

Barton Community College

Board Study Session

November 13, 2018

Buses – Barton currently has four buses used for the transportation of all student groups. These buses consist of:

YEAR	MAKE	VEHICLE #	
2007	International	International Bus 1	purchased 8-24-06
2007	MCI	White MCI J4500 BUS (410)	purchased 3-10-17
2006	MCI	White MCI J4500 BUS (200)	purchased 4-27-16
2006	Chev	AeroElite Bus	purchased 5-30-06

Our 2007 International bus was involved in an accident back in July and has been out of service since that time. The major issue is that we have been working with our insurance company since the accident, and the authorized service center for the International “Coach” buses has been moved to South Dakota. We are working with a Wichita shop to see if they will be able to repair the bus. The Wichita firm typically does not work on this type of bus, and really did not want to even look at it. They have agreed to put together estimates to repair it and are attempting to get pricing on the required parts (body parts as well as mechanical parts) from International. There is a question as to if the insurance company will total the bus or authorize repairs on it. The bus currently has 240,000 miles on it and is to the point where we need to look at replacing it (even if insurance pays to repair the damage). Value on the bus is around \$20,000.

We have looked at the option of replacing the International bus with a third used MCI bus. The other option is to purchase a smaller bus, similar in size to the International.

- 2009 J-4500 MCI bus similar to the two buses that we already have. This is a used bus and has just over 420,000 miles on it. It is a very nice bus and they are wanting \$215,000 for it. This is the same company that we purchased our first MCI from.
- 2019 Grech EG40 which also has a capacity of 44 passengers. This bus uses a Cummins engine and is manufactured on a Freightliner unibody structure. Interior appearance and accommodations will resemble what we have on our MCI buses (see pictures below).

There are pros and cons to both types of bus and it really comes down to which type will best fit our needs. Because we already have the two large MCI buses, our recommendation is to move forward with

the smaller EG40 bus. The cost of this bus is \$255,145. This is a new 2019 bus with a 5 year parts and service warranty.

This replacement is budgeted and would be paid for out of capital outlay funds. I am recommending we move forward with replacement of the International bus with the new Grech bus. Depending on what the insurance company does with the claim on our International, they will either repair the bus and then we will sell it; or they will total it, pay us, and then take the bus for salvage.

