

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

**DECISION ON CONTRACT AWARD FOR CONVENTIONAL
SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL BUSES (TYPE I)**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Background Information:

On behalf of the Transportation Department, the Purchasing Department is recommending the award of a contract to American Truck and Bus, Inc. T/A American Bus Sales and Service, 195 Defense Highway, Annapolis, MD 21401, in the amount of \$1,477,229 to purchase thirteen (13), Model 2023, Type I, conventional special needs school buses with a flat floor, wheelchair lift and air conditioning, including camera and training options.

Discussion:

In compliance with federal guidelines and to meet IEP requirements, special needs buses are needed for the 2022-2023 school year to accommodate students and programs. There are ten (10) buses completing their fifteenth (15) year, which is the maximum number of years a bus can be utilized in the State of Maryland.

Bid #20-JHS-005 stipulated an option to renew two (2) additional, one (1) year periods. HCPS exercised the right to renew for the second year, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The Purchasing Department and American Bus Sales and Service agreed upon the price as follows:

2023, Type I, Conventional Special Needs School Buses:

Vendor	Unit Price	Unit Price for 13 Units
American Bus Sales	\$113,633.00	\$1,477,229.00

The funding source for this purchase is the FY22 Capital Budget.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the award of a contract to American Truck and Bus, Inc. T/A American Bus Sales and Service, for thirteen (13) buses, in the amount of \$1,477,229.