

# Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”

Consent Agenda • Date: April 14, 2025

## Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip ZWMS Robotics: Worlds Attendance

### Category:

_____ Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing	_____ Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment	
_____ Finance, Budgeting, Accounting	<u>X</u> Student Services	_____ Board Policy
_____ Facilities, Transportation, Nutrition	_____ Community Relations	_____ Other

### Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:

Action	<u>X</u>
Discussion	_____
Report	_____

### Facts of this Matter:

1. **Dates:** May 11-14, 2025

2. **Who is attending:** Four students from the ZWMS Robotics Team 17705D and their coaches, Michael DeLand and Brody Powell.

3. **Purpose:** Participate in the Vex Robotics World Championships at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center in Dallas, TX.

4. **Administrator approving:** Dr. Shawn Wooden

<b>Transportation</b> (Mode of travel)	Airline tickets will be purchased directly by the students/families.
<b>Parent Permission Obtained</b> (Detail permission process)	We will use a permission slip for each student going on the trip. Families will be aware of and part of planning the trip.
<b>Cost to Students/Families</b> (Include any fundraising or other ways to offset costs for families)	<p>Students/families will be responsible for travel and lodging expenses. Current estimates for a round-trip flight are \$300-\$400 per person. Hotel rooms are quoted at roughly \$225 per night. The families may also share in the cost of shipping equipment. ZMS will use funds from the Robotics team for their sponsors, Michael DeLand and Brody Powell. Depending upon room occupancy, the total travel and lodging cost is estimated at \$1200-\$1400 per student and family.</p> <p>We may fundraise and seek corporate sponsorship to offset costs to the families.</p> <p>Many of the students and families have known about the costs up to one year in advance.</p>

<b>About Supervision</b> <i>(Be specific about who is supervising, what the background check procedure is, and what the back-up plan is should a chaperone be unavailable)</i>	Coaches Michael DeLand and Brody Powell will attend the event and will supervise students during the day. Each student will have a parent traveling with them. Parents will help supervise during the day and supervise their son/daughter in the evening. If the chaperone is unavailable. Each student's parent will be responsible for their child.
<b>Trip Insurance Plan and Refund Procedure</b> (if there is one)	Airline tickets will be purchased directly by the students/families. The refund/exchange policies of the airline will apply to those individuals directly. If the total cost of the trip can be reduced by someone who cancels, they will be refunded accordingly. Room insurance is available for rooms if a family wants to purchase it. Otherwise, there is risk of that student not receiving a refund for hotel rooms that are shared.
<b>Any Additional Information</b>	Going to "Worlds" has been a goal for all our teams this year, but only a few make it. This is a challenging and inspiring event that can be life changing! This team has worked very hard to get to the VEX World Championships.

**Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:**

The robotics program and the competitions that we go to are an extension of our STEM classes. This event, The World Championships, a capstone experience for the students involved in robotics, have set a goal to reach this event, it represents the pinnacle of achievement for anyone competing in VEX Robotics. The event is well run and is focused on the student experience. Students will not only further their knowledge of technology and engineering, but they will also have the opportunity to collaborate and work with peers from all around the United States and the world.

**Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:**

Students will miss 3 days of school, and the trip is somewhat expensive.

**Financial Implications, if any:**

The ZWMS Robotics Club will cover the team registration fee of \$1800, cost of equipment, and the cost of Coaches travel and lodging. The state robotics grant will cover the Registration Fee in full, and the Money is in our account ready to be used for this purpose. Families can expect to pay between \$1000-\$1400 for travel and lodging.

**Opinion/Recommendation:**

This trip is recommended for approval.