

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”

New Business Item 6d • August 10, 2026

Permission to Advertise Playground Projects

Category:

☐ Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing	☐ Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment	
☒ Finance, Budgeting, Accounting	☐ Student Services	☐ Board Policy
☒ Facilities, Transportation, Nutrition	☐ Community Relations	☐ Other

Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:

Action	☒
Discussion	☐
Report	☐

Facts of this Matter:

As previously described and presented in the August and September 2024 1028 Hearings, and identified in the 2024 deliberative facilities study, the Leadership Team seeks permission to advertise the projects listed below in accordance with Indiana law and ZCS Board of School Trustees policy.

- Union Elementary Kindergarten Playground Replacement
- Union Elementary Upper Grades Playground & Asphalt Replacement

Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

Your permission to advertise these projects now will result in competitive pricing and early alignment with the busy season of school construction projects, as well as with scheduling needs. Advertising and receiving bids does not, in any way, obligate ZCS to proceed with any of the above-identified projects. Bids, once received, will be presented for consideration at future board meetings.

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

None known.

Financial Implications, if any:

The preliminary cost estimates associated with these playground replacements, asphalt work, and drainage considerations total roughly \$1,800,000.

If later approved, the costs for these projects will be funded from the bond issuance supporting the 2025 District-Wide Multi-Facility Improvement Project. **Important note:**

These are preliminary estimates for internal planning purposes only and are based on deliberative study, design options, and current market conditions.

Opinion/Recommendation:

It is our recommendation to continue with the strategic plan for addressing these facility needs.

Suggested Wording for a Motion, if any:

I move to authorize the Leadership Team and Skillman Corporation to advertise for bids regarding the projects as presented, receive all such bids, tabulate them, and present them to the Board for consideration at future public meetings.