

July 8, 2024

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, July 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Wabash Middle School, 150 Colerain 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 revision IV. J to the board agenda
Fry/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Minutes of June 24, 2024
 - 2. Claims
 - 3. Donations
 - a) \$15,000 from Ford Meter Box to Wabash City Schools
 - 4. Financials
 - a) Revenue and Expense Update
Hall/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, July 22, 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

IV. New Business

- A. Board held the first Preliminary Determination Hearing on proposed boiler projects.
Hearing Opened - Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously
Hearing Closed - Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- B. Approved recommendation to provide an AMEX Purchasing Card to Mr. Bill Chittenden to use while traveling with students to/from Japan. Petruniw/Hall - motion passed unanimously
- C. Accepted resignations from the following classified staff:
 - 1. Tarissa Shreves as paraprofessional at LHC effective July 1, 2024.
Hall/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- D. Approved the following transfers of classified staff:
 - 1. Donna Dietrich from a 1:1 paraprofessional at LHC to a Kindergarten paraprofessional at LHC beginning the 2024-2025 school year.
Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- E. Approved hiring the following classified staff:
 - 1. Laneigh Bruning as paraprofessional at OJN beginning the 2024-2025 school year.
 - 2. Alisha Maslan as Behavioral Interventionist at WMS at a salary of \$35,700 beginning the 2024-2025 school year, pending background check.
Fry/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- F. Approved hiring the following certified staff:
 - 1. Arielle Galligan as 4th grade teacher at OJN at a salary of \$45,758 beginning the 2024-2025 school year.
 - 2. Morgan Cisneros as 6th grade Science teacher at WMS at a salary of \$40,020 beginning the 2024-2025 school year.
 - 3. Javier Garcia Cruzas as 4th grade DLI Spanish teacher at OJN at a salary of \$48,806 with appropriate DLI stipends beginning the 2024-2025 school year.
 - 4. Alvaro Mendoza Figueres as 6th/7th grade DLI Spanish teacher at WMS at a salary of \$44,175 with appropriate DLI stipends beginning the 2024-2025 school year. Alvaro will also assist with Spanish language instruction at WHS.
Kelsheimer/Hall - motion passed unanimously
- G. Approved the following handbooks for 2024-2025:
 - 1. LHC
 - 2. OJN
 - 3. WMS
 - 4. WHS
Hall/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

H. Approved the following changes to the Transportation Department beginning the 2024-2025 school year:

1. Melisa Callahan as Director of Transportation at a salary of \$47,000 (she will also continue to be our Skyward administrator and State Reporter).
2. Kindi Kugler as Transportation Assistant with a stipend of \$3000 per year (she will continue to serve as the Executive Assistant to Superintendent and Board).

Kelsheimer/Hall - motion passed unanimously

I. Approved the following fund transfers for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024. These funds are special grant funds awarded to cover expenses in the fund they are being moved to:

1. Fund 6400 CCDF to Fund 0101 Education Fund in the amount of \$276,039.72
2. Fund 6460 Medicaid to Fund 0300 Operations in the amount of \$66,640.25
3. Fund 5200 WMAP Special Ed Fund to 0300 Operations in the amount of \$21,582.02
4. Fund 5200 WMAP Special Ed Fund to 0101 Education Fund in the amount of \$5,992.91
5. Fund 6846 Title II FY24 Level Up Leadership to 0101 Education Fund in the amount of \$4,220.38
6. Fund 1315 Vernon Manor to 0300 Operations Fund in the amount of \$1,635.80

Fry/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

J. Approved overnight trip for Girls XC to Sleeping Bear Dunes in Michigan from July 26 - 28, 2024. Kelsheimer/Hall - motion passed unanimously

V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley reported that last week we shared a press release about future plans for our DLI program. Once our DLI students enter high school, we will partner with IU-Kokomo to provide them with college-level Spanish courses. Students that continue with the program can graduate with a Spanish minor and possibly up to 30 college credits in Spanish. This is in addition to all of the dual credit offerings that our high school already offers. Dr. Sivley reminded families that our online registration will run July 14 - 21, 2024. This is done in Skyward. Only families that complete registration by July 21st will be guaranteed transportation on the first day of school which is Wednesday, August 7th. Dr. Sivley wished good luck to all of our 4-H members at the fair next week!

VI. Chief Operations Officer, Matt Stone congratulated Melisa Callahan on her new position.

VII. There were no items from administrators.

VIII. There were no items from visitors.

IX. Rod Kelsheimer thanked Sarah for serving DLI teachers and thanked the building administrators for the work on the handbooks. Kristen Petruniw noted that Helping Hands helps with school supplies. Jason Fry thanked Ice Miller and Stifel and noted that he is excited about DLI.

- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.
Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously

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