

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”

Consent Agenda • Date: March 9, 2026

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip

ZCHS Band/Indoor Percussion – WGI World Championships

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: Thursday, April 16, 2026, Cintas Center @ Xavier University
Semi-finals: Friday, April 17, 2026, Truist Arena @ Northern Kentucky University
Finals: Saturday, April 18, University of Dayton Arena @ University of Dayton
2. Who is attending: 43 ZCHS Band/Indoor Percussion students
3. Synopsis: The students will have the opportunity to compete in the WGI 2026 Percussion World Championships. They will be competing in Scholastic Open Class with the goal of winning/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.

4. Matt Walter has reviewed and approved the submission of this request. Additional details on page 2.

Transportation	The group will charter a bus from Lafayette Limo for the trip. The cost of the charter has been quoted at \$6,690. The group will provide overnight housing (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night) for the driver at a cost of \$150 per night.
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 \$23,810 or \$554 per student. (Entry Fee ~ \$1,520, Charter Bus - \$6,690, Equipment Truck Rental & Fuel ~ \$2,200, 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 school employees Tom Landrum (Band Director), Michael Rennaker (Indoor Percussion Director), Colton King (Staff) and Mindi Ferraro (Staff). All staff have background checks on file with the school. They also have a signed Expectation and Protocols sheet and required by WGI and Safety training required by WGI. We will have parents along as well: Denae Barnett (ZBB President) and Randy Couchman (ZBB Treasurer). 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 time for any reason. Should it be cancelled for reasons out of our control, WGI would either refund the entry fee or defer it to 2027. Food costs will not exist unless the trip happens. Equipment truck rental can be cancelled during 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:

The group has participated in this event for several years. They placed third in Scholastic A Class in 2019 receiving the Bronze Medal. They finished 4th in 2023, 2024 & 2025 in the Scholastic Open Class. The group's goal is to win the event and possibly be promoted to World Class for 2027. 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 but will gain time management/responsibility skills.

Financial Implications, if any:

ZCS will incur the cost of guest teacher for Mr. Landrum.

Opinion/Recommendation:

This trip is recommended for approval.