

Kimberly School District #414
REGULAR BOARD MEETING FY25

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

ITEM# 12B3

RFP FOR TRANSIT BUS

The Kimberly School District received one proposal for a transit bus from Western Mountain Bus Sales. This proposal was reviewed by a committee consisting of Matthew Searby, Willard Mumm, Ted Wasko, Laurie Wirtz, and Luke Schroeder.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) specified that the transit bus must be delivered to the district by June 15, 2025, to allow the district to qualify for depreciation benefits for the FY25 fiscal year. However, the proposal from Western Mountain Bus Sales indicated that delivery would not be possible until October 25, 2025, failing to meet the required timeline.

Additionally, the proposal did not meet some of the minor specified requirements in the RFP, including:

- Lack of air shocks.
- Air conditioning mounted on the bottom instead of on the roof.

Based on these deficiencies, the committee recommends that the Kimberly School District reject the proposal from Western Mountain Bus Sales.

Furthermore, the committee recommends the following actions:

1. Issue a new RFP for a transit bus with a delivery deadline of December 1, 2025.
2. Issue an additional RFP for two conventional buses, with a delivery window between June 1, 2026, and June 15, 2026.