

# 2025 CALENDAR YEAR REPORT TO THE ZIONSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF FINANCE

## I. INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE ZIONSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

In accordance with I.C. 5-13-7-7, the Board of Finance shall annually review the school corporation's investment policy. The current investment policy of the Zionsville Community Schools is stated in Section 6144 (see below) of the Board Policy Manual of the Zionsville Community Schools. The policy as implemented may be briefly summarized as follows:

The school corporation's Treasurer is designated as the investing officer. The Treasurer is to follow all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations governing public funds investments. All investments are to be made in a manner that will provide the highest investment return possible with the maximum security while meeting the cash flow demands of the school corporation. The objectives in priority order for the school corporation's investments are safety, liquidity, and return. The following procedures are used to implement this policy:

1. All funds are deposited in designated depositories within Boone County as applicable by governing statutes. The balances maintained in each depository account shall comply with the requirements of I.C. 5-13-8.
2. Investments are made either from specific funds, which have sufficient balances available for a feasible period of time to warrant investment on an individual fund basis, or on all funds on the basis of total money on deposit.
3. For the investment from the balances of a specific fund, or from total money on deposit, certificates of deposit are purchased from that designated depository quoting the highest rate of interest, per the procedures of I.C. 5-13-9.
4. The balances of all funds not being held in certificates of deposit may be held in interest-bearing accounts, including those subject to standing repurchase agreements (commonly called "sweep accounts") as authorized per I.C. 5-13-9.

### *6144 - INVESTMENT INCOME*

*The Board of School Trustees authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to make investments of available monies from the several funds of the Corporation in:*

- A. bonds, bills, or notes of the United States; obligations, the principal and interest of which are fully guaranteed by the United States; or obligations of the State;*
- B. certificates of deposit issued by financial institutions organized and authorized to operate in this State;*
- C. any other financial instrument authorized by Indiana Statutes*

*The purpose of the investments is to maximize the returns on the Corporation's excess cash balances consistent with safety of those monies and with the desired liquidity of the investments.*

*Money in the several funds of the School Corporation may be commingled for the purpose of making an investment. The Treasurer may also join with other school treasurers, the regional service region, or any agency or department of the State of Indiana for the purpose of investing Corporation funds.*

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*I.C. 5-13-9, 20-26-5-4*

## **II. INVESTMENT REPORT**

In accordance with I.C. 5-13-7-7, the Board of Finance shall receive and review a written report of the investing officer that summarizes the political subdivision's investments during the previous calendar year.

In 2025, the Zionsville Community Schools had investments in the form of various interest-bearing accounts and deposits with financial institutions and earned interest as follows:

<u>Financial Institution</u>	<u>2025 Interest Earned</u>
Huntington Investments	\$ 382,498.66
BMO Harris Bank	\$ 7,932.20
Old National Bank	\$ 176,467.02
Trust Indiana	\$ 0.94
Key Bank	\$ 447,512.97
Star Bank	\$ 1,555,475.02
First Farmers Bank & Trust	\$ 212,948.23
 TOTAL	 <u><u>\$ 2,782,835.04</u></u>

A comparison of the total investment earnings for 2025 with the previous three years by fund is as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Education Fund	\$ 0	\$ 681,240.44	\$ 399,482.40	\$ 29,778.64
Debt Service Fund	\$ 0	\$ 564,769.31	\$ 352,165.01	\$ 26,315.19
Operations Fund	\$ 1,603,243.24	\$ 97,890.29	\$ 44,856.42	\$ 20,143.58
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 0	\$ 402,225.87	\$ 239,357.86	\$ 14,185.25
All Others	\$ 1,179,591.80	\$ 1,112,419.91	\$ 1,308,062.47	\$ 105,086.86
Totals - All Funds	\$ 2,782,835.04	\$ 2,858,545.82	\$ 2,343,924.16	\$ 195,509.52

As shown, our interest earnings for 2025 are holding steady as anticipated with 2024's annual total. This is in part due to the increased rates we have been able to benefit from as well as the investment of our construction funds. We expect to realize similar interest earnings in 2026 taking advantage of good interest rates when available with excess cash balances. We continue to utilize the laddered multi-year CD investment strategy through the recommendations of Baker Tilly's cash management services as well as our partnership with Star Wealth Management Services. This strategy has served us well in the past and continues to do so today. Additionally, we will continue layering additional short-term investment opportunities as allowed by cash flow projections to our best advantage so we may achieve our interest earnings at the highest possible level. We have updated our investment practices in 2025 as required by the current interpretation of the law that requires us to invest within our boundaries and the boundaries of our county only, limiting our investment opportunities. While this interpretation does limit our investment options, our partnership with Star Wealth Management Services has allowed us to continue to achieve

desirable investment returns. During 2025, we altered the allocation of interest earnings, allowing interest to remain in the Operations Fund, helping to offset funding restrictions due to recent legislative changes. We anticipate this allocation to remain as we face significant revenue reductions in the Operations Fund due to the application of the Homeowner's Credit.

### **III. REPORT OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

In accordance with I.C. 5-11-10.5, the Treasurer shall prepare a list of checks that have been outstanding for two or more years as of December 31 and file same with the Board of Finance on or before March 1.

As of December 31, 2025, there are 8 checks shown in the following table have been outstanding for two or more years as of that date.

<b>STALE DATED CHECKS 2023</b>						
<b>School</b>	<b>Check Date</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Check Number</b>	<b>Payable To</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Pleasant View Elementary	11/15/2023	ECA	3893	Ashley Vyverberg	\$ 2.00	
	11/15/2023	ECA	3894	Tara Welches	\$ 2.00	\$ 4.00
Zionsville West Middle School	8/18/2023	ECA	11681	The Range of Zionsville	\$ 480.00	\$ 480.00
Zionsville High School	01/09/2023	ECA	40728	Isaac Spillman	\$ 123.60	
	04/26/2023	ECA	41093	Gipper Media Inc.	\$ 342.80	
	10/05/2023	ECA	41561	Avery Keller	\$ 48.91	
	10/30/2023	ECA	41638	CDI Corp	\$ 69.63	\$ 584.94
Zionsville Community Schools	11/29/2022	Education	5815	Ben Shircliff	\$ 69.62	\$ 69.62
				Grand Total	\$ 1,138.56	

Per I.C. 5-11-10.5-5, the Treasurer shall, and hereby does, declare these checks void and shall receipt the amount of the checks into the fund upon which originally drawn.

Certification: I hereby certify that the information contained in the foregoing reports is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Regina N. May, SFO  
Chief Financial Officer