


Scotia-Glenville School District
Scotia, New York

February 2, 2024

To: Susan Swartz, Superintendent

From: Andrew Giaquinto, School Business Manager 

RE: Bus Propositions

Bus Proposition #1:

The District is requesting the Board to approve as a separate proposition to the May budget proposition, a bus proposition for \$329,000.00. The proposition would purchase three new buses (exclusive of financing costs). We are requesting one 30 passenger bus with 4WD and two 30 passenger buses. The District will once again be using Auctions International to auction the older buses, rather than trading them in. The proceeds from the auction will be used to mitigate the debt incurred on the buses we are planning on purchasing. Last year, trade-in value on the two buses we were disposing of would have been \$1500.00 per bus. We sold those two buses on Auctions International for a total of \$32,700.00, at no cost to the District. There is no change to the total number of buses in our fleet.

The District has historically replaced buses after 10 years with body condition the determining factor more so than vehicle mileage. The recent trend has us taking into consideration bus performance related to repairs and maintenance and down time as a determining factor for replacement.

The recommendation is to replace three of our small buses due to increasing maintenance costs, increased time out of service, body condition, as well as mileage. The three buses to be replaced are bus 210, 211 and 212. All of these buses are ten years old and the mileage on them is between 127,263 and 138,051 miles.

The bus proposition would purchase (1) 30 passenger 4WD bus for \$120,512.25 and (2) 30 passenger buses for \$101,477.25 each.

The District would recognize the debt in the 2025-26 budget as we would borrow funds via a five year bond in July of 2024. Transportation aid would partially offset the debt associated with the purchases over a five year period. The net impact on the 2025-26 budget will be \$19,992.22. The District currently has bonds related to past approved bus propositions as per below:

- 2019 bus prop \$425,000, paid off 2024-25, annual debt \$90,000
- 2020 bus prop, \$465,000, paid off 2025-26, annual debt \$95,000
- 2021 bus prop, \$493,000, paid off 2026-27, annual debt \$100,000
- 2022 bus prop, \$385,000, paid off 2027-28, annual debt \$80,000
- 2023 bus prop, \$415,000, paid off 2028-2029, annual debt \$75,000

I have attached the annual updated fleet analysis which displays bus #, age and mileage and condition of bus assessment. I have also attached a chart which summarizes the new buses being requested in relation to the buses we are replacing. In addition, I have attached a debt service schedule relating to bus purchase borrowings related to the proposed proposition.

I am requesting board approval on February 12th to include as a proposition for the May vote. This will allow, as in prior years, to sign the letter of intent to purchase with the bus company which is only binding if we have a successful proposition. The buses, if we submit the letters of intent to purchase, would be ready in late September 2024.

Electric Vehicle Bus Prop #2:

The district has applied under the EPA Round 3 Grant for five electric buses. The grant would provide \$250,000 toward the purchase of each bus. The cost of each bus is approximately \$450,000 per bus, local share would then be \$1,000,000 to cover the purchase price for the five buses.

I am requesting to borrow up to \$1,000,000.00 if we are awarded the grant. The local share will be eligible for transportation aid paid over twelve years. The net impact on the budget would be \$349,808 over 12 years (29K annual net impact).

I am requesting board approval on February 12th to include as a proposition for the May vote.

I have attached a chart which shows the cost of the EVs less the grant subsidy and the impact on future budgets.

Thank you for your attention to this subject matter. Please let me know if you have questions or required additional information.

Attachments:

- Fleet Analysis- (A-1)
- Purchase Summary- (A-2)
- Debt Service Schedule- (A-3)
- EV Aid Analysis – (A-4)
- Draft Resolutions for both props- (A-5)

NOTES	BUS	YEAR	FUEL	AGE	MILEAGE	Condition	
	201	2014	DIESEL	10	76,502	Fair	
	209	2015	DIESEL	9	63,347	Fair	
	210	2014	GAS	10	137,266	Fair	2024-25 AUCTION BUSES
	211	2014	GAS	10	138,051	Fair	
	212	2014	GAS	10	127,263	Fair	
WC	213	2014	GAS	10	120,347	Good	
	214	2016	DIESEL	8	66,689	Good	
	215	2016	DIESEL	8	82,555	Good	
	216	2015	GAS	9	103,650	Good	
	217	2015	GAS	9	106,172	Good	
	218	2015	GAS	9	73,659	Good	2-sub
	219	2015	GAS	9	108,851	Good	13- 72p
	220	2017	DIESEL	7	80,044	Good	11-65p
	221	2017	DIESEL	7	54,957	Good	21 sm (2 4WD & 4WC)
	222	2017	DIESEL	7	65,780	Good	1-56wc
WC	223	2016	GAS	8	46,673	Good	
	224	2016	GAS	8	81,358	Good	
	225	2017	GAS	7	45,842	Good	
4WD	226	2017	GAS	7	106,734	Good	
	227	2018	DIESEL	6	48,174	Good	
	228	2018	DIESEL	6	48,536	Good	
	229	2018	DIESEL	6	62,345	Good	
	230	2018	DIESEL	6	40,787	Good	
WC	231	2018	GAS	6	65,920	Good	
	232	2018	GAS	6	72,388	Good	
	233	2018	GAS	6	70,104	Good	
	234	2018	GAS	6	70,592	Good	
	235	2018	GAS	6	60,129	Good	
	236	2020	GAS	4	37,603	Good	
	237	2020	GAS	4	61,367	Good	
	238	2020	GAS	4	56,628	Good	
	239	2020	GAS	4	50,169	Good	
	240	2021	GAS	3	44,616	Good	
	241	2020	GAS	4	39,743	Good	
	242	2020	GAS	4	46,378	Good	
WC	243	2021	GAS	3	18,036	Good	
4WD	244	2020	GAS	4	36,179	Good	
	245	2022	GAS	2	27,202	Good	
	246	2022	GAS	2	30,668	Good	
	247	2022	GAS	2	31,031	Good	
	248	2022	GAS	2	26,973	Very Good	
	249	2022	GAS	2	14,731	Very Good	
	250	2023	GAS	1	12,436	Very Good	
	251	2023	GAS	1	10,346	Very Good	
	252	2023	GAS	1	10,835	Very Good	
	253	2024	GAS	0	4,585	Excellent	

