

February 16, 2026

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, February 16, 2026 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 Hipskind, 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.
- 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. Recognitions
- G. Revisions
  - 1) Board approved Revisions IV. C-E.
- H. Consent Agenda
  - 1. Minutes of February 2, 2026
  - 2. Claims
  - 3. Donations
  - 4. Financials
    - a) Revenue & Expense Update
    - b) Appropriations ReportHall/Fry-passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2026 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. The board held the first reading on the following new/updated policies:

- 1) Policy 4010 Enrollment (updated)
- 2) Policy 6013 Procurement- Federal Grant/Funds (new)
- 3) Policy 3150 Controlled Substance & Alcohol Policy for Employees Holding a Commercial Drivers License (updated)

B. The board approved offering the WCS Watch Me Grow! Summer Learning Program for rising 1st through 4th grade. We will offer both literacy and math instruction. Funding for the program will come from both summer school reimbursement and the Isenbarger donation that we received a few years ago which was specifically meant to help at-risk students.

Fry/Hall-passed unanimously

C. The board approved the resignation of Alex Stahl as WMHS paraprofessional, effective February 9, 2026.

Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

D. The board approved the retirement of Kurt Brackenhamer as a full-time bus driver, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. I would also like to recommend allowing Kurt to be a substitute bus driver for the 2026-2027 school year.

Hall/ Foster-passed unanimously

E. The board approved Lauri Gunderman as a long term substitute for Library and 4th Grade DLI from January 6, 2026 to April 3, 2026.

Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley says she hopes everyone had a Happy Valentine's Day.

Tomorrow night is our last home boys basketball game of the season so it is Senior Night. Next Wednesday is the Big Idea event at OJ. That starts at 4:00 p.m. and runs until 5:30 p.m.

We are about one month away from the first day of spring—it can come earlier if it would like!

VI. Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone says Thank you to Kurt!!

VII. No Items from Administrators

VIII. No Items from Visitors

IX. Other Items from board members: Rhonda Hispskind says congratulations to Kurt. The new librarian started at the Wabash City Library. Jason Fry says thanks to Sam and Ron for all they do! National SRO Day was February 15, 2026. Joan Foster says from the Park Board they will be having the

annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, 2026. Connie Gorman says they judged the P-CAP students' art for the murals. She also said she went to Whitney Myers class for the simulation. She likes the little apaches for the girls!

X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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President

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Vice President

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Secretary

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Board Member

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