

August 5, 2024

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, August 5, 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. Recognitions

1. State qualifiers from the WHS Track Team, Natalie Adams, Spencer Stout, and Coleson Kugler, were recognized.

G. Revisions

1. Approved the following revisions to the board agenda:

a) Removed item IV. L. 2

b) Added items IV. K. 3 & 4, IV. L. 4 & 5, IV. M, and IV. N

Kelsheimer/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

H. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of July 22, 2024
2. Claims
3. Donations
4. Financials

Petruniw/Hall - motion passed unanimously

I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, August 19, 2024 at Wabash City Hall, 202 S Wabash 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. Approve Support Personnel Handbook for the 2024-2025 school year.

Hall/Fry - motion passed unanimously

IV. New Business

- A. Approved the following staff to attend the 2024 Future of Education Technology Conference. This is the premiere conference around technology in education. It will be in Orlando, January 20-24, 2025. We get free registration through our District Administration membership. Travel, hotel and food will be paid through Title II funds.
1. Justin Vail
 2. Brody Cook
 3. Amy Sivley
 4. WHS representative (TBD)
- Kelsheimer/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- B. Approved recommendation to award ½ or full PTO day to the following staff for working Preschool/KG Round Up:
1. Kristi Clark - Full Day PTO
 2. Abbey Arwood - Full Day PTO
 3. Heather Mickelson - Full Day PTO
 4. Maria Iniesta - Full Day PTO
 5. Angie Satterthwaite - Full Day PTO
 6. Christin Hoppes - ½ Day PTO
- Petruniw/Hall - motion passed unanimously
- C. Approved recommendation to decrease a KG class and add a PreK class for the 2024-2025 school year due to enrollment numbers. Fry/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- D. Approved the WHS Course Repeat policy. Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- E. Approved the following resignations from team leader positions:
1. Joey Till as 7th grade team leader
 2. Krystyna Martin as 8th grade team leader
- Kelsheimer/Hall - motion passed unanimously
- F. Approved the following transfers of certified staff:
1. Natasha Whitney from Math teacher at WHS to 2nd grade teacher at OJN beginning the 2024-2025 school year.
 2. Christin Hoppes from KG teacher at LHC to PreK classroom and SPED teacher at LHC beginning the 2024-2025 school year.
- Hall/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- G. Approved hiring the following certified staff:
1. Terri Denney as WHS Guidance Counselor at a salary of \$49,135 on a 195 day contract for the 2024-2025 school year.
 2. Doug Ballinger as Geometry teacher at WHS at a salary of \$61,295 beginning the 2024-2025 school year.
- Hall/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

H. Approved hiring the following classified staff:

1. Izabielle Wagoner as a preschool paraprofessional at LHC at a rate of \$11.00 per hour beginning the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Chloe Fogel as a preschool paraprofessional at LHC at a rate of \$11.00 per hour beginning the 2024-2025 school year.

Fry/Hall - motion passed unanimously

I. Approved recommendation to change the cost of adult breakfast from \$2.75 to \$2.85 effective August 7, 2024, per state recommendation. Kelsheimer/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

J. Approved recommendation to change Megan Harrell from an hourly rate to a salary of \$32,000 effective August 5, 2024. Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously

K. Approved resignations from the following classified staff:

1. Terry Smith as WCS cafeteria employee effective August 1, 2024.
2. Wendy Griffith as WCS cafeteria employee effective August 1, 2024.
3. Jessica Strickler as part-time cafeteria employee at OJN effective August 5, 2024.
4. Shane Smith as Social Worker at LHC effective August 5, 2024.

L. Approved the following for athletics for 2024-2025:

1. Accepted the resignation of Kyle Kelsheimer as WMS Cross Country Assistant Coach
2. This item was removed from the board agenda
3. WHS Cheerleading Volunteer Kaitlyn Bowles
4. WMS Cross Country Asst Coach Derek Vogel
5. WMS Football Volunteer Sammy Hipkind

Hall/Fry - motion passed, Rod Kelsheimer abstained

M. Accepted the following resignations from certified staff:

1. Mark Nevil as WMS/WHHS Choir Director effective immediately.

Hall/Kelsheimer - motion passed unanimously

N. Approved Emily France as a temporary/adjunct teacher for WMS/WHHS Choir at a daily rate of \$252.29 for 19 days effective August 6, 2024. Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously

V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley reported that today we welcomed our staff back to the buildings and we had time to recognize and welcome our new staff members. After the district meeting, building meetings took place. Tomorrow is another teacher workday before our "Opening Ceremonies" with the students on Wednesday. Dr. Sivley noted that we are currently at 1,370 students and we are hoping to see that number inch closer to 1,400. We know that last year's kindergarten class was very big and this year's numbers are a bit lower.

VI. Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone thanked the custodians for their work this summer and wished good luck to fall sports.

- VII. There were no items from administrators.
- VIII. There were no items from visitors.
- IX. The board welcomed everybody back. They also thanked Mr. Nevil and congratulated the track team members that went to state. Jason Fry reported that the parks are getting close to being ready - hopefully by the end of the month.
- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.
Fry/Hall - motion passed unanimously

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Secretary

Board Member

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