

August 18, 2025

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Wabash City Hall 202 S Wabash St, Wabash, Indiana at 6:00 p.m. Wabash, IN. 46992.

I. Organization of Meeting

- A. Present was Board President Rhonda Hipkind, Board Vice-President Jason Fry, Board Secretary Jade Hall, Board Members Joan Foster and Connie Gorman. Also present was Superintendent Dr. Amy K. Sivley, and Board Counsel Jordan Tandy. Absent were Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone.
- 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. There were no recognitions.
- G. Revisions
  - 1) Board approved Revisions IV.I-N.  
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
  - 1. Minutes of August 4, 2025
  - 2. Claims
  - 3. Donations
  - 4. Financials
    - a) Revenue & Expense Update
    - b) Appropriations Report  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be **Tuesday, September 2, 2025** at Wabash City Hall, 202 S Wabash St., Wabash, Indiana at 6:00 p.m.

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. Board was presented with 2024-2025 IREAD data for O.J. Neighbours Elementary.
- B. Board was updated on the new P-CAP Program
- C. Board approved hiring the following classified staff:
  - 1) Marla Davenport as WMS/WHS Paraprofessional at a pay rate of \$11.00 per hour, not to exceed 29.75 hours per week.
  - 2) Jaci Wolfe as a special needs bus aide at a rate of \$11.00/hour.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- D. Board approved Angela Bailiff as WMS/WHS FMLA Leave Teacher. She will earn sub pay for her first 15 days. After 15 days, she will be paid the beginning teacher daily rate (\$216.32) through November 7, 2025.  
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- E. Board accepted the resignations of the following classified staff:
  - 1) Brock Ireland as a permanent substitute teacher effective immediately.
  - 2) Sierra Phillips as a permanent substitute teacher at WMHS.
  - 3) Jade Stumbo as WMS/WHS Physical Education Teaching Paraprofessional effective August 4, 2025.  
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- F. Board approved Chandler Jones for ½ of Supervision position.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- G. Board approved hiring William Ihnen to drive WHS students to and from IUK 2 days a week for the first semester for the 2025-2026 school year, pending a background check.  
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- H. Board approved that we will surplus bus #7, we will be able to sell the bus for scrap.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- I. Board approved the transfer of Megan Handing from 5th grade paraprofessional to WMS/WHS Physical Education Teaching Paraprofessional at a salary of \$21,400, prorated for the 2025-2026 school year effective August 12, 2025.  
Foster/Fry-passed unanimously

- J. Board approved a \$300 stipend for the following staff: Jennie Baker, Brody Cook, Brittany Fager, Alicia Gullotti, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Beth Phillipy, Josie Philipy, and Natasha Whitney. These stipends are for Spring 2025 sessions of the Strengthening Families Program and are paid from the Isenberger donation that we received a few years ago.  
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- K. Board accepted the resignation of Autumn Allen, cafeteria employee at WMHS, effective August 22, 2025.  
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- L. Board approved a pay increase for April Fisher from \$11.00 to \$12.00 due to changes in paraprofessional responsibilities.  
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- M. Board approved the changes of Linda Miracle and Joyce Osborn, effective August 25, 2025 at OJ Neighbours, Linda Miracle will be taking over as head cook. Linda will receive a \$0.70 per hour pay increase. Joyce Osborn will be staying at OJN as a cafeteria employee, at a decrease of \$0.70 per hour.  
Hall/Gorman-passed unanimously
- N. Board approved the addition of a .5 Industrial Technology position at WM/HS for the 2025-2025 school year, this position is funded through the P-CAP Grant.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley says we have had a great start to the school year! I have loved getting out into buildings and seeing our students and staff happy to be back in school! Our count is to be esteemed to be 1,309 which is lower than we had hoped. We still have students enrolling so hopefully we get closer to 1,320 before count day in October. Good luck to our Fall Sports athletes and coaches. I know many are already underway and I look forward to getting to many of the events. Reminder to families, September 1st is Labor Day and school is not in session that day.

- VI. No items from the Chief Operations Officer
- VII. Josh Blossom gave an update on the new Honeywell Music Program. Beth Phillipy gave an update on the IREAD scores.
- VIII. No Items from Visitors
- IX. Other Items from board members: Connie Gorman wants to remind everyone of the Big Idea! Heartland's Open House is this Wednesday at 6 p.m. She says that we are so proud of Wabash and the offerings that we have.
- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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President

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Vice President

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Secretary

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