

November 6, 2023

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, November 6, 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. Recognitions
 - 1. The boys Cross Country team was recognized for advancing to the State Cross Country meet. The team and coaches were presented with sportsmanship pins from Mr. Stone.
- G. Revisions
 - 1. Approved revisions IV. D.4 and IV. I - M to the board agenda.
Dafoe/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Minutes of October 23, 2023
 - 2. Claims
 - 3. Donations
 - a) \$1000 from Wabash Veterinary Hospital to the OJN Library fund.
 - 4. Financials
Dafoe/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, November 20, 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. Public Meeting of Wabash City Schools

November 6, 2023

6:00 pm

Wabash City Hall, 202 S Wabash St, Wabash, Indiana

The School Board met to discuss the terms of the tentative agreement of the teacher collective bargaining agreement, which is posted at www.apaches.k12.in.us

Meeting was opened - Dafoe/Fry - motion passed unanimously

Meeting was closed - Dafoe/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Maddie Von Uhl and Kale Richardson gave the WHS Student Council Update

B. The board heard the first reading of the Capital Asset Policy.

C. Approved the following as online teachers for the 2023-2024 school year:

1. WMS - Ben Backer

Fry/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously

D. Approved hiring the following classified staff:

1. Sabra Johnson as a preschool paraprofessional at LHC for a 3 year old classroom at a rate of \$12.00 per hour effective November 7, 2023.

2. Connie Sizemore as a cafeteria paraprofessional at LHC for 2 ½ hours per day at a rate of \$10 per hour effective November 7, 2023.

3. Heather Lowman-Starkey as a cafeteria employee at WMS effective November 7, 2023.

4. Sharon Indrutz as a cafeteria employee at WMS effective November 13, 2023.

Petruniw/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously

E. Approved recommendation to change Staphanie Hardin's pay from \$12.45 per hour to \$12.95 per hour due to a clerical error retroactive to her first day of work.

Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously

F. Approved Jennifer Warnock as the Building Level Sub Coordinator at WMS for the 2023-2024 school year. Dafoe/Fry - motion passed unanimously

G. Approved recommendation to add the following to the WHS Student Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year:

1. The deadline for a student to initiate a course add/drop is two calendar weeks after the first day of the course. Courses dropped after two calendar weeks may result in an "F" (Failure) grade recorded on the student's transcript.

Petruniw/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously

H. Approved the following transportation changes effective November 6, 2023:

1. Christina Sellers moves to special education driver with preschool mid-day route at a daily rate of \$175.90
2. Steve Howard moves from vocational route driver/sub driver to route driver with vocational route at a daily rate of \$164.39.
3. Alan Tribbett will add a vocational route with an additional \$58.00 per day.
4. Jessica Wilkinson will add mid-day special education routes with an additional \$58 per day.

Petruniw/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously

I. Approved recommendation to adopt the Resolution to participate in Indiana Bond Bank's 2024 Advance Funding Program. Petruniw/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously

J. Approved transfer request of Heather McKee from Title teacher at OJN to 5th Grade teacher at WMS effective November 27, 2023. Petruniw/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously

K. Approved recommendation for \$400 to be paid monthly to Melanie Penn for room, board, and transportation for Enrique Ortiz Martinez, our Spanish paraprofessional from November 2023 through April 2024. Petruniw/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously

L. Approved recommendation to hire Aubrey Davis as a 3rd Grade teacher at OJN at a salary of \$40,020 prorated for the 2023-2024 school year effective January 8, 2024.

Fry/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

M. Approved the following coaches for 2023-2024:

1. Elementary Boys Basketball Jenny Tyner
2. Girls Basketball Volunteer Sarah Lochner

Petruniw/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously

VI. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley congratulated the boys cross country team! She noted that she and Chet traveled to Terre Haute last week to watch the boys. It was an awesome race and the boys did a great job representing our school! Dr. Sivley recognized our DLI teachers at OJN. They put on the Fall Market last week at OJN. Dr. Sivley was able to watch the short play that the students performed and they did a great job! Dr. Sivley also gave a shout out to the high school - last week's FISH Drive collected 4,530 items and raised \$2,017 for FISH of Wabash!

VII. Chief Business Officer, Matt Stone congratulated boys cross country and thanked Chad Niccum.

VIII. There were no items from administrators.

IX. There were no items from visitors.

- X. The board congratulated the boys cross country team and Southwood VB team. They thanked the Key Club for their work on the FISH Drive and Mrs. Geible for her donation. Stephen Dafoe noted that the Hall of Fame inductees have been announced. Rhonda Hipskind gave a shout-out to Kristen Petruniw for the Blessings in a Backpack program.
- XI. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.
Petruniw/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously

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Board Member

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