

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”

New Business Item 7a • May 11, 2026

Consideration of 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:

As previously identified in the 2024 deliberative facilities study, and based upon its age and condition, the Leadership Team sought permission on the March 2026 meeting to advertise the ZCHS Varsity Gym Ballasted Room Replacement Project in accordance with Indiana law and ZCS Board of School Trustees policy. Bids were received and opened on April 8, 2026, and while multiple qualified companies did take interest in the project, one bid was received. This bid, however, came in below the initially estimated range and from a vendor with whom we have previous positive experience at multiple locations throughout ZCS.

Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

The bid received for this project is from a known vendor (Smither Roofing) with experience across multiple locations in ZCS, and their bid cost came in below the identified budget as estimated by our partners at Technical Assurance. Addressing this roofing need now allows for alignment with the existing Locker Room Addition Project already ongoing near this location at ZCHS.

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

None known.

Financial Implications, if any:

The low base bid and selected alternates for these projects, as demonstrated in the bid recommendation letter, total \$220,200. The Leadership Team would also recommend an additional owner contingency authorization of \$15,000 should the existing contract contingency be insufficient to cover the costs of additional bid deterrent and a possible update to the roof access, for a total recommendation of \$235,200. If approved, costs will be paid from bond proceeds of the 2025 financing.

Opinion/Recommendation:

It is our recommendation to continue with the strategic plan for addressing these facility needs.

Suggested Wording for a Motion, if any:

I move to accept the bid from Henry C. Smither Roofing Company and authorize the Leadership Team and Technical Assurance to execute the contracts as depicted within the scope of the project as presented.