

January 5, 2026

A Board of Finance Meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 5:45 p.m. at Wabash City Hall, 202 S Wabash St, Wabash, Indiana.

- I. Organization of Meeting
 - A. Present were: Board Vice-President Jason Fry, Board Secretary Jade Hall, Board Members Joan Foster and Connie Gorman. Also present was Superintendent Dr. Amy K. Sivley, Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone and Board Counsel Jordan Tandy. Absent was Board President Rhonda Hipskind.
 - B. School Board Vice-President Jason Fry called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.
- II. Election of Officers
 - A. Approved Rhonda Hipskind as President
Hall/Gorman-motion passed unanimously
 - B. Approved Jason Fry as Vice President
Hall/Foster- motion passed unanimously
 - C. Approved Jade Hall as Secretary
Foster/Gorman- motion passed unanimously
- III. Presentation was given by Amy Sivley on the DUAB report
- IV. Approved Crossroads Bank, 1205 N. Cass Street, Wabash, IN 46992 as depository for Education Fund, Debt Service Fund, Operations Fund, Rainy Day Fund, Textbook Fund and Cafeteria Fund.
Hall/Foster - motion passed unanimously
- V. There were no items from Board Members
- VI. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Board Member

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A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Wabash City Hall, 202 S Wabash St., Wabash, Indiana.

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- B. School Board Vice-President Jason Fry 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 Vice-President Jason Fry welcomed everybody.
- F. Rocognitions
 - 1) The board recognized the excellence of the WMS/WHS State Champion Unified E-Sports Team.
 - 2) The WHS Student Council gave their update.
- G. Revisions
 - 1) Approved Revisions IV. H-I.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Minutes of December 15, 2025
 - 2. Claims
 - 3. Donations
 - 4. FinancialsHall/Foster- motion passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be **Tuesday, January 20, 2026** at Wabash City Hall, 202 S Wabash St, Wabash, Indiana at 6:00 pm.
- J. Reorganization of the Board of School Trustees as per I.C.20-5-3-1
 - 1. Approved Rhonda Hipskind as President
Hall/Foster- motion passed unanimously
 - 2. Approved Jason Fry as Vice President
Gorman/Foster - motion passed unanimously
 - 3. Approved Jade Hall as Secretary
Foster/Gorman - motion passed unanimously

4. School Board meetings will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:00 pm at Wabash City Hall.
Gorman/Hall - motion passed unanimously
5. Establishment of school board member's salary at \$2000 annually
Foster/Hall - motion passed unanimously
6. Appointment of Brooklyn Guenin as Corporation Treasurer
Hall/Gorman - motion passed unanimously
7. Appointment of Jordan Tandy as legal counsel
Gorman/Hall- motion passed unanimously
8. Appointment of Jade Hall to the Board of Managers of the Heartland Career Center
Fry nominated Jade Hall/ Foster Second-Hall abstained
9. Appointment of Joan Foster to the Wabash Park Board
Jade Hall nominated Joan Foster/Gorman second/Foster abstained
10. Appointment of Rhonda Hipskind to the Wabash Carnegie Library Board
Jade Hall nominated Rhonda Hipskind/Foster second/Hipskind abstained
11. Appointment of Jason Fry to the Redevelopment Commission
Joan Foster nominated Jason Fry/Jade Hall second/Fry abstained

- K. Effective January 1, 1996 at the first meeting in January, every school board must designate the newspaper of qualified publications in which the school corporation must publish required notices...I.C.5-3-1-4c. Approved the Wabash Plain Dealer, Wabash, Indiana.
Hall/Petruniw - motion passed unanimously

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. The board was presented with the WCS ILEARN Checkpoint Plan and data from the first two checkpoints.
- B. Board approved the following stipends for Special Ed Teachers for the first semester:
Stacy Baer - \$675.00
Christin Hoppes - \$625.00

Markus Clancy - \$425.00
Britanie Holloway - \$850.00
Barb Morgan - \$1,150.00
Ben Backer - \$725.00
Sarah Cole - \$750.00
Katelin Lloyd - \$650.00
Elizabeth Burns - \$850.00
Lucas Helton - \$850.00
Amy Oswald - \$1,025.00
Josie Phillipy - \$1,100.00
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously

- C. Board approved Missy Eppley as WMS/WHS Mathematics Long-term Substitute effective January 5, 2026. Mrs. Eppley will earn substitute compensation for three weeks, then first-year teacher salary pending emergency licensure.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- D. Board approved Spencer Brown as a long term substitute for PLTW for the second semester of 2025-2026 school year.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- E. Board approved Monica Duarte as a Spanish tutor at OJN for the 2025-2026 school year.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- F. Board approved the updated medical leave for employee #150202 from January 8, 2026 through February 9, 2026. The employee was previously approved for medical leave and did not use that leave.
Foster/Hall-passed unanimously
- G. Board approved Joe Goshert as a Boys Wrestling volunteer.
Foster/Hall-passed unanimously
- H. Board approved Ryan Carmichael as Boys Varsity Golf Coach.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- I. Board accepted the resignation of Sarah Daughtry as WM/HS paraprofessional effective December 22, 2025.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously

- V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley says I want to say welcome back to our staff. We had a great day filled with professional development and we are looking forward to welcoming the students back tomorrow. I hope everyone has a great second semester!

January is School Board Appreciation Month. I just want to publicly thank our current and past Board members for giving their time to serve in this capacity. I know personally, I have been very fortunate to work for a great group of Board members!

- VI. Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone says thank you to all those that helped with the County Tourney.
- VII. No Items from Administrators
- VIII. No Items from Visitors
- IX. Other Items from board members: Jason Fry says congratulations to the Unified E Sports and says Welcome back to everyone! Connie Gorman says that was a great presentation from OJN. Joan Foster says don't forget about donors' choice to help the teachers. Jade Hall seconds Joan's thoughts.
- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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