

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting "Item for Consideration"

Consent Agenda • Date: March 10, 2025

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip

Category:

<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing	<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment	
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance, Budgeting, Accounting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Board Policy
<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities, Transportation, Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:

Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report	<input type="checkbox"/>

Facts of this Matter:

1. Dates: May 8-11, 2025. Orlando, FL.
2. Who is traveling: Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Qualifiers from Zionsville High School (approximately 2-8 students) and one of the ZCHS BPA club advisors: Abigail Wallace or Melissa Huhn.
3. Synopsis of Trip: BPA state qualifiers to compete at the national level, as well as participate in leadership seminar activities.
4. Matt Walter approved the activity.

Transportation	Students will be responsible for flying to and from Orlando, FL on a flight to be determined.
Parent Permission Obtained	Parent Permission slips will be sent out mid-March (after the state competition March 9-11).
Cost to Students/Families	The cost to students would be approximately \$1500 each for airfare, hotel, and registration fees. Students would also need to pay for their own food and spending at the conference. Fundraising efforts are being planned to offset some of the costs.
About Supervision	One club advisor will attend. Some parents choose to travel with their students, but this is to be determined.
Trip Insurance Plan and Refund Procedure (if there is one)	N/A
Any Additional Information	Zionsville High School has had approximately 8-10 students go to the BPA national competition for the last two years (one held in Los Angeles and the other in Chicago.) There is no way to know many students will qualify for nationals until after

	the State competition March 9-11. Parents and students understand they will be covering the entire cost of the trip. It may also be determined that parents may be responsible to accompany their own student (using the exceptional opportunity waiver) instead of sending a ZCHS BPA advisor depending on the number of students attending. Planning this trip requires a very quick turnaround with many factors that are unknown until the state-level qualification takes place.
--	---

Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

BPA offers the opportunity for leadership development through business related leadership sessions and competitions. Students are also able to meet like-minded students from all over the United States at the national conference.

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

Students will miss two days of school: May 8 and 9.

Financial Implications, if any:

Students must cover the entire cost of the trip.

A substitute teacher would need to cover two days for an Advisor.

Opinion/Recommendation:

This trip is recommended for approval.