

Bus Purchase
Board Study Session
February 14, 2017

Currently, our bus fleet consists of the following vehicles:

Year/Type	Capacity	Mileage
2006 Chev (Plastic)	24	185,000
2006 MCI (Motor coach)	56	455,000
2007 International (School bus)	44	210,000
2009 International (School bus)	44	190,000

Last year we purchased the 2006 MCI motor coach to add to our fleet of buses. Both of our International buses have been problematic due to the type of the bus and how we are using them. Their maintenance costs continue to increase as well as their breakdown rate. They were not designed for interstate travel, especially in warm climates.

With the addition of Wrestling, swimming next fall, and the elimination of roster limitations, we need to be able to transport more students at one time. There are many times when we have multiple student organizations and teams traveling on the same date and all of our buses are scheduled. In addition, the lack of seating on the two international buses currently present a problem for both track and soccer. This issue will be enhanced next year. When our buses do not have the capacity to transport the team, two buses must be scheduled, or a combination of buses, vans, and cars.

We have located a used MCI motor coach bus. The Coach is a 2007 MCI J-4500 Tour Coach, which is the same model of bus as the other MCI. It has approximately 700,000 miles on the coach, however the engine was replaced in November with a factory CAT engine. The engine has 6,000 miles on it and a 4 year warranty. The entire coach has been gone through and is in excellent

condition. Ghazi, Barton's mechanic, has examined the coach and is satisfied with its mechanical condition. It is in better shape than the last coach we purchased.



The current owner is asking \$150,000 for the bus. We would need to have the bus painted white to apply our decals to it. The estimated cost to paint the bus is approximately \$10,000.

We had previously budgeted \$250,000 for a bus and spent \$150,000 on the first MCI. In addition, we only purchased 2 of the 3 vans budgeted for this year. This leaves a total of \$130,000 available for the purchase. Other International school buses in similar shape as ours are selling in the range of \$20,000-\$30,000.

We would like to offer \$155,000 for the bus painted white. This would replace one of the International buses. Eventually, the last International bus will need to be replaced with a similar type of bus.

We will be requesting Board approval at the February 28th Board meeting for the purchase.