

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”

Consent Agenda • Date: March 9, 2026

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip

Category:

<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing	<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment
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<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities, Transportation, Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Relations
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	<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: May 6-10, 2026. Nashville, TN.
2. Who is attending: Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Qualifiers from Zionsville High School (approximately 6-12 students) and one (or possibly both) of the ZCHS BPA club advisors: Abigail Wallace/Melissa Huhn.
3. Synopsis of the trip: BPA state qualifiers will compete at the national level and participate in business and leadership seminars.
4. Matt Walter approved the activity.

Transportation	Our plan for transportation is to be determined. Students have been informed that the most likely scenario is that parents will accompany and transport students to Nashville. Depending on the number of students who qualify and choose to attend, we will consider charter transportation.
Parent Permission Obtained	Permission forms and the ZCS Exceptional Opportunity Waiver will be sent out mid-March, after the state competition March 8-10.
Cost to Students/Families	The cost for students will be approximately \$750 each for transportation, hotel, registration fees. Students will pay for their own food and other expenses at the conference.
About Supervision	One or two club advisors plan to attend. If very few students qualify, students can attend with their parents.
Trip Insurance Plan and Refund Procedure (if there is one)	N/A
Any Additional Information	Zionsville High School has had 6-10 students go to the BPA National Competition for the last three years (Los Angeles,

	Chicago, Orlando). There are 58 students competing at the state BPA competition March 8-10 in Indianapolis. There is no way to know how many students will qualify for nationals until after the State competition. Parents and students understand they will be covering the entire cost of the trip and that group transportation is likely not cost effective, requiring parents to transport students. The ZCS Exceptional Opportunity Waiver may be used for students to attend the event on their own with their parents, depending up on the number who qualify.
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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 United States at the national conference.

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

Students will miss two days of school: May 7 and May 8.

Financial Implications, if any:

Students must cover the entire cost of the trip.

A substitute teacher would need to cover two days for each Advisor.

Opinion/Recommendation:

This trip is recommended for approval.