

January 8, 2024

A Board of Finance Meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 4:45 p.m. at Wabash Middle School, 150 Colerain St, Wabash, Indiana.

- I. Organization of Meeting
 - A. Present were: Rod Kelsheimer, Rhonda Hipkind, Jason Fry, Kristen Petruniw, and Jade Hall. Also present were Superintendent Amy Sivley, Chief Business Officer Matt Stone and Counsel Jordan Tandy.
 - B. School Board President Rod Kelsheimer called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.
- II. Election of Officers
 - A. Approved Rhonda Hipkind as President
Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously
 - B. Approved Kristen Petruniw as Vice President
Hipkind/Fry - motion passed unanimously
 - C. Approved Jason Fry as Secretary
Petruniw/Hipkind - motion passed unanimously
- III. Presentation was given by Dr. Sivley on the financial state of the district.
- IV. Approved Crossroads Bank, 1205 N. Cass Street, Wabash, IN 46992 as depository for Education Fund, Debt Service Fund, Operations Fund, Rainy Day Fund, Textbook Fund and Cafeteria Fund.
Hipkind/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- V. There were no items from Board Members
- VI. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.
Hipkind/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

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Secretary

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I. Organization of Meeting

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- B. School Board President Rod Kelsheimer called the meeting to order at 5:00 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.
- G. Revisions
 1. Approved revisions IV. D, IV. E 1-3, IV. F, and IV. G to the board agenda Hipskind/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
 1. Minutes of December 18, 2023 Minutes of December 19, 2023
 2. Claims
 3. Donations
 - a) \$149 from Southside Freewill Baptist Church to kids in need of lunch money.
 4. FinancialsHipskind/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be **Monday, January 22, 2024** at Wabash Middle School, 150 Colerain St, Wabash, Indiana at 6:00 pm.
- J. Reorganization of the Board of School Trustees as per I.C.20-5-3-1
 1. Approved Rhonda Hipskind as President
Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously
 2. Approved Kristen Petruniw as Vice President
Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously
 3. Approved Jason Fry as Secretary
Petruniw/Kelsheimer - motion passed unanimously

4. School Board meetings will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:00 pm at Wabash City Hall.
Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously
5. Establishment of school board member's salary at \$2000 annually
Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously
6. Appointment of Michele Hough as Corporation Treasurer
Fry/Kelsheimer - motion passed unanimously
7. Appointment of Dana Wright as Corporation Deputy Treasurer
Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously
8. Appointment of Jordan Tandy as legal counsel
Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed, Kristen Petruniw abstained
9. Appointment of Kristen Petruniw to the Board of Managers of the Heartland Career Center
Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously
10. Appointment of Jason Fry to the Wabash Park Board
Petruniw/Kelsheimer - motion passed unanimously
11. Appointment of Rhonda Hipskind to the Wabash Carnegie Library Board
Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously
12. Appointment of Rod Kelsheimer to the Redevelopment Commission
Fry/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

- K. Effective January 1, 1996 at the first meeting in January, every school board must designate the newspaper of qualified publications in which the school corporation must publish required notices...I.C.5-3-1-4c. Approved the Wabash Plain Dealer, Wabash, Indiana.
Kelsheimer/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

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 the Business Travel Policy
Kelsheimer/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

IV. New Business

- A. WHS Student Council Update given by Karrigan Long and Natalie Adams.

- B. Board conducted the first reading of updated policy 3085 - Anti-Nepotism.
- C. Accepted resignations from the following classified staff:
 - 1. Taylor Richardson as cafeteria employee at WCS effective December 22, 2023.
Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- D. Approved a Retirement Notification Incentive of \$2000 (paid into VALIC account) for the first five certified employees that meet the state's retirement requirements and turn in a letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2023-2024 school year by January 31, 2024. This incentive will be paid from the VALIC forfeiture account. Fry/Kelsheimer - motion passed unanimously
- E. Approved the following for athletics for 2023-2024:
 - 1. MS Wrestling Volunteer Ross Haughn
 - 2. Resignation of Krista Holbert as MS Track Coach
 - 3. Resignation of Lindsey Schenkel as MS Soccer CoachKelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- F. Approved Barb Morgan as the Vernon Manor Teacher for one hour per day at an hourly rate of \$41.75, retroactive to December 4, 2023. Fry/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- G. Approved FMLA leave for employee #5303 from March 6 - April 17, 2024.
Kelsheimer/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley welcomed all of our staff and students back and is looking forward to a great 2nd semester. Dr. Sivley congratulated all of our basketball teams for making it to the championship games at County Tourney over break. She congratulated varsity boys and girls athletes and coaches on being County Champs again! Dr. Sivley gave a huge shout out to our high school team! WCS 2023 graduation rate was released over break and the high school ended with a 97.1% graduation rate. This is well above the state average for public and private schools which were 88.8% and 92.0%, respectively. Our district had the highest graduation rate in the county with Manchester at 88.5% and MSD at 75.8%. Great job to our entire high school staff for this amazing accomplishment!
- VI. Chief Business Officer, Matt Stone gave info on our Hall of Fame and thanked everyone for their support at County Tourney.
- VII. Beth Phillipy and Josh Blossom gave building updates.
- VIII. There were no items from visitors.
- IX. The board welcomed Jade Hall as a new board member and thanked Rod Kelsheimer for his time as president. They congratulated the basketball teams on County Tourney wins and the HS on the graduation rate. They thanked the Student Council for the update and host families that have exchange students.

- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.
Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously

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