

August 7, 2023

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Wabash City Hall, 202 S Wabash St., Wabash, Indiana.

I. Organization of Meeting

A. Present were: Rhonda Hipskind, Stephen Dafoe, Jason Fry, and Kristen Petruniw. Also present were Superintendent Amy Sivley, Chief Business Officer Matt Stone and Counsel Jordan Tandy. Rod Kelsheimer was absent.

B. School Board Vice 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 Vice President Rhonda Hipskind welcomed everybody.

F. There were no recognitions

G. Revisions

1. Approved revisions IV. B. 2, D. 3, E. 2-3, F. 1, G, and H to the board agenda.  
Fry/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

H. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of July 17, 2023      Minutes of August 1, 2023

2. Claims

3. Donations

a) \$244 from various individuals towards purchasing a tree to celebrate 150  
graduating classes

4. Financials

Hipskind/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, August 21, 2023 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. Board heard second reading and approved the Debt policy.  
Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously

IV. New Business

A. Approved Athletic Training Policy & Procedure Manual.

Fry/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously

B. Accepted the following resignations from certified staff:

1. Abby Smalley as 5th grade teacher at WMS effective 8/2/23.
2. Erica Farmer as PLTW teacher at OJN effective August 4, 2023.

Dafoe/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

C. Approved the following for athletics for 2023-2024:

1. MS Football Assistant Antonio Grant
2. Varsity Girls Tennis Kristyn Ford
3. MS FB Volunteer Blake Wiser

Petruniw/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously

D. Approved hiring the following certified staff:

1. Natasha Whitney as a Math teacher at WHS at a salary of \$41,621 prorated for an August 30, 2023 start date.
2. Marcia Forrester as part-time WCS Librarian/Media Specialist for the fall semester at a daily rate of \$216.32. Mrs. Forrester will work 3 days per week and will not exceed 54 days total.
3. Jed Phillips as PLTW teacher at OJN at a salary of \$40,020 effective August 4, 2023.

Petruniw/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously

E. Approved the following for classified staff:

1. Ashley Pelphrey as special education bus aide for 2 hours per day at a rate of \$11.00 per hour beginning the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Sherri Bachman as cafeteria para at LHC effective August 8, 2023.
3. Sierra Hall as 5th/6th grade teacher aide at WMS for no more than 30 hours per week effective August 7, 2023.

Fry/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

F. Accepted the following resignations from classified staff:

1. Brandi Gidley as teacher aide at WMS effective August 4, 2023.

Dafoe/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

G. Approved Kyle Sparks as a long term sub at WMS in a 5th grade classroom beginning August 7, 2023. Fry/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

H. Board heard the first reading of the Surplus Targets policy.

V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley noted that tomorrow is our first student day and our enrollment is very close to where we were in the spring. We have 1,381 students registered but still have over 100 that have not been registered. We most likely will not get all 100, but we very well could be close to 1,400

to start the year. Dr. Sivley thanked Kindi Kugler, Melisa Callahan, and Justin Vail for their work on getting students routed on buses. This afternoon they were finishing up routing requests that came in yesterday and today. When they got into the program, they found that there was a lot of cleanup that had to be done to make our routes more efficient and accurate. Our buses hold 66 students and the most we have on any one bus is 61 - that is a middle/high school route so most likely some of those students will not ride all the time as they potentially could be in after school activities. We will continue to monitor ridership to ensure that our routes are running efficiently. Dr. Sivley also thanked our custodial crew. All of our buildings look great and are ready for tomorrow! Dr. Sivley wished good luck to our fall athletes and coaches, noting that many of them kick off their season this week! Dr. Sivley is looking forward to getting out into the building tomorrow. She hopes it is a great day for our students and staff!

- VI. Chief Business Officer, Matt Stone thanked everyone for their work getting ready for the new year.
- VII. Josh Blossom gave an update on WHS.
- VIII. There were no items from visitors.
- IX. Jason Fry noted that the open house at WMS went well. Rhonda Hipskind thanked Dr. Sivley for all of her hard work. The board wished everyone good luck on the first day of school!
- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.  
Fry/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously

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