

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting "Item for Consideration"

CONSENT AGENDA • Date: October 5, 2026

Farm Land Lease Renewal

Category:

☐ Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing	☐ Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment	
☒ Finance, Budgeting, Accounting	☐ Student Services	☐ Board Policy
☒ Facilities, Transportation, Nutrition	☐ Community Relations	☒ Other

Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:

Action	☒
Discussion	☐
Report	☐

Facts of this Matter

In 2024, ZCS entered into a farm lease agreement with Kouns Ag., Inc to farm +/-25 acres owned by ZCS on 1100E in Zionsville. Kouns Ag., Inc has stewarded our land well in those three years and leases another parcel (+/-40 acres on 1200E) in the ZCS portfolio. The term of that original lease ends in December. In consultation with CCHA, the Leadership Team has approached Kouns Ag., Inc about their interest in renewing their lease at 1100E, and they have confirmed their desire to continue farming that land.

Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

Not only is this agreement a positive connection and partnership with a local Zionsville farm company and family, but the lease provides \$6,625 in income annually to ZCS. The care for the land provided by Kouns Ag., Inc ensures that maintenance costs are minimized and that additional human supervision of the property is promoted.

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

None known.

Opinion/Recommendation:

We recommend your approval and authorization to renew the existing farm land lease of ZCS property as described.