

**ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: March 11, 2013

AGENDA ITEM No. 13-03-16

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) Y

SUBJECT: Activity Bus Purchase Approval

INFO. CONTACT: Pam Jones, Donna Brinkley **PHONE:** 919 732 8126

ATTACHMENTS:

1. March 4, 2013 Proposal from Carolina Thomas LLC
2. Budget Amendment

PURPOSE: To approve the purchase of three new activity buses as discussed during the Capital Investment Plan deliberations; approve the attached Budget Amendment appropriating \$276,000 from Capital Fund Balance.

BACKGROUND: The 2013-2023 Capital Investment Plan included \$276,000 for the purchase of three activity buses, which the Board endorsed for appropriation from the Capital Fund Balance. This action will close the loop on funding for that action, after which the buses may be ordered.

During recent discussions regarding which units should be replaced first, the Transportation Director proposed one of the activity buses be equipped for wheelchair transport and equipped in compliance for use by the Exceptional Children (EC) program's field trips for the following reasons:

- The District currently utilizes two activity buses—a 1992 with over 200,000 miles and a 1998 model—that do not meet current standards for this type of transport. In order to ensure EC students are transported safely in compliant vehicles for field trips, yellow buses are deployed. As the Board may know, DPI requests Districts to use District owned buses (activity buses) for field trips rather than State owned buses (yellow buses).
- An activity bus properly equipped for EC field trips may allow more direct routing to the destination since yellow buses are restricted from Interstate highway travel per policy.
- The proposed bus will accommodate any wheelchair bound student on field trips.
- The unit will accommodate 29 passengers, including two wheelchair seats, and can be used as a standard activity bus as well.
- Cost for the unit is within the funding allocation proposed by the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Should this proposal be approved by the Board, two 72-passenger activity buses would be ordered at a delivered price of \$89,534 each; and one 29-passenger specially equipped unit for \$82,309 for a total order cost of \$261,377. Taxes, titles and tags will be an additional cost and are included in the \$276,000 requested appropriation.

Capital Fund Balance	
June 30, 2012 audited fund balance.....	\$1,243,983
FY 2012-13 Original Budget appropriation.....	\$621,652
3/11/13 Activity Bus Appropriation.....	\$276,000
Available Capital Fund Balance	\$346,331

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RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the purchase of two 72-passenger activity buses and one 29-passenger activity bus equipped for use with wheelchairs and other safety equipment needed for compatibility with Exceptional Children's programs; and approve the attached Budget Amendment appropriating \$276,000 from Capital Fund Balance.



March 04, 2013

Dear Mr. Julian Ramirez,

I have combined the pricing for the proposed activity buses as shown below. The 27 (K-5) bus will have two wheel chair locations, no interior racks as this can interfere with the positioning of the wheel chairs in the rear and the lift mechanism, no underbody luggage, this is due to the short body length. The 72 passenger buses will be equipped exactly the same as the last (2) units. All pricing includes painted rails and delivery.

27 (K-5) Passenger + 2 W/C locations *	\$82,309
72 Passenger Activity Bus *	\$89,534
72 Passenger Activity Bus *	\$89,534
TOTAL	\$261,377

Currently the 72 passenger buses would be available for immediate delivery and the lift bus would be ready approximately by the end of July 2013. These dates are subject to change based on receipt of a purchase order.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding any of this information. I can be reached at 336-692-1257

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Phillip Loflin
Sales Representative
Carolina Thomas, LLC

Amendment #2

**BUDGET AMENDMENT
Orange County Schools
Capital Outlay Fund**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Be it resolved that the following Transfer be made to the Budget Resolution for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2013:

Original Budget	Budget Amendment #2	Revised Budget Resolution
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SECTION 9 - THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT IN THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING July 1, 2012 AND ENDING June 30, 2013:

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES - 5000			
Regular Instructional Services - 5100	\$ 120,420		\$ 120,420
Co-Curricular Services - 5500	75,000		75,000
School-Based Support Services - 5800	1,229,243		1,229,243
SYSTEM-WIDE SUPPORT SERVICES - 6000			
Operational Support Services - 6500	5,483,352	276,000	5,759,352
Financial and Human Resource Services - 6600	37,500		37,500
ANCILLARY SERVICES - 7000			
Nutrition Services - 7200	10,000		10,000
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS	\$ 6,955,515	\$ 276,000	\$ 7,231,515

SECTION 10 - THE FOLLOWING REVENUES ARE ESTIMATED TO BE AVAILABLE TO THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING July 1, 2012 AND ENDING June 30, 2013:

LOCAL FUNDS	\$ 6,333,863		\$ 6,333,863
FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED	621,652	276,000	897,652
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY REVENUE	\$ 6,955,515	\$ 276,000	\$ 7,231,515

Passed by majority vote of the Board of
Education of Orange County Schools
on the 11th day of March, 2013.

Board Chair

Superintendent