

August 19, 2024

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, August 19, 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 6:02 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. WHS Student Council Members, Trever Herron, Maya Howard, Chloe Cooper, Mia Fairchild, and Rinka Higuera were recognized.

G. Revisions

1. Approved revisions IV. I - IV. K to the board agenda.
Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously

H. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of August 5, 2024 Minutes of August 12, 2024
2. Claims
3. Donations
4. Financials
 - a) Revenue & Expense Update
 - b) Appropriations Report

Kelsheimer/Hall - motion passed unanimously

I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Tuesday, September 3, 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. Approved the WCS TAG Policy as required by Indiana code.
Hall/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- B. Approved the updated 2024-2025 WCS Evaluation Plan.
Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- C. Approved Justin Vail to attend the District Administration Technology Leadership Summit in Charlotte Harbor, FL December 16 - 18, 2024. There is no registration fee and all meals are included as well as two nights lodging. The district will only have to pay for flights and one night lodging. These expenses will be paid for from Title II funds.
Fry/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- D. Approved recommendation for the following salary increases retroactive to August 5, 2024:
 - 1. Brittany Fager, Behavioral Interventionist at OJN increase from \$28,330 to \$31,700.
 - 2. Kim Frazier, Social Worker at WMS/WHS increase from \$35,700 to \$38,700.Hall/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- E. Approved the following resignations from classified staff:
 - 1. Jennifer Hopkins as district Payroll/HR Coordinator effective August 13, 2024.
 - 2. Spencer Brown as Secretary at OJN effective August 30, 2024.Kelsheimer/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- F. Approved hiring the following classified staff:
 - 1. Bob Stambazze as ISD teacher for WMS/WHS beginning August 7, 2024.Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- G. Approved the following for athletics for 2024-2025:
 - 1. MS Tennis Coach Matt Zickafoose
- H. Approved a \$600/week stipend for Michele Hough for additional payroll/HR duties until a replacement payroll/HR Coordinator is hired. This will be retroactive to August 12, 2024.
Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- I. Accepted resignations from the following certified staff:
 - 1. Sarah Emmert as Special Education teacher at OJN effective August 30, 2024.Hall/Kelsheimer - motion passed unanimously
- J. Approved hiring the following classified staff:
 - 1. April Fisher as preschool paraprofessional at LHC at a rate of \$11.00 per hour beginning August 20, 2024.Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously

K. Approved the following increases to bus drivers' daily pay based on route times, retroactive to August 7, 2024:

- 1. Barb Drye \$28.09
- 2. Adrienne Pelphrey \$15.37
- 3. Alan Tribbett \$19.61
- 4. Mario Clement \$18.02
- 5. Kurt Brackenhamer \$18.02
- 6. Steve Howard \$13.25
- 7. Katina Schram \$8.48
- 8. Sam Shidler \$28.62

Petruniw/Hall - motion passed unanimously

- V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley reported that we have had a great start to the year! Many teachers and administrators have said this was one of the smoothest starts in many years. We currently are at 1,382 students and could still pick up a few more students before our official count day on October 1st. Dr. Sivley noted that she is glad to have our HS student council members joining tonight. They will be at the first meetings of the month. These reports are always a highlight for her to hear from our students about all the great things happening in our buildings. The middle school and OJ student council members will also be invited to present a few times throughout the year. Finally, fall sports are off and running. Dr. Sivley wished all of our athletes and coaches the best of luck and she looks forward to attending many of our athletic events.
- VI. Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone thanked Melanie Honeycutt and the cafeteria workers.
- VII. There were no items from administrators.
- VIII. There were no items from visitors.
- IX. The board thanked the student council members.
- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.
Fry/Hall - motion passed unanimously

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