
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board adopt the attached resolution to execute an equipment lease with Regions Equipment Finance Corporation through the Indiana Bond Bank’s Hoosier Equipment Lease Purchase (HELP) Program.

BACKGROUND DATA:

Monroe County Community School Corporation will be purchasing five new trucks totaling $110,776.75 from Bloomington Ford for the following departments: three for the Maintenance Department, one for the Food Service Department and one for the Superintendent. These trucks are all purchased through the State of Indiana Quantity Purchase Agreement. The Hoosier Equipment Lease Purchase (HELP) Program will be used to finance $105,000 of this project. The remainder of the project will be paid for from the General and Food Service Funds. With an approximate interest rate of 5.84%, the proposed payment is $12,258.79 for semi-annual payments over a five year term.

The Indiana Bond Bank has proven to be a source of low interest loans that the school corporation has used in the past to fund tax anticipation warrants. We continue to recommend the Indiana Bond Bank because the Indiana Bond Bank is easier to work with administratively and their interest rates are competitive with the open market. For the HELP program the Indiana Bond Bank received quotes from at least three lending agencies and Regions Equipment Finance Corporation offered the best arrangement.

The final lease paperwork has not yet been completed and will be provided to the School Board members at the meeting.
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees (the "Governing Body") of the Monroe County Community School Corporation (the "Lessee") has determined that in order for the Lessee to better accomplish its public purposes, the Lessee needs to acquire the use of the Equipment described in the schedule attached to or set forth in the Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement (the “Lease”) attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Lessee has determined that the most economical and efficient means of acquiring the use of said Equipment is pursuant to a lease-purchase of the Equipment pursuant to the Lease; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Lease has been presented to, considered and approved by the governing body of the Lessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION, as follows:

Section 1. The Lessee is hereby authorized to enter into the Lease between the Lessee and Regions Equipment Finance Corporation, as lessor, with all riders, certificates, schedules, and amendments thereto, substantially in the form attached hereto, and the execution and delivery of the Lease is hereby approved, authorized, ratified and confirmed.

Section 2. The ____President___ of the Board of School Trustees of the Monroe County Community School Corporation and each and any of them without the others is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Lease on behalf of the Lessee in substantially the form presented to the governing body of Lessee at this meeting with such changes or additions thereto or deletions therefrom as the officer executing the same shall approve, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by his or her execution of the Lease. The ____President___ of the Board of School Trustees of the Monroe County Community School Corporation and each and any of them without the others is hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Lessee such agreements, indemnities, purchase orders, leases, bills of sale, certificates or other instruments or obligations as they or any one of them may deem necessary or appropriate to the accomplishment of the Lease, and the execution and delivery of any such agreement, instrument or obligation prior to the date hereof by any such officer is in all respects hereby confirmed, ratified and approved. The ____Secretary___ of the Board of School Trustees of the Monroe County Community School Corporation is hereby authorized and directed to affix the corporate seal to such instruments and to attest the same.

Section 3. The proper officers of the Lessee are authorized and directed to do or cause to be done all such other acts and things, to make all payments, including rent payments, required pursuant to the Lease and related documents, and to execute all such documents, certificates and instruments as in his, her or their judgment may be necessary or advisable in order to carry out the foregoing Resolutions and the Lessee’s obligations under the Lease, or any amended, renewed or supplemental lease; and all actions heretofore taken by the officers of the Lessee in connection with the acquisition of the Equipment and negotiation of the Lease are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 4. The Lessee hereby designates the Lease to be a “qualified tax exempt obligation” under the provisions of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Board of School Trustees of the Monroe County Community School Corporation, this 7th day of July, 2009.

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President       Vice President          Superintendent
Board of School Trustees      Board of School Trustees        Monroe County Comm. School Corp.

ATTEST:

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Secretary, Board of School Trustees