

# Zionsville Community Schools

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

**New Business Item 6g • August 11, 2025**

## Consideration of Early Learning Center/Educational Services Center New Construction Bids

### **Category:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing	<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance, Budgeting, Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Board Policy
<input checked="" 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:**

Based upon prior action by the Board of School Trustees, the ZCS Leadership Team has published advertisements, as required by Indiana statute, for bids for the construction of a new Early Learning Center/Educational Services Center (ELC/ESC). Financing processes were completed with the guidance of the Board’s legal counsel, the design of the new facility has been presented at previous public meetings and conditionally approved by the Town of Zionsville Plan Commission, and bids have been received from qualified contractors. If approved, the new building would serve our youngest children from 6 weeks of age through preschool and is planned to open at the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year. As designed and previously shared during the financing approvals, the new building will be constructed in the southern portion of the Zionsville West Middle School campus, on property already owned by our school district.

On July 23, 2025, sealed bids from qualified contractors were opened and recorded. The bidding environment yielded nearly 75 bids from reputable companies across 15 bid categories. The Skillman Corporation tabulated the bids received and has provided the attached recommendation. We concur with Skillman’s recommendation and request Board approval.

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

Authorization for the project to proceed will allow adherence to the necessary schedule and minimize overall costs for the project with expected completion for occupancy at the start of the 2027-2028 school year. Not only will this facility provide purposefully designed learning spaces for our youngest children, but it will allow additional spaces at all elementary schools, Zionsville Middle School, and Zionsville Community High School to be utilized for the growing populations of those buildings.

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

None identified.

### **Financial Implications, if any:**

The low bids on all packages and selected alternates for this project, as demonstrated and

described in the bid recommendation letter and tabulation total \$54,177,836. If approved, costs will be paid from the proceeds of the 2025 financing.

**Opinion/Recommendation:**

Approval.

**Suggested Wording for a Motion, if any:**

I move to accept these bids and authorize the Leadership Team, The Skillman Corporation, and Fanning Howey to execute contracts within the scope of the ELC/ESC project as presented.