

# Zionsville Community Schools

*Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”*

**Consent Agenda • Date: February 10, 2025**

## Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip

**ZCHS Band/Indoor Percussion –**

**Prelims/Semi Finals: Truist Arena at Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY**

**Finals: University of Dayton Arena at University of Dayton, Dayton, OH**

### 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. **Travel Destination and Dates:** Winter Guard International (WGI) Percussion World Championships.

Prelims & Semi-finals: Truist Arena, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky.

Finals: University of Dayton Arena at University of Dayton

April 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2025.

2. **Who is attending:** 46 ZCHS Band/Indoor Percussion students
3. **Synopsis:** The students will have the opportunity to compete in the WGI 2025 Percussion World Championships. They will be competing in Scholastic Open Class with the goal of winning or medaling and the potential to be promoted to World Class.

WGI Sport of the Arts is the world's premier organization producing indoor color guard, percussion, and winds competitions. As a non-profit youth organization, WGI also serves as the governing body for the indoor color guard, percussion, and winds activities. It is called the Sport of the Arts because it brings music to life through performance in a competitive format. Even with over 45 years of history, the sport continues to evolve and grow. There were more than 40,000 participants at the regional level, and more than 12,000 participants at the Sport of the Arts World Championships this past April. You can see more about WGI at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/KYImBwPRIZs>

4. Matt Walter has reviewed and approved the submission of this request.

Transportation	The group will charter a bus from Lafayette Limo for the majority of the group. The cost of the charter has been quoted at \$6,382. Based on capacity limitations, the group has requested approval from Amy Eaton, Transportation Director to take 1 white van for this event. The group will provide overnight housing (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night) for the driver at a cost of \$150 per night for the room. A staff/parent, trained and approved by Transportation, will drive the white van. It will likely be Tom Landrum, Band Director.
Parent Permission Obtained	Parents sign a permission slip when their student joins the group. In addition, WGI requires all members to have a signed waiver on file. Minors are signed by parents. Members over 18 sign for themselves.
Cost to Students/Families	The cost for this event will be approximately \$23,922 or \$520 per student. (Entry Fee ~ \$840, Charter Bus - \$6,382, Equipment Truck Rental & Fuel ~ \$3,300, Hotel ~\$9,900 and Food ~ \$3,500). A portion of this money will come from Student membership fees paid by parents and the balance from Zionsville Band Boosters.
About Supervision	Supervision will be by Tom Landrum (Band Director), Michael Rennaker (Indoor Percussion Director) and other staff. All staff have background checks on file with the school. They also have a signed Expectation and Protocols sheet that has been developed with ZCS HR and required by WGI and SafeSport certification. We will have parents along as well: Denae Barnett, Mindi Ferraro and Randy Couchman. All have background checks on file with the school.
Trip Insurance Plan and Refund Procedure (if there is one)	Financial risk is minimal. The hotel has a 30-day cancellation policy. We should know if the event was not going to happen prior to that. Should it be cancelled for reasons out of our control, WGI would either refund the entry fee or defer it to 2025. Food costs will not exist unless the trip happens. Equipment truck rental can be cancelled the week of the event with no penalty. Charter bus can be cancelled prior 7 days before the trip. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is in effect if cancelled less than 30 days prior to the trip.

**Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:**

46 ZCHS Indoor Percussion students will have the opportunity to compete in the WGI 2025 Percussion World Championships at two venues including University of Dayton Arena in Dayton, OH and Truist Arena in Highland Heights, KY. The group has participated in this event for several years. They placed third in Scholastic A Class in 2019 receiving the Bronze Medal. They were on track to win Scholastic A Class in 2020 only to be cut short due to the pandemic. They finished 4<sup>th</sup> in 2023 and 2024 in the Scholastic Open Class. The group's goal is to win the event and possibly be promoted to World Class for 2026. This group has brought much recognition to the program and school over the past 10 years on a local and national level.

**Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:**

Students will miss two (2) days of school. They will leave Wednesday night and return late Saturday night.

**Financial Implications, if any:**

Financial risk is minimal. The hotel has a 30-day cancellation policy. We should know if the event was not going to happen prior to that. Should it be cancelled for reasons out of our control, WGI would either refund the entry fee or defer it to 2026. Food costs will not exist unless the trip happens. Equipment truck rental can be cancelled the week of the event with no penalty. Charter bus can be cancelled prior 7 days before the trip. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is in effect if cancelled less than 30 days prior to the trip. The school district will incur the cost of a guest teacher for Mr. Landrum and the costs associated with the use of the school-owned van.

**Opinion/Recommendation:**

This trip is recommended for approval.