

Kimberly School District #414
REGULAR BOARD MEETING FY25

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

ITEM# 12B5 CONSIDER RFP FOR TRANSIT BUS

Kimberly School District received two RFPs for a Transit Bus - one for a Blue Bird bus from Bryson and the other for a Thomas bus from Western Mountain Sales. The proposals were evaluated by Matthew Searby, Willard Mumm, and Luke Schroeder. Both proposals were comparable in the areas of proposer qualifications, ability to meet specifications, and the ability to deliver the bus on time.

The primary difference was in purchase price. Bryson submitted a proposal of \$222,240, while Western Mountain's proposal was \$225,240. However, Bryson reserved the right to apply documented tariff surcharges at the time of invoicing, whereas Western Mountain provided a firm, fixed price. As a result, Western Mountain received a higher rating in the purchase price category.

Out of a total of 120 possible points, Western Mountain received 117, and Bryson received 113.

Recommendation: The administration recommends that the Kimberly School Board of Trustees approve the purchase of the Transit Bus from Western Mountain Sales.