

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"/> Facilities, Transportation, Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Relations
	<input type="checkbox"/> Board Policy
	<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: Winter Guard International (WGI) Dayton Percussion and Winds Regional, James Trent Arena at Kettering Fairmont High School, Dayton, OH. February 28 & March 1, 2026.
2. Who is attending: 43 ZCHS Band/Indoor Percussion students
3. Synopsis: The students will have the opportunity to compete in the WGI 2026 Dayton Percussion and Winds Regional at James Trent Arena on the campus of Kettering Fairmont High School in Dayton, OH. They will be competing in Scholastic Open Class with the goal of winning or medaling and the potential to be promoted to World Class. WGI Sport of the Arts is the world's premier organization producing indoor color guard, percussion, and winds competitions. As a non-profit youth organization, WGI also serves as the governing body for the indoor color guard, percussion, and winds activities. There were more than 40,000 participants at the regional level, and more than 12,000 participants at the Sport of the Arts World Championships this past April.
4. Matt Walter has reviewed and approved the submission of this request.

Transportation	The group has requested approval from Amy Eaton, Transportation Manager, to take one (1) yellow Bus and one (1) white van for this event. The school will provide the driver for the yellow bus. The group will provide overnight housing (Saturday night) for the driver at a cost of \$150 for the room. A staff/parent, trained and approved by Transportation, will drive the white van. It will likely be Tom Landrum, Band Director.
Parent Permission Obtained	Parents sign a permission slip when their student joins the group. In addition, WGI requires all members to have a signed

	waiver on file. Minors are signed by parents. Members over 18 will sign for themselves.
Cost to Students/Families	The cost for this event will be approximately \$8,600 or \$200 per person. (Entry Fee ~ \$670, Hotel ~ \$4,230, Equipment truck rental ~ \$2,200 and Food ~ \$1,500), A portion of this money will come from Student membership fees paid by parents and the balance from Zionsville Band Boosters.
About Supervision	Supervision will be provided by Tom Landrum, Michael Rennaker, and other staff. All staff have background checks on file with the school. They also have a signed Expectation and Protocols sheet that has been developed with ZCS HR and required by WGI. We will have parents along as well: Denae Barnett, Mindi Ferraro and Randy Couchman. All have background checks on file with the school.
Trip Insurance Plan and Refund Procedure (if there is one)	Financial risk is minimal. The hotel has a 30-day cancellation policy. We should know if the event was not going to happen prior to that. Should it be cancelled for reasons out of our control, WGI would either refund the entry fee or defer it to 2027. Food costs will not exist unless the trip happens. Equipment truck rental can be cancelled during the week of the event with no penalty.

Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

43 ZCHS Indoor Percussion students will have the opportunity to compete in the WGI 2026 Dayton Percussion and Winds Regional at James Trent Arena on the campus of Kettering Fairmont High School in Dayton OH. As they anticipate competing in Prelims and Semi-finals at WGI World Championships in April, exposure to the judges at this level will be an asset to prepare them for success at that event.

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

There are some additional expenses and travel to the families and students.

Financial Implications, if any:

ZCS will incur the costs associated with the use of a school bus, driver, and van, and any guest teacher costs if a certified staff member attends this trip.

Opinion/Recommendation:

This trip is recommended for approval.