

December 18, 2023

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Wabash City Hall, 202 S Wabash St., Wabash, Indiana.

I. Organization of Meeting

- A. Present were: Rod Kelsheimer, Rhonda Hipskind, Jason Fry, and Stephen Dafoe. Also present were Superintendent Amy Sivley, Chief Business Officer Matt Stone and Counsel Jordan Tandy. Kristen Petruniw was absent.
- B. School Board President Rod Kelsheimer 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 Rod Kelsheimer welcomed everybody.
- F. There were no recognitions at the board meeting.
- G. Approved revisions IV. L - N to the board agenda.
Hipskind/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Minutes of November 20, 2023
 - 2. Claims
 - 3. Donations
 - a) \$400 from Southside Freewill Baptist Church to kids in need of lunch money
 - b) \$250 from Grow Wabash County to OJN Robotics and STEM Club
 - 4. Financials
Hipskind/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2024 at Wabash Middle School Cafeteria, 150 Colerain St, Wabash, Indiana at 5:00 pm. There will be a Board of Finance meeting prior to the regular board meeting at 4:45 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

- A. Board heard second reading and approved updated Board Policy 5090 - Challenges to Library, Media, and Other Supplemental Reading Materials. Hipskind/Fry - motion passed unanimously

IV. New Business

- A. Emma Adams and Faithlynn Bruning gave the WHS Student Council Update
- B. The board heard the first reading of the Business Travel Policy (#6010) and reviewed the Business Travel Guidelines. Dafoe/Hipskind - no vote taken
- C. Approved recommendation to adopt the Resolution to Transfer Funds from Rainy Day to Operations. Hipskind/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- D. Approved recommendation to move the May 17, 2024 Staff PD Day to April 8, 2024. Hipskind/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- E. Approved a 2% pay increase for classified staff effective January 1, 2024 not including transportation and cafeteria staff (except Mrs. Honeycutt) as they have already received increases for this school year. Dafoe/Hipskind - motion passed unanimously. The motion was modified to include salary increases for building techs. Nick Hostetler will increase to \$26,500 and Ian Petty to \$25,500 effective January 1, 2024. Kelsheimer/Hipskind - motion passed unanimously
- F. Approved recommendation to create a corporation Paypal account to be used to hold funds or make payments. Hipskind/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- G. Approved Dawn Saunders as the Wabash High School Substitute Teacher Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year. Hipskind/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously
- H. Approved recommendation to move Amanda Edmond from part-time cafeteria staff to full time cafeteria staff effective December 4, 2023. Amanda will also receive the increase of \$1.00 per hour as she has additional job duties. Hipskind/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- I. Approved the retirement of Tracey Denney as WMS Library Aide effective December 31, 2023. Hipskind/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously
- J. Approved the following out of state travel requests with expenses paid for out of 2022 and 2023 Title II budgets:
 1. Amy Sivley, Beth Phillipy, and Josh Blossom to attend Solution Tree's Effective Coaching Institute in Louisville, KY April 10 - 12, 2024
 2. Up to 10 staff to attend Solution Tree's Rtl @ Work in Grand Rapids, MI May 1 - 2, 2024Hipskind/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously
- K. Approved the following for athletics for 2023-2024:
 1. Transfer Sierra Hall from paid MS Girls Basketball Coach to Girls Basketball Volunteer.
 2. Transfer Sarah Lochner from Girls Basketball Volunteer to Girls Basketball Coach.
 3. Weight Room Coordinator - Ryan CarmichaelDafoe/Hipskind - motion passed unanimously

- L. Accepted the \$3600 grant from the Community Foundation Good Deeds Endowment to LHC to pay for the Music Conexion Artist Residency. Hipskind/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- M. Approved recommendation to hire Tarissa Shreves as a paraprofessional at LHC at a rate of \$11.00 per hour effective January 8, 2024. Hipskind/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- N. Approved recommendation to increase the hours of the following paraprofessionals at LHC by 30-60 minutes every 2 weeks due to increased classroom time for their students:
 - 1. Donna Dietrich
 - 2. Tarissa ShrevesHipskind/Dafoe - motion passed unanimously
- V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley congratulated the HS engineering team of Izaak Wright, Erin Stellar, and Spencer Stout on being named state finalists in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow competition. They have won \$2,500 to continue the development of their plan and they will now move into Phase 2 of the competition and have a chance to win \$12,000. We wish them the best of luck and also want to say kudos to their coach, Mr. Justin Denney. Dr. Sivley was able to attend the MS/HS choir concert earlier this month and all of the choir groups did a great job! She looks forward to getting to a few of the events this week. Dr. Sivley noted that we have four days left in the first semester and we haven't had to have a delay or cancellation! We will be pushing out our Delay and Cancellation Information to parents over winter break. Finally, Dr. Sivley wished all of our students, staff and families a Merry Christmas and hopes that everyone has a relaxing Christmas Break! She is looking forward to a great 2024!
- VI. Chief Business Officer, Matt Stone gave Wabash County Tourney info.
- VII. There were no items from administrators.
- VIII. There were no items from visitors.
- IX. The board thanked Stephen Dafoe for his service! They also congratulated Tracey Denney on her retirement, Izaak Wright on scoring 1000 points, and Brooke Wagner on receiving the Lily Scholarship. Stephen Dafoe stated that he learned a lot on the board between COVID and hiring a new Superintendent. The board wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.
Dafoe/Hipskind - motion passed unanimously

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