

February 17, 2025

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday February 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Wabash City Hall, 202 S Wabash St., Wabash, Indiana.

I. Organization of Meeting

- A. Present were: Rhonda Hipskind and Kristen Petruniw. Also present were Superintendent Amy Sivley, Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone and Counsel Jordan Tandy, Jade Hall, and Jason Fry, and Joan Foster.
- 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 Revisions III.K.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Minutes of February 3, 2025
 - 2. Claims
 - 3. Donations
 - 4. Financials
 - a) Revenue & Expense Update
 - b) Appropriations Report
Fry/Petruniw-passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be **March 3, 2025 at 6 pm at Wabash High Schools (WMS Cafeteria) 580 N Miami St. Wabash, IN. 46992**

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. WMS Student Council Update~~

B. Board learned about Wabash City Schools student's participation and success at Heartland Career Center, presented by Floyd McWhirt.

C. Board approved a \$2.25 raise for the MS/HS evening custodians (Dave Willians, Doug Harlan, and Stacy Gibson) in lieu of hiring additional custodians for the building.
Hall/Petruniw-passed unanimously

D. Board approved the following resignations:

- a) Lisa Gibson as a custodian at WMS/WHS effective February 2, 2025.
- b) Donna Pattee-Ballard as Wabash High Schools Art Teacher, effective February 21, 2025.

E. Board accepted the request for the annual 6th Grade Chicago Trip, May 9, 2025. The entire class will travel by bus to Chicago, IL., leaving Wabash at 7:00 am and returning approximately at 9:30 pm.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

F. Board accepted the request of 5th grade students traveling to Camp Crosley, Webster, IN. for an overnight camp experience on May 19 - May 20,2025.
Petruniw/Hall-passed unanimously

G. Board approved the demotion of Amanda Edmond as event coordinator effective 2/7/25. This results in a pay reduction of \$1.65/ hour. This position is not being filled at this time.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously

H. Board approved the demotion of Tina Kling as head cook at WMS effective 2/7/25. This results in a pay reduction of \$1.65/hour. This position is not being filled at this time.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

I. Board approved a Retirement Notification Incentive of \$5,000 (paid into VALIC account) for any certified employee that meets the state's retirements and turns in a letter of intent at the end of the 2024-2025 school year by March 10, 2025. The incentive will be paid from the VALIC forfeiture account. This will be offered to the first FIVE individuals that submit their intent to retire.
Petruniw/Fry-passed unanimously

J. Board was reminded of changes to IREAD this year and their impact on students and families.
Presented by Dr. Sivley.

K. Board approved FMLA leave request for employee # 3080 from February 17, 2025- March 10,2025.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley wants to give a shoutout to Officer Hipskind, Saturday was National SRO Day. Good luck to the Boys Swim Team. Congrats to the boys Wrestling. We have used 4 E-Learning days, and have 3 left.

VI. Items from Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone gave an update about Winter Sports.

VII. There were no items from Administrators

VIII. There were no items from visitors.

IX.. Items from the board members - Joan Foster says Sam is awesome, and she is keeping the Dillion family in our prayers. Jason Fry says he is keeping Andrew in his thoughts and prayers, Congratulations to the Girls Basketball on their season.

X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Board Member

Board Member