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MEMORANDUM

TO : THE KANSAS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM : Dr. Cynthia Lane, Superintendent of Schools

DATE : September 13, 2011

SUBJECT : PURCHASE OF HYBRID SCHOOL BUSES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Kansas City Board of Education **accept the low bid meeting the written specifications offered by Midwest Bus Sales for four (4) each 24+3 passenger buses in the amount of \$700,468.00** as submitted by George Taylor, Director of Transportation, Robert Young, Director of Purchasing, Dr. Kelli Mather, Chief Financial Officer, and Dr. Cynthia Lane, Superintendent of Schools.

EXPLANATION:

Sealed bids for buses were received on August 26, 2011 in the office of the Purchasing Department. Bids were sent to eight (8) firms and publicly advertised in the District's legal publication. Two responses were received. Attached is a bid analysis of the cost proposals received, exclusive of trade-ins.

While the district is in need of new fleet to replace older, high mileage buses, this acquisition will be supported by grant funding from the United States Department of Energy and the Clean Cities Consortium. These agencies are offering a high percentage reimbursement to the district as the buses will be hybrids and will use alternative fuels. The estimated reimbursement funding for this acquisition will be approximately \$290,784.00. This recommendation is predicted on this federal funding being available to Kansas City Kansas Public Schools.

It is recommended the low bid be accepted and that the Board accept this pricing for any additional buses of similar configuration purchased within the next twelve months if additional funds can be identified. Funds for this purchase have been encumbered from special education budgets.

Recommended by:

Dr. Cynthia Lane
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

Dr. Kelli Mather
Chief Financial Officer

George Taylor
Director of Transportation

Robert Young
Director of Purchasing

Item: Small Bus – 24+3

Quantity – Four (4)

<u>Company</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	*
Midwest Bus Sales	\$175,117.00	\$700,468.00	
Allied Bus Sales	\$181,024.00	\$724,096.00	
Kansas Truck Equipment Company		No Bid	
Cornhusker International		No Bid	
Midwest Transit Equipment		No Bid	
Roberts Bus Center		No Bid	
Masters Transportation Inc.		No Bid	