

March 17, 2025

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday March 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Wabash Middle School (MS Cafeteria) 150 Colerain 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. Welcomed and recognized Ryan Evans for Class 2A Cross Country Coach of the Year. Matt Stone presented the MSAA pin to Ryan Evans. Kathy Swan Awards were presented to Alex Smith (5th grade) presented by Heather Mckee, Calan McWhirt (6th grade) presented by Rachel Hovermale, Hunter Shepler (7th grade) presented by Ryan Evans, Alyssa Rose (8th grade) presented by Rachel Indrutz.
- G. Revisions
  - 1) Approved Revisions IV. I-J.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
  - 1. Minutes of March 3, 2025
  - 2. Claims
  - 3. Donations
  - 4. Financials
    - a) Revenue & Expense Update
    - b) Appropriations Report  
Petruniw/Hall-passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, April 7, 2025 at **OJ Neighbors Elementary School, 1545 N Wabash 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. Board received information regarding bus leasing finance costs from Barry Grossman of Crossroads Bank. Board approved to enter into the lease agreement for the new 72 passenger bus.  
Foster/Petruniw-passed unanimously
  
- B. Board approved the following resignations:
  - 1) Matt Stone as Girls Varsity Basketball Coach.
  - 2) Brittany Cooley as Girls Basketball Assistant Coach.
  - 3) Bill Benysh as Varsity Boys Soccer Coach
  - 4) Tiffany Wagner from cafeteria effective March 10, 2025.  
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
  
- C. Board approved 29.75 hours for Kelly Springer at OJN.  
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
  
- D. Board approved hiring Autumn Allen at the WMS Cafe effective April 7, 2025, pending a background check.  
Hall/Petruniw-passed unanimously
  
- E. Board approved moving to four 10-hour days (Monday through Thursday) for employees that work in the summer. This will begin the week of June 9, 2025 and continue for six weeks. Employees will return to five 8 hour days the week of July 21, 2025.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
  
- F. Board passed a resolution to transfer from the Education Fund to the Rainy Day Fund.  
Petruniw/Hall-passed unanimously
  
- G. Board conducted the first reading of the updated 6010 Purchasing policy.  
Fry/Petruniw-passed unanimously
  
- H. Recommended that our old steamer at WMS go to surplus.  
Hall/Petruniw-passed unanimously

- I. Board was informed of the resignation of Kristen Petruniw and discussed a timeline and plan for replacing her position on the Board.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- J. Board approved the retirement of Melva McLane, 1st/2nd grade DLI teacher. Mrs. McLane will receive the Early Notification Retirement Incentive of \$5,000 into her Valic account.  
Hall/Petruniw-passed unanimously
- V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley wants to start by congratulating our MS Kathy Swan Award winners. I also want to congratulate Mr. Evans on being the Class 2A Cross Country Coach of the Year.

This week is our Sports Spectacular week. I know that our high school student council has been working really hard to make this a great event this week. The main event is Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Coolman Gym. And speaking of HS student council, our president, Mr. Trevor Herron, was named the Wabash High School nominee for the Indiana Kiwanis Scholarship so congratulations to Trevor.

We have just eight school days before spring break starts. Reminder to families that we do not have school on Friday, March 28th.

I want to end by saying that Wabash City Schools continues to pray for the students and their families as well as our driver that was involved in last week's bus accident. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to the family members and the two passengers in the other vehicle. I again want to thank police, fire, emergency responders, our SRO Sam Hipskind and Melisa Callahan for their assistance during this time.

- VI. Items from Chief Operations Officer: Matt Stone wants to thank Kristen for her time on the School board.
- VII. Items from Administrators: Mike Mattern said the trip to Philadelphia was great!
- VIII. Visitors- Teachers asking questions about the Rainy Day Funds.
- IX. Other Items from board members: Jason Foster wants to let everyone know the Park Board is having an Easter egg hunt. Prayers for Andrew Dillion. Jade Hall wants to congratulate Ryan Evan and the Kathy Swan winners. Thoughts and prayers for all involved in the accident. Jason Fry wants to congratulate the Kathy Swan winners, and his thoughts and prayers are with all involved in the accident. Kristen Petruniw wants to thank the City Council for allowing her on the board. Excited for next year! Rhonda Hipskind wants to thank Kristen, and her thoughts and prayers are with Andrew Dillion. Rhonda read a note from the family, and they are very thankful.

X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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President

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Vice President

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Secretary

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