dr. Josh Rayburn
Chief Information Officer
Interim Director of Transportation

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Dear Members of the School Board,

I am writing to inform you that the bus that will be used for the Early Learning Bus Competitive Grant will be Bus 51, VIN# 4DRBWAAR8AA178451, Model- International, Year 2010. The school bus is currently a spare bus that is one of the oldest still in our fleet. If awarded, this bus would be removed from service. The district would still maintain maintenance, fuel, and insurance, but the bus would no longer be available to be a spare. This is pending the approval of the grant provided by the Kentucky Department of Education. This was approved to begin the grant process on the October 24, 2023 School Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

Dr. Josh Rayburn
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