

September 3, 2024

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Tuesday, September 3, 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 6:05 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. E. 3 to the board agenda.  
Kelsheimer/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
  - 1. Minutes of August 19, 2024
  - 2. Claims
  - 3. Donations
  - 4. FinancialsHall/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, September 16, 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 and Martha Steller

- B. Approved recommendation to send 4 DLI teachers (who have not attended any Utah DLI training previously) to the 9th International Conference on Immersion and Dual Language Education in Utah October 2 - 5, 2024. The conference fees/expenses, travel and accommodation costs will be covered by the 2024 DLI grant and Title II grant.  
Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously
  - C. Approved recommendation to hire Marc Galvez as a Spanish DLI paraprofessional from Sept 2024 - April 2025 through the Spanish Embassy's Spanish Language and Cultural Assistant program. Wabash is not required to pay a salary to Marc, however, the district will pay a monthly homestay stipend of \$400 to the family that hosts Marc.  
Petruniw/Fry - motion passed, Rod Kelsheimer abstained
  - D. Approved Rod and Char Kelsheimer to host Marc Galvez from September 2024 - April 2025 with a homestay stipend of \$400 per month to cover Marc's room, board, and transportation for the 2024-2025 school year. Hall/Petruniw - motion passed, Rod Kelsheimer abstained
  - E. Approved recommendation to hire the following classified staff:
    - 1. Katie Coburn for a part-time cafeteria position at LHC beginning September 4, 2024.
    - 2. Kindi Kugler as the Payroll/HR Coordinator at a yearly salary of \$40,000 effective September 23, 2024.
    - 3. Kelly Springer as OJN Secretary for 5 hours per day at a rate of \$12.40 per hour beginning September 4, 2024.Kelsheimer/Hall - motion passed unanimously
  - F. Approved Randy LePage to drive a WCS bus for the FCA Fall Retreat at Shiloh Park in Marion, Indiana September 14 - 15, 2024. Kelsheimer/Hall - motion passed unanimously
  - G. Approved Emily France as adjunct WHS Choir Director including responsibility for all choir extracurriculars at a salary of \$25,000 effective September 3, 2024.  
Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley hopes that everyone had a relaxing Labor Day weekend! Dr. Sivley reported that last Wednesday, WCS held our first Big Idea event at OJ in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank. These events will happen one time a month. At the events, families are able to come and get a variety of food items including fresh vegetables, canned food and pantry items, and sometimes even meat and dairy products. There may also be toiletry items and cleaning products available. The variety of items will be different each time. This was our first event so it was only advertised to OJ as it is considered an OJ event. Once we have a few events under our belt, Second Harvest has given us the OK to invite other schools. Again, we want to ensure that we have a good idea of how these events run before expanding the reach. We also will need volunteers from the other schools so it is not just OJ teachers and administrators running the events. Dr. Sivley thinks that these are going to be great events for all of our families and we look forward to stretching our reach.
- VI. Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone recognized the passing of Ralph Marshall.

- VII. There were no items from administrators.
- VIII. There were no items from visitors.
- IX. Kristin Petruniw shared updates from Heartland Career Center.
- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.  
Fry/Hall - motion passed unanimously

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