

December 16,2024

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday December 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Wabash City Hall, 202 S Wabash St., Wabash, Indiana.

I. Organization of Meeting

- A. Present were: Rhonda Hipkind and Kristen Petruniw. Also present were Superintendent Amy Sivley, Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone and Counsel Jordan Tandy, Jade Hall, and Jason Fry. Absent: Rod Kelsheimer
- B. School Board President Rhonda Hipkind 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 Hipkind welcomed everybody.
- F. Welcomed and recognized Kasen Oswalt, Malachy Ford-Showalter, and Gerry Lee-State finalists in the Samsung's Solve for tomorrow's contest.
- G. Revisions
 - 1. Approved Revision IV. J.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Minutes of December 2,2024
 - 2. Claims
 - 3. Donations
 - a) Anonymous donation of \$100.00 to the Hungry Kids Fund.
 - 4. Financials
 - a) Revenue & Expense Update
 - b) Appropriations ReportFry/Petruniw- passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be January 6, 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. Accept resignations from the following classified staff:

1. Jenny Denney as 5th and 6th grade Music teacher effective 11/18/2024.
 2. Ashley Pelphrey as a special needs bus aide effective 12/16/2024
- Hall/Fry- passed unanimously

B. Board approved employee # 2021 FMLA leave request beginning on or around February 10,2025-March 10,2025.
Petruniw/Fry-passed unanimously

C. Board approved the transfer request of Jed Phillips from PLTW at OJN to PE at OJN beginning 1/6/2025.
Hall/Petruniw-passed unanimously

D. Board approved hiring Madisen French as a special needs bus aide effective 12/17/2024.
Petruniw/Fry-passed unanimously

E. Board approved Alexandra Stahl as WMS/WHS permanent substitute teacher beginning 12/17/2024.
Hall/Petruniw-passed unanimously

F. Board approved St. Bernards request to use a WCS bus and driver for a field trip on December 13,2024 to Wellbrook Assisted Living Well Facility. St. Bernard will cover the cost of fuel and the drivers wage.
Fry/Petruniw-passed unanimously

G. Board approved revisions to the 2025-2026 school calendar. The 3rd quarter will be moved from March 6th to March 13th and our Staff PD/Parent-Teacher Conference will be moved from March 12 to March 19th.
Petruniw/Fry-passed unanimously

H. Board approved to use \$997.60 from the Education Fund to cover stipend/benefits that were not covered by the Teacher Appreciation Grant.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

- I. Board approved a Hard-to Fill Position stipend of \$2,000 for Markus Clancy. This stipend is in our collective bargaining agreement and we have consulted with the Association. Mr Clancy has signed an agreement to remain in the position for this school year and the following two school years.
Petruniw/Fry-passed unanimously
- J. Board Approved the transfer of Natasha Whitney from 2nd Grade Teacher at O.J. Neighbors to Wabash High School Business effective 1/6/2024.
Hall/Petruniw-passed unanimously
- V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley wants to give her thoughts and prayers to the two families of our students who passed this weekend.
- VI. Items from Chief Operations Officer Congrats to Coach Denny and the youngmen. Reminder that January 6th is a Staff PD Day.
- VII. No items from visitors.
- VIII. Other Items from board members:

Jason Fry- Noticed several teams and groups helping with different programs for christmas. He is praying for the families of Sean and Kameron. Merry Christmas.

Kristen Petruniw says good job to Megan Dafoe for putting together the Bash Bags and to the Boys 7/8 Boys Basketball for helping as well. Sorry to Heartland Board member for her son's situation with cancer.

Rhonda Hipskind- Her sympathy is with the family and friends of the two boys. Have a good Christmas Break.

IX. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Board Member

Board Member