

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”

Consent Agenda • Date: January 12, 2026

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip

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: March 8-10, 2026. Indianapolis Marriot Hotel, downtown Indianapolis.
2. Who is attending: Business Professionals of America (BPA) Regional Qualifiers from Zionsville Community High School (approximately 75 students) and the ZCHS BPA club advisors, Abigail Wallace and Melissa Huhn.
3. Trip Synopsis: BPA student regional qualifiers will compete at the state level (and possibly qualify for the national conference in May) and participate in leadership seminar activities.
4. Administrator Approving: Matt Walter

Transportation	Parents will drop off students at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Indianapolis on Sunday, March 8 at approximately 12:00pm. School buses will provide transportation back to Zionsville Community High School on Tuesday afternoon, March 10.
Parent Permission Obtained	If approved, parent permission slips will be obtained.
Cost to Students/Families	The cost for students will be approximately \$250 each to cover hotel costs and BPA registration fees. Students will also be responsible for all other personal food and miscellaneous costs. There will be four students per hotel room per night. We have had multiple fundraisers and have more planned throughout the spring to help raise funds to offset costs of the registration fees and to provide dinner for all the students at least one night. Students have been aware of the costs related to this event and have been encouraged to plan for these expenses if they expected to qualify.

About Supervision	The two club advisors will be in attendance the entire time: Abigail Wallace and Melissa Huhn. We plan to ask at least 4 parents to also attend as chaperones.
Trip Insurance Plan and Refund Procedure (if there is one)	N/A
Any Additional Information	Zionsville Community High School has the largest BPA club in the state of Indiana with over 140 members this year. We have 60 students who have qualified for state competition so far and 15-20 who are awaiting qualifying criteria results.

Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

BPA offers the opportunity for leadership development through business related leadership sessions and competitions. Students are also able to meet like-minded students from all over the state of Indiana and vote for next year's BPA state leadership representatives (of which we have one running for office.)

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

Students will miss two days of school: March 9 and 10.

Financial Implications, if any:

Pending the results of recent fundraisers, students will be asked to contribute approximately \$250 each to pay for hotel and registration costs by mid-February.

In addition to bus fuel and driver pay on March 10, ZCS will incur the costs related to guest teachers to cover the classes on March 9 and 10 of the BPA co-advisors and the cost of transporting the students back to campus.

Opinion/Recommendation:

This trip is recommended for approval.