

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: April 27, 2026

Agenda Item: L.4c

Board Goal: N/A

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Nine Class C 14-Passenger School Buses – Thomas Transit Buses

Administrator Responsible/Position: Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer
Cassandra Behr, Director of Transportation

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

- Action needed Information only Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

- Local Policy: Law or Rule N/A
CH – Purchasing & Acquisition

C. Goal or Need Addressed: Provide safe transportation services

D. Summary:

- Previous board action relating to this item:
 Future action anticipated:
 Background information: The District has been awarded a TCEQ Clean School Bus grant which covers \$63,600 per bus, or about 40%, towards replacement of nine (9) 2005 model diesel buses with new diesel buses. While exploring our options for replacement buses, we focused on the 14-passenger type c diesel powered bus with a weight less than 26,001 pounds. Because of the passenger count and the weight of the vehicle, a CDL is not required to operate the vehicle, but it can be used on routes, unlike the 14-passenger micro-buses. This would allow a growth opportunity for the bus monitors within our department and other potential drivers that don't feel comfortable driving a longer bus. It creates opportunities for us to fill open routes with non-CDL drivers while still getting students to and from school safely. Our proposal is to purchase nine 14 passenger type c diesel buses, three with wheelchair lifts and the other six without lifts to utilize on special needs routes. The bus information from three major vendors and the grant information is included in the table labeled "2026 Type C 14 Passenger School Bus Cost". The Transportation Director presented this topic to the FBOC on February 2026 and gained consensus for the purchase utilizing bond interest earnings.

E. Comments Received:

- Cabinet DLT FBOC Teacher Org. Reps. Other:

F. Administrative Recommendation: Administration recommends approval of the request.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: \$707,126

- 2021 Bond Interest Earnings Other: TCEQ Clean School Bus Grant: \$570,294

Purchase Price	\$1,277,420
TCEQ Clean School Bus Grant	(\$570,294)
TOTAL	\$707,126

Prior Year Spending for this item/service: Thomas Transit Buses: \$1,680,000
Bid/Contract Information: Buyboard Contract 722-23
Reasons for rejecting alternatives: N/A
Future/Ongoing: N/A

H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action: Max Cleaver, Cassandra Behr

I. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of nine (9) Class C 14 passenger school buses in the amount of \$1,277,420, accept the TCEQ Clean School Bus Grant in the amount of \$570,294, for a total expenditure not to exceed \$707,126, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute documents necessary and convenient to complete the transaction, as presented.