



Zion-Benton Township High School District 126
Office of Business Services

MEMO

April 22, 2025

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Jesse Rodriguez, Superintendent
Dr. Jim Woell, CSBO
RE: Appointment of Treasurer and Approval of Treasurer Bond for 2025-2026 (FY26)

Zion-Benton Township High School District 126 has reaped the benefits of relying on an experienced treasurer for the past several years at minimal cost to the District. In previous year's discussions, the importance of the separation of duties for the purpose of controlling risk, maintaining internal controls and financial transparency has been the rationale for having an independent treasurer. Each year a continual surety bond must also be renewed for the treasurer.

It is the recommendation that, for the 2025-2026 school year (FY26), Audrey Liddle be approved to continue as the District 126 Treasurer. While it may be possible to reconsider this in the future, it is the recommendation that for this next year we continue with Audrey as the treasurer. Audrey is amenable to continuing in this position.

Ms. Liddle received a total annual stipend of \$8,500 in the year 2000 and until last year (2024-2025) when her stipend was increased to \$9000. The District's investments have been managed well and we have earned substantial returns on the investments made throughout her tenure as treasurer. We are recommending an increase of \$500 for a stipend total of \$9500 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Recommendation: That the Board of Education Approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the appointment of Audrey Liddle as Treasurer, with compensation of \$9500 and approve the renewal of the surety bond for the treasurer for the 2025-2026 school year.