

September 16, 2024

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, September 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 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 6:00 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. There were no recognitions.

G. Revisions

1. Approved revision IV. H to the board agenda.
Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously

H. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of September 3, 2024
2. Claims
3. Donations
4. Financials - there were no financials to review
Hall/Kelsheimer - motion passed unanimously

I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, October 7, 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. Approved the North Miami proposal to amend Section 1.1 of the Heartland Career Center Operating Agreement. Hall/Fry - motion passed 4-1, Rod Kelsheimer voted no

- B. Approved Heartland Career Center sale of property for NIPSCO easement.
Petruniw/Fry - motion passed, Rod Kelsheimer abstained
- C. Approved recommendation to adopt the following resolutions:
 - 1. Resolution Determining Need for Project
 - 2. Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation
 - 3. Resolution Approving Form of LeaseKelsheimer/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- D. Approved resignations from the following classified staff:
 - 1. Sandy Dempsey as cafeteria employee effective September 13, 2024.
Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- E. Approved Jennifer Denney as 5th and 6th grade choir teacher and choir assistant for SymphonAirs with additional compensation of \$8263.50. This is to compensate her for teaching through her lunch and prep as well as compensating her for planning outside of contract time. This is retroactive to September 2, 2024 and will be paid over the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. Hall/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- F. Approved the following for athletics:
 - 1. Girls Soccer Assistant Coach Scott Dinkins
Kelsheimer/Hall - motion passed unanimously
- G. Approved recommendation to send one more staff member to the Elevating Education Conference in Indianapolis December 3-4, 2024. Expenses for the additional person will be paid from Title II money. Hall/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- H. Dr. Sivley presented 2024 ILEARN and IREAD results.
- V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley reported that we have submitted our budget to the DLGF. She reminded everyone that because we are the city schools, our school board does not approve the budget. Instead, the City Council will go through that process. Dr. Sivley noted that the Public Hearing on our budget will be on Monday, September 23rd and the Adoption Meeting is scheduled for October 28th. She reviewed the Budget Estimate and Proposed Tax Rates. Dr. Sivley wanted to let families know that we will be doing "practice" school cancellation notices through ParentSquare. We will get info out on both ParentSquare and Facebook so families are aware of when we are doing it. The notice will be sent on a Saturday so we don't confuse families. We just want to make sure that families are getting notifications in a way that is best for them before we have a real delay or closure. Next week is Homecoming. Dr. Sivley is looking forward to seeing all the fun and festivities that our kids will be participating in next week. She is especially looking forward to the parade and tossing out some candy!
- VI. Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone gave building updates.

- VII. There were no items from administrators.
- VIII. There were no items from visitors.
- IX. There were no items from board members.
- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.
Fry/Hall - motion passed unanimously

President

Vice President

Secretary

Board Member

Board Member