

January 28,2025

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Tuesday, December 28,2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Wabash City Hall, 202 S Wabash St., Wabash, Indiana.

I. Organization of Meeting

- A. Present were: Rhonda Hipskind, Also present were Superintendent Amy Sivley, Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone and Counsel Jordan Tandy, Jade Hall, Jason Fry, and Joan Foster. Absent: Kristen Petruniw.
- 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. Welcomed and recognized our current visiting DLI teachers. Josh Blossom introduced Ella Hartley, Lilly Endowment Scholarship winner.
- G. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Minutes of January 6, 2025
 - 2. Claims
 - 3. Donations
 - 4. Financials
 - a) Revenue & Expense Update
 - b) Appropriations ReportHall/Fry-passed unanimously
- H. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, February 3, 2025 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. School/Program Spotlight-Board learned about what the OJ Leaders and what they are working on this year.
- B. Board was updated on Wabash High School's Early College Program by Josh Blossom.
- C. Board approved the following classified staff:
 - 1. Mary Turner as OJ paraprofessional beginning February 3, 2025 at a rate of \$11.00/hr.
 - 2. Jade Stumbo as WMS Physical Education Paraprofessional Teacher beginning January 13,2025 at the annual salary of \$21,400, prorated for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
 - 3. Bethany Sizelove as a kindergarten paraprofessional at a rate of \$11.00 an hour beginning January 21,2025.
Foster/Hall-passed unanimously
- D. Board approved the HS Cross Country summer trip to Colorado.
Foster/hall-passed unanimously
- E. Board approved the request for the Montessori School at WPC to use a WCS school bus and driver for the field trip to IUK on Friday, February 7, 2025. The Montessori School will cover the cost of fuel and driver wages.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- F. Board approved Gail Vaughn as WMS/WHS choir accompanist for the 2024-2025 school year.
Hall/Fry passed unanimously
- G. Board approved Kristyn Justus as a long term sub for an FMLA leave at WMS beginning January 7, 2025-February 14, 2025.
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
- H. Board accepted Pamela Rodriguez's resignation from her 3 year old preschool paraprofessional position effective January 13, 2025.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- I. Board approved the resignation of Mrs. Lindsey Smith from the Lead Learner tram position at WMS/WHS effective upon board approval.
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously

J. Board approved sending a group of up to 16 to the Model School Conference in National Harbor,MD from June 22 to June 25,2025. This conference highlights schools that are some of the highest performing schools/districts in the country. These are schools/districts that have a very similar demographics to WCS. All expenses will be paid from our Title II grant which is specifically for professional development.

Hall/Foster-passed unanimously

K. Board approved the use of Rainy Day Funds for transportation salaries(up to \$200,000) and building repairs and maintenance (up to \$200,000; approximately \$133,000 will be our share of the HCC roofing project). Appropriations for both were approved with our 2025 budget.

Fry/Hall-passed unanimously

V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley wants to Congratulate Ella Hartley! Reminder to families that all of the information regarding cancellations and delays are on our school website. Remember that February 12, 2025 is a staff day. Also, February 17, 2025 is now in session.

VI. Items from Chief Operations Officer wants to thank all of the bus drivers, Mrs. Wilson, and custodians for dealing with all of the weather.

VII. No items from visitors.

VIII. Other Items from board members: Jason Fry wants to congratulate Ella, and thanks to Mr. Blossom.

IX. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Board Member

Board Member