

June 3, 2024

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Wabash City Hall, 202 S Wabash St., Wabash, Indiana.

I. Organization of Meeting

- A. Present were: Rhonda Hipskind, Kristen Petruniw, Jason Fry, Rod Kelsheimer and Jade Hall. Also present were Superintendent Amy Sivley, Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone and Counsel Jordan Tandy.
- B. School Board President Rhonda Hipskind called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- C. The pledge of allegiance was recited.
- D. Wabash City Schools Mission *Wabash City Schools provides a relevant and rigorous education, founded upon relationships, to ensure each student is college and career-ready for success in a global community.*
- E. Board President Rhonda Hipskind welcomed everybody.
- F. There were no recognitions.
- G. Revisions
  - 1. Approved revisions IV. F - H the board agenda  
Kelsheimer/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
  - 1. Minutes of May 20, 2024
  - 2. Claims
  - 3. Donations
  - 4. Financials
    - a) Revenue and Expense Update  
Hall/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, June 24, 2024 at Wabash Middle School, 150 Colerain St, Wabash, Indiana at 6:00 pm.

II. Communications

- A. WHS, Mr. Blossom, [Facebook](#); [Twitter](#); [Twitter \(@WHS\\_Assist Prin\)](#)
- B. WMS, Mr. Mattern, [Facebook](#); [Twitter](#)
- C. OJN, Ms. Phillipy, [Facebook page](#); [Twitter](#)
- D. LHC, Mrs. Wilson, [Facebook](#); [Twitter](#)

III. Old Business

- A. Board heard second reading and approved the following policies:
  - 1. Board Policy 4307 - Wireless Device Use
  - 2. Board Policy 4320 - Student Attendance
  - 3. Board Policy 4322 - Habitual TruantKelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously

IV. New Business

A. Accepted resignations from the following classified staff:

1. Kristyn Ford as Behavior Interventionist at Wabash Middle School effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Kelsheimer/Hall - motion passed unanimously

B. Accepted resignations from the following certified staff:

1. Abby Denney as Guidance Counselor at WHS effective at the end of her 2023-2024 contract year.
2. Receca Zurita as 2nd grade DLI teacher at OJN effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
3. Rafa Camaras as 4th grade DLI teacher at OJN effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Petruniw/Hall - motion passed unanimously

C. Approved the following summer volunteers for the Athletic Department:

1. Volleyball Ashlyn Cruz, Faryn Morris & Jade Stumbo
2. Boys Basketball Izaak Wright & Trevor Daughtry
3. Girls Basketball Addy Rosen
4. Football Keegan O'Neill

Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously

D. Approved Josie Phillipy as Special Education teacher at WHS at a salary of \$41,230 beginning the 2024-2025 contract year. Kelsheimer/Hall - motion passed unanimously

E. Approved transfers of the following certified staff:

1. MiKayla Stevens from 2nd grade DLI teacher at OJN to 2nd grade general education teacher at OJN beginning the 2024-2025 school year.

Petruniw/Hall - motion passed unanimously

F. Approved revised 2024-2025 calendar with the addition of Staff PD Days granted through the approved 1003 Flexibility Waiver. Hall/Fry - motion passed unanimously

G. Approved recommendation to hire Brenda Ballinger as our Literacy Coach at a salary of \$50,509 starting the 2024-2025 school year. The Literacy Cadre will pay  $\frac{2}{3}$  of Mrs. Ballinger's salary the first year and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of her salary the second year. After 2 years, we will evaluate our financial ability to retain this position. Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously

H. Board discussed potential boiler project and gave authorization to publish Notice of Hearings regarding this project. Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously

V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley started by giving a shout out to the high school team. Our graduation ceremony on Friday night was excellent! Congratulations to all of our graduates and good luck in the future! Dr. Sivley congratulated Natalie Adams, Coleson Kugler and Spencer Stout. These three

individuals all participated in the state track meets last Friday and Saturday. They all did a great job of representing Wabash City Schools. Congrats to Spencer on his 6th place finish in the 300 M low hurdles! Dr. Sivley noted that we are making some changes to our DLI programming for next year. Our KG classes will be split into two classes again. We tried doing one class this year and we've learned that there were just too many littles in one class. We also will not be offering DLI at the PK level. We had very low numbers and that forced students who did not want DLI to go on waiting lists. At the 1st and 2nd grade levels, we will go to one class. The lower numbers in these grades and the fact that these students already have been in school for a year will allow us to do this. We will have one English teacher and one Spanish teacher that will teach both the 1st and 2nd grade classes. We will move the Spanish para to the teacher that is doing the looping instead of at the KG level. We will also need to hire a para for the English teacher. As we go through this year, we will evaluate this change and make necessary updates. Dr. Sivley reported that we will also be rearranging our secondary administration team. With Mr. Galley's return to the classroom, we have reviewed the roles and responsibilities of our remaining administrators and believe we can move forward without filling the open position. At our next Board Meeting, we will present these roles and responsibilities for our secondary administrators. We will also bring recommendations for administrative salary increases.

- VI. Chief Operations Officer, Matt Stone gave updates on the State Track Meet and the sale of buses. He also thanked Abby Denney for her service to WCS.
- VII. Josh Blossom gave an update.
- VIII. There were no comments from visitors.
- IX. The board thanked Rafa and Rebeca and welcomed Josie Phillipy. They commented that graduation was great. Finally they thanked the staff for a great school year.
- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.  
Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously

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