

October 7, 2024

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, October 7, 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, Rod Kelsheimer and Jade Hall. Also present were Superintendent Amy Sivley, Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone and Counsel Jordan Tandy. Jason Fry was absent.

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 to item IV. B to include Brody Cook.
Kelsheimer/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

H. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of September 16, 2024
2. Claims
3. Donations

a) \$1000 from The Community Foundation of Wabash County for the WHS College and Career Fair.

4. Financials

- a) Revenue & Expense Update
- b) Appropriations Report

Petruniw/Kelsheimer - motion passed unanimously

I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, October 21, 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

IV. New Business

- A. WHS Student Council Update was given by Trevor Herron, Kamryn Wilcox, Mia Howard, and Bridget Bailey.
- B. Approved the following as Substitute Coordinators for OJN for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - 1. Brody Cook from August 7, 2024 - October 7, 2024.
 - 2. Kelly Springer beginning October 8, 2024.Kelsheimer/Hall - motion passed unanimously
- C. Approved the following as Homebound Instructors:
 - 1. Sarah Cole to provide Homebound Services to a WMS student for 2 hours per week at her hourly rate of \$48.06 beginning September 12, 2024 for 45 days until the next Case Conference Committee meeting.
 - 2. Amy Oswalt to provide Homebound Services to a WHS student for 1 hour per week at her hourly rate of \$37.48 beginning October 1, 2024 until December 1, 2024.Hall/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- D. Approved the following transfers of classified staff:
 - 1. Amber Golob from paraprofessional at LHC to Executive Assistant at the Central Office for 40 hours per week at a rate of \$16.00 per hour beginning October 8, 2024.Kelsheimer/Hall - motion passed unanimously
- E. Accepted resignations from the following classified staff:
 - 1. Laneigh Bruning as paraprofessional at OJN effective September 20, 2024.
 - 2. Melissa Crace as preschool paraprofessional at LHC effective October 11, 2024.Hall/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- F. Approved recommendation to hire the following classified staff:
 - 1. Nevaeh Mettler as preschool paraprofessional at LHC at a rate of \$11.00 per hour beginning October 8, 2024, pending background check.Petruniw/Hall - motion passed unanimously
- G. Approved the following for athletics for 2024-2025:
 - 1. Volleyball Volunteer Emma TracyHall/Kelsheimer - motion passed unanimously
- H. Approved Superintendent goals for the 2024-2025 school year.
Kelsheimer/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

- V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley reported that last Tuesday was our Fall Count Day - October 1st. Our enrollment is down by 38 students from last fall to this fall. The biggest drop was at LH Carpenter. Our KG class is only 83 students which is 28 less than last year. OJN had one grade level that was up and three that were down with a net loss of 10 over the four grades. The middle school was even and the high school was up by 5 over the four grade levels. Dr. Sivley noted that once our enrollment is certified, our Demographic Study that we had completed will be updated and once she receives the updated report she will share it at a Board meeting. Dr. Sivley noted that we just need to realize that as a county our population is aging and declining and as a school, it is going to affect us. Fall sports are wrapping up. Dr. Sivley has been able to attend and enjoy a couple of our Senior Nights where she always enjoys looking at the student displays. Dr. Sivley wished the teams good luck as they head into sectionals. Our Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences are this Thursday. PreK through 5th grade have scheduled conferences from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm. Teachers for 6th - 12th grades will have PD from 9:00 am until noon and then have drop-in style conferences until 7:00 pm. We hope to see a great turnout on Thursday. Next week is Fall Break. We hope that our students, teachers and families have a relaxing break. And for anyone who plans to head south, especially to Florida, we hope the coming days are not as dire as it looks like they could be!
- VI. Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone congratulated Josh Long on being named Mr. Homecoming. He also gave updates on Boys XC and Boys Tennis.
- VII. Josh Blossom gave a building update.
- VIII. There were no items from visitors.
- IX. There were no items from board members.
- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.
Petruniw/Hall - motion passed unanimously

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