

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”

New Business Item 9b • April 14, 2025

Permission to Advertise Construction Projects

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 described and presented in the August and September 1028 Hearings, the Leadership Team seeks permission to advertise the project listed below in accordance with Indiana law and ZCS Board of School Trustees policy.

- Early Learning Center/Educational Services Center New Facility

Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

Your permission to advertise this project will result in competitive pricing and early alignment with the busy season of school construction projects, as well as with the overall proposed timeline for this specific project. Advertising and receiving bids does not, in any way, obligate ZCS to proceed with any specific project. Bids, once received, will be presented for consideration at future board meetings.

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

None known.

Financial Implications, if any:

The preliminary cost estimates associated with this project include a target budget of \$62 million for construction, and \$15 million for soft costs (equipment, furnishings, design, etc.).

If later approved, the costs for these projects will be funded from the 2025 bond issuance. **Important note: These are preliminary estimates for internal planning purposes only and are based on deliberative study, design options, and current market conditions.**

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 authorize the Leadership Team and Skillman Corporation to advertise for bids regarding the projects as presented, receive all such bids, tabulate them, and present them to the Board for consideration at future public meetings.