

APRIL 26, 2016

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BOARD MEETING

BUS PURCHASE

Detail: The College currently maintains three buses as part of our fleet. Our current buses are:

- 2006 Chevrolet AeroElite, 24 passenger, 175,000 miles
- 2007 International, 44 passenger, 204,000 miles
- 2008 International, 44 passenger, 180,000 miles

Both of the International buses are basically school buses that has been upgraded to work as a college transport bus. There are many times during the year that the current fleet of buses do not meet the needs of the college. With the size of some teams, along with the number of teams & clubs traveling, we end up sending buses, vans, and cars to cover all the travel needs for the various groups.

This past year we did not purchase cars and vans and planned on using the budgeted funds to secure another bus. While our current buses have served us well, we have been looking for a good pre-owned coach type bus that can accommodate larger groups and is designed for longer over the road travel. This would be an additional bus to add to our fleet.

There are a significant number of pre-owned coaches on the market, however finding one in the condition we are looking for has been a challenge. We have located a pre-owned coach that is in exceptional condition. It is a 2006, MCI J-4500, 56 passenger Coach, and has been owned by a family run charter business. This coach has 440,000 miles on it. It has had an engine rebuild at 357,000 miles and comes with a 30 month warranty on the rebuild. Our mechanic, Ghazi, has inspected the coach and is satisfied with its mechanical condition. The overall condition of this coach is excellent.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of the Coach from Thielen Bus Lines/MCI, in the amount of \$149,900.



<http://thielencoaches.com/for-sale-2006-mci-j-4500-luxury-motor-coach/>