

September 2, 2025

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Tuesday, September 2, 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.O-R.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Minutes of August 18, 2025
 - 2. Claims
 - 3. Donations
 - a) Donation of \$250 for a Biology lab activity.
 - b) Donation of \$375 from the Wabash County Sheriff's Department to the No Kids Hungry Fund.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
 - 4. Financials
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be September 22, 2025 at **Wabash MS/HS Cafeteria, 150 Colerain 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 held a public hearing on the 2026 WCS Capital Projects Plan.
- B. Board held a public hearing on the 2026 WCS Bus Replacement Plan.
- C. Board was informed about the recent Japanese Exchange Trip.
- D. Board learned about the OJ Neighbors House System.
- E. Board approved pay increases for the following classified staff:
 - 1) Izabielle Wagoner from \$11.00 to \$12.00 due to changes in paraprofessional responsibilities.
 - 2) Morgan Sprague from \$12.00 to \$12.95 per hour as a RISE paraprofessional.
Hall/Gorman-passed unanimously
- F. Board approved the resignation of Alina Perkins, cafeteria employee at WMHS, effective August 25, 2025.
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- G. Board approved the following online teachers:
 - 1) Ben Backer as WMS/WHs 7-8 Online Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - 2) Amy Oswalt as WMS/WHs 9-12 Online Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- H. Board approved Amy Oswalt for 1 hour per week for homebound instruction.
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- I. Board approved FMLA leave for the following employees:
 - 1) Employee #6982 from September 9, 2025 to October 26, 2025.
 - 2) Employee #1989 from October 13 and continuing through November 2, 2025.
 - 3) Employee #6077 from December 8, 2025 and returning March 2, 2025.
Hall/Gorman-passed unanimously
- J. Board approved the transfer of \$33,038.39 from the Ed Fund to the cafeteria Fund.
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
- K. Board approved moving miscellaneous, pre-covid silverware to surplus to be sold.
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously

- L. Board approved an out of state trip for the Varsity Baseball team to Tennessee on Spring Break.

Fry/Hall-passed unanimously

- M. Board approved Chelsea Parson from Grow Wabash County as P-CAP volunteer CREW Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Fry/Foster-passed unanimously

- N. Board approved the following coaches:

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| 1) Boys Soccer Volunteer | Sol France |
| 2) HS Cheerleading Assistant | Morgan Cisneros |
| 3) MS Volleyball Volunteer | Shai Hartley |
| 4) HS Football Assistant Coach | Josie Phillipy |

Hall/Foster-passed unanimously

- O. Board approved Sarah Daughtry as WMS/WHS ISD paraprofessional at an hourly rate of \$12.95 per hour, not to exceed 29.75 hours per week, and pending background check.

Gorman/Hall-passed unanimously

- P. Board approved hiring Marla Davenport as a full-time route driver pending transfer of her CDL to Indiana, once that is complete she will start.

Fry/Hall-passed unanimously

- Q. Board approved Cierra Treska as WMS/WHS .5 IT Teacher at a salary of \$21,439.50, prorated for the 2025-2026 school year and effective August 19, 2025.

Fry/Foster-passed unanimously

- R. Board approved Jordan Best as MS Assist FB Coach.

Hall/Foster-passed unanimously

- V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley says we are three weeks into the school year. I hope our students, families, and staff had a relaxing Labor Day weekend. Next Tuesday is our 7th Grade River trip. It finally worked in my schedule to be able to take part in their day and I am really looking forward to it—I'm hoping that we have a nice sunny day!

Many of our schools have school picture day coming up in the next couple of weeks. We want to remind families to be sure and check ParentSquare for items of communications, such as these dates, from their schools. We use ParentSquare for this type of communication and not our Facebook page.

- VI. No items from the Chief Operations Officer
- VII. No items from Administrators
- VIII. No Items from Visitors
- IX. Other Items from board members:
- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Board Member

Board Member