Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting "Item for Consideration"

New Business Item 6f • Date: August 11, 2025

Purchase of ZCHS Media Center Furniture
<u>Category:</u>
Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment X Finance, Budgeting, Accounting Student Services Board Policy X Facilities, Transportation, Nutrition Community Relations Other
Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:
Action X
Discussion
Report

Facts of this Matter:

With the completion of the 2019 ZCHS addition/remodel project, the Leadership Team has recommended updates to several areas around the school, including the thoughtful replacement of furniture that was manufactured prior to 1997/1998. These furniture replacements enhance the learning environment with more appropriately sized items, enhance classroom flexibility for collaborative learning, and replace damaged and broken pieces throughout the school. One area that has yet to be refreshed with recent upgrades is the ZCHS Media Center. Now that Mrs. McDaniel has been established in her role and has shared her vision for future programming, we have selected furniture updates to support her plans for that space in the continuous improvement of our students' high school experience.

After evaluating cost and the anticipated delivery and installation time frame, we recommend the purchase of the product quoted by KI, a vendor well known in the education industry. KI has a proven history for providing quality products and service and holds the CIESC* state contract. In addition, the recommended units come with multi-year warranty protections.

Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

This action will continue to unify and improve the furniture serving students at ZCHS. Acting now will provide the best chances of installation to support the timing of upcoming plans for students.

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

None identified.

Financial Implications, if any:

Cost. If approved, funds for this requested purchase will come from bond proceeds.

Opinion/Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of these items as described for a total cost of \$145,438.32. Because some items are manufactured in Canada, we have been notified that this price includes a tariff surcharge of \$3,519.59.

Suggested Wording for a Motion, if any:

I move to authorize the Leadership Team to proceed with the furniture purchase for ZCHS as presented, and to declare the furniture being replaced as surplus.

*CIESC is the Central Indiana Educational Services Center, a membership organization involving more than 25 area school districts, including ZCS. CIESC has long been the foremost competitive price consortium in Indiana, commanding huge savings in school buses, computing equipment, school food service commodities, and more.