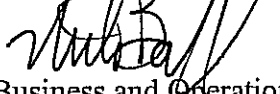




College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent 

From: Mike Ball, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations

Date: October 12, 2006

Subject: Authorization for Purchase of School Buses through the (HGAC) Houston Galveston Area Purchasing Cooperative

Agenda Item: K-2 a.

Board Priority/
District Goal: Priority 3, Goal 4

BACKGROUND

The District has a need to acquire five 71 passenger air conditioned buses and two 53 passenger special needs buses in order to provide for growth and to keep the bus fleet inventory up to date.

The HGAC is a purchasing cooperative that has conducted a bid process for various bus models. Quotations have been obtained from the three vendors with buses available through the HGAC. The buses from Thomas Bus Golf Coast appear to provide the best value to the District. The total cost of these buses is \$524,386.00.

The current budget provides for a payment on a capital lease for these buses. Because of the lead time between the placement of the order and the delivery of the buses, a capital lease proposal is expected to be presented to the Board of Trustees at the November regular meeting.

The vehicle acquisition plan for the 2006-2007 fiscal year is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of College Station Independent School District consider approval of the purchase of seven buses from Thomas Bus Gulf Coast for a total price of \$524,386.00 with financing to be from capital lease proceeds.