

April 15, 2024

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at OJ Neighbours Elementary School, 1545 N 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. Recognitions

1. OJ Neighbours shared information on their new House system to promote a sense of community.

G. Revisions

1. Approved revisions IV. H3 and M to the board agenda
Petruniw/Kelsheimer - motion passed unanimously

H. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of March 18, 2024
2. Claims
3. Donations
 - a) \$80 from Wabash Tri Kappa to the Needy Children's Fund
 - b) \$8,000 from Meals on Wheels of Wabash to the Needy Children's Fund
4. Financials
 - a) Revenue and Expense Update
Kelsheimer/Fry - motion passed unanimously

1. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, May 6, 2024 at LH Carpenter Early Learning Center, 1101 Colerain 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. Kathy Swan Awards were presented to: Remi Poe (1st grade) by Sarah Emmert, Izeyah Neupert (2nd grade) by Alicia Gullotti, Caydence Brown and Honesty Carpenter (3rd grade) by Kristen Mattern, and Vaughn Gray (4th grade) by Angel Hostetler.
- B. WHS Student Council Update was given by Mia Fairchild and Chloe Cooper.
- C. Approved adding an additional attendee to the group attending Rtl @ Work in May. Hipskind/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously
- D. Approved recommendation to add 15 days to Sarah Delgadillo's contract for the 2023-2024 school year. This will be an additional \$5400 (\$360 per day) and will come from funds that have accumulated via F1 and short-term home stays in which Sarah has played a critical role. Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- E. Accepted a grant from the Community Foundation in the amount of \$1000 to support field trip expenses at OJ Neighbours. Kelsheimer/Hall - motion passed unanimously
- F. Approved recommendation to offer driver's education for the summer of 2024 at a cost of \$400 per enrollee. Students may opt for the virtual classroom portion only for \$40 or the driving only portion for \$360. Petruniw/Kelsheimer - motion passed unanimously
- G. Approved Barb Morgan as Homebound Instructor from March 20 - May 22, 2024 for 4 hours per week at \$35 per hour. Petruniw/Hall - motion passed unanimously
- H. Approved the following for athletics for 2023-2024:
 - 1. Move Madisen French from MS Softball Assistant to Ms Softball Volunteer
 - 2. MS Softball Assistant Matt Zickafoose
 - 3. Move Shelby Stone from Girls Tennis Volunteer to Girls Tennis Assistant CoachHipskind/Hall - motion passed unanimously
- I. Accepted the following resignations from classified staff:
 - 1. Kathryn Pionke as cafeteria employee effective April 8, 2024.Petruniw/Kelsheimer - motion passed unanimously
- J. Approved the following retirements from classified staff:
 - 1. Janice Berry as cafeteria employee effective May 23, 2024.
 - 2. Dave Williams as WMS Custodian effective June 7, 2024.Fry/Hall - motion passed unanimously
- K. Approved hiring the following classified staff:
 - 1. Megan Harrell as Assistant Food Service Director effective April 8, 2024.
 - 2. Dave Williams as WMS Custodian at starting custodian pay effective June 10, 2024.
 - 3. Brenda Driscoll for a part-time position in the OJN cafeteria effective May 6, 2024.

- L. Approved the following field trips:
 - 1. Out of state field trip to Kings Island in Ohio for winners of the 7th grade roller coaster project on May 17, 2024.
 - 2. Trip to Gunma Prefecture (Japan) for 5 WHS students and 1 chaperone in July 2024. Gunma Prefecture will pay for lodging and transportation in Japan, Mayor Long will pay up to \$2,000/student towards their flights, and participants will likely need to pay \$1,000 for their food and additional expenses.
 - 3. Volleyball team to New Buffalo, MI for volleyball camp July 21-23, 2024.
Petruniw/Fry - motion passed unanimously
- M. Approved recommendation to move from Traversa to Transfinder for our transportation software. Transfinder will provide enhanced features for routing and for our families - specifically real-time updates on bus arrival. The cost for year #1 is \$14,200 and then it is \$11,500 yearly. Petruniw/Kelsheimer - motion passed unanimously
- V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley reported that she had the opportunity to co-teach with Mr. Brody Cook at the middle school prior to spring break. Mr. Cook had rotations set up for the day and Dr. Sivley was in charge of one of the stations. Dr. Sivley noted that it was a great day and thanked Mr. Cook for allowing her the chance to spend the day in his class. Dr. Sivley's last co-teaching day this year will be on April 25 with Mrs. Fry at OJN. Dr. Sivley wished good luck to all of our spring athletes and coaches. Last week, Mr. Blossom, Dr. Sivley, and Mrs. Phillipy attended Solution Tree's Effective Coaching Institute. They learned a ton and look forward to developing a plan to provide coaching opportunities for our staff. Lastly, Dr. Sivley congratulated Rhonda Hipskind, Rod Kelsheimer, and Jason Fry for being recipients of ISBA's Exemplary Governance Awards for the 2023 calendar year. The WCS board as a whole received a Level 1 Commendable recognition. These awards show our board's commitment to continuous learning and development.
- VI. Chief Operations Officer, Matt Stone congratulated Dave Williams on 47 years with WCS.
- VII. Beth Phillipy gave an update on OJN.
- VIII. There were no items from visitors.
- IX. The board congratulated the Kathy Swan Award winners and thanked OJ for hosting the board meeting. The board also commended OJ on the carnival that was held last weekend. Jade Hall congratulated Rhonda, Rod, and Jason on their award. The board thanked Mayor Long for his continued support of WCS.

- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.
Kelsheimer/Hall - motion passed unanimously

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