WC	254	2024	GAS	0	1,978	Excellent
	255	2023	GAS	1	540	Excellent

Mileage as of 1/22/2024

2024/25 BUS PROPOSITION #1

BUS REQUEST	TYPE	CAPACITY	REPLACE #	MIELAGE	CONDITION	AGE (YEARS)
NEW BUS 1	4WD	30	210	137,266	FAIR	10
NEW BUS 2	2WD	30	211	138,051	FAIR	10
NEW BUS 3	2WD	30	212	127,263	FAIR	10

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	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/2028	2028/2029	2029/2030	2030/2031
Buses 2024 Principal **estimate**		\$60,284.57	\$ 62,924.42	\$ 65,679.27	\$ 68,555.03	\$ 71,556.70	
Buses 2024 Interest		\$12,946.99	\$10,307.14	\$7,552.29	\$4,676.53	\$1,674.86	
Total Debt Service		\$73,231.56	\$73,231.56	\$73,231.56	\$73,231.56	\$73,231.56	
Less: Est Trans Aid		(53,239.34)	(53,239.34)	(53,239.34)	(53,239.34)	(53,239.34)	
Net Impact on Budget		\$19,992.22	\$19,992.22	\$19,992.22	\$19,992.22	\$19,992.22	
Bus Bonds							
Buses 2023 Principal **actual**	70,000.00	80,000.00	85,000.00	90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00		
Buses 2023 Interest	24,708.50	13,099.00	9,714.00	6,016.50	\$2,052.00		
Total Debt Service	94,708.50	93,099.00	94,714.00	96,016.50	92,052.00		
Less: Est Trans Aid	(66,864.20)	(65,727.89)	(66,868.08)	(67,787.65)	(64,988.71)		
Net Impact on Budget	27,844.30	27,371.11	27,845.92	28,228.85	27,063.29		
Buses 2022 Principal **actual**	75,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00			
Buses 2022 Interest	9,365.63	6,750.00	4,050.00	1,350.00			
Total Debt Service	84,365.63	86,750.00	84,050.00	81,350.00			
Less: Est Trans Aid	(59,562.13)	(61,245.50)	(59,339.30)	(57,433.10)			
Net Impact on Budget	24,803.50	25,504.50	24,710.70	23,916.90			
Buses 2021 Principal **actual**	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00				
Buses 2021 Interest	2,500.00	1,500.00	500.00				
Total Debt Service	102,500.00	101,500.00	100,500.00				
Less: Est Trans Aid	(72,365.00)	(71,659.00)	(70,953.00)				
Net Impact on Budget	30,135.00	29,841.00	29,547.00				
Buses 2020 Principal **actual**	95,000.00	95,000.00					
Buses 2020 Interest	1,425.00	475.00					
Total Debt Service	96,425.00	95,475.00					
Total Debt Service to calculate aid (suburban not purchased)	84,263.72	83,313.72					
Less: Est Trans Aid	(59,490.19)	(58,819.49)					
Net Impact on Budget	36,934.81	36,655.51					
Buses 2019 Principal **actual**	90,000.00						
Buses 2019 Interest	731.25						
Total Debt Service	90,731.25						
Less: Est Trans Aid	(64,056.26)						
Net Impact on Budget	26,674.99						

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCOTIA-GLENVILLE
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION TO
BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS AT ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Scotia-Glenville Central School District, Schenectady, Montgomery and Saratoga Counties, New York, as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

Resolved, (1) that the Board of Education of the Scotia-Glenville Central School District, Schenectady, Montgomery and Saratoga Counties, New York (hereinafter, for convenience, referred to as the "District") is hereby authorized to acquire three (3) 30 passenger buses at a total maximum cost not to exceed \$329,000 (including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof), and

(2) That the sum of \$329,000 shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said District, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the District; and

(3) That, in anticipation of the collection of said tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time or from time to time in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$329,000 and that a tax is hereby voted for the payment of the principal and interest on said obligations, as such principal and interest shall become due and payable, said tax to be levied by and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by said Board of Education.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the aforesaid proposition will appear on the ballot label of the voting machines used at such Annual District Meeting in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the proposition set forth in the notice of the Annual District Meeting, authorizing the Board of Education to acquire three (3) school buses at a maximum cost not to exceed \$329,000, providing that \$329,000 be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with obligations of the District to be issued in anticipation thereof, be approved?

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCOTIA-GLENVILLE
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING BUS PURCHASE
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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Scotia-Glenville Central School District, Schenectady, Montgomery and Saratoga Counties, New York, as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 3

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Scotia-Glenville Central School District, Schenectady, Montgomery and Saratoga Counties, New York (hereinafter, for convenience, referred to as the "District") is hereby authorized to

- (1) acquire school buses, at a maximum aggregate cost of approximately \$2,250,000.00
- (2) expend such sum for such purpose;
- (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid and any grants received; and
- (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds, notes and/or installment purchase contracts of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the aforesaid proposition will appear on the ballot label of the voting machines used at such Annual District Meeting in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 3

Shall the proposition set forth in the notice of the Annual District Meeting, authorizing the Board of Education to (1) acquire school buses, at a maximum aggregate cost of approximately \$2,250,000.00; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid and any grants received; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds, notes and/or installment purchase contracts of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due, be approved?