

7.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.01 Resource Allocation Plan

District leadership annually reviews its resource allocation plan with the goal of providing equitable staffing to meet our students' instructional programming needs. The allocation process review utilizes assessment data, instructional language needs, enrollment size, class/section size, schedules, facility capacity, staff licensure requirements, etc. Through an in-depth and collaborative process, leadership recommends the following staffing allocation increases as outlined in the [presentation](#).

7.02 2023-2024 School Year Pay Bus Fee

Each year the Board of Education approves the pay bus fee for the coming year. This is the amount a family will pay to have their child transported if it is determined that the student is non-eligible for free transportation.

The proposed pay bus fee for 2023/24 school year is \$525. This is a 6.1% increase compared to the 2022/23 school year. Currently 7 students have chosen to pay for these services.

7.03 Transportation Bid

It is the recommendation to award Safeway both the regular education and special education transportation. Safeway has already guaranteed the drivers and buses. The company is currently 'renting' drivers to districts. Safeway has stated that it has been able to come under bid because it does not have the same overhead costs as the other bus companies.

Overall, the cost to stay with First Student and Grand Prairie would be \$9,609,936.08. By consolidating the work with Safeway, the cost will be \$6,232,394.48. That is a difference of \$3,377,541.60. Grand Prairie's increases are 4% every year. First Student is offering 4.5% increases, while Safeway is offering 2.8%.

7.04 Asphalt Bid for Salt Creek & John Jay

The Business Office is opening bids on March 13th for asphalt in the Salt Creek and John Jay parking lots. References will be contacted before making a recommendation/action next month.

7.05 Asphalt Bid for Friendship

The Business Office is opening bids on March 13th for asphalt in the Friendship parking lots. References will be contacted before making a recommendation/action next month.