



**Bus Purchases Report  
Board Meeting  
February 6, 2024**

At the January 16, 2024 Board meeting the board approved a transfer of \$180,000 to be moved from accumulated surplus to the bus reserve to be used to either purchase a bus or bus repairs.

The Transportation Manager reached out to bus manufacturers for prices for any bus available on the lot. There is a 2024 Blue Bird, 65 Passenger Gas bus available. The total cost of this bus is \$204,438.08 including installed camera system and taxes.

The funds of \$180,000 from the reserve will be used as well as unspent operating budget funds. With the fuel prices being lower than budgeted the Transportation department will have funds to cover the difference.

The warranty is the same as one would receive from purchasing from the group tender. The division is benefiting from the bus being available immediately. The price of the bus is near the 2023 bus tender base price and is optioned similarly to what we would typically purchase.

When looking at used or gently used buses, the other school division nearby had either none to sell or did have high miles, much like the buses we are considering replacing. When it comes to purchasing old buses for parts. The division has 7 buses to pick parts off from other than the blown motors.

**Recommendation**

The board approve the and give authorization to the Secretary-Treasurer and Transportation Manager to purchase the bus from Steinbach Bus Sales LTD

**Motion**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve use of funds from the Bus reserve and operating funds to purchase one bus from Steinbach Bus Sales Ltd.

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Secretary-Treasurer