

March 3, 2025

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday March 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Wabash High School (MS Cafeteria) 580 N. Miami 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 Mr. William Chittenden IV for his accomplishment as the 2024 Rising Star Award recipient from the Association of Indiana Teachers of Japanese. Recognized the Girls Basketball team. Kathy Swan Awards were presented to Gunner Cressell (9th grade) by Mr. Ballanger, Faithlynn Bruning (10th grade) by Mrs. Hodson, Logan Osborn (11th grade) by Mrs. Smith, Ashtrid Burns (12th grade) by Mrs. Holley.
- G. Revisions
  - 1) Approved Revisions IV. G-H  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
  - 1. Minutes of February 17, 2025
  - 2. Claims
  - 3. Donations
  - 4. Financials(no financials)  
Petruniw/Hall-passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, March 17, 2025 at **Wabash Middle School (WMS Cafeteria) 150 Colerain St. Wabash, Indiana at 6:00 pm.**

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. HS Student Council Update was presented by Trevor Herron and Kamryn Wilcox.
- B. MS Student Council Update was presented by Amara Spring, Ruby McFarland, Lennox Fansher, Coby Leland, and Kylie Brewer.
- C. The following coaches were approved for 2024-2025:
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| HS Track Volunteer | Kierra Wilson   |
| Spring Softball:   |   |
| MS Head Coach      | Maddie French   |
| MS Asst Coach      | Jordan Renn   |
| MS Asst Coach      | Move Ashlyn Cruz from MS Softball Asst to HS Softball Asst. |
- Petruniw/Hall-passed unanimously
- D. Board approved the out of state/overnight field trip for 7th and 8th grade students to Philadelphia, PA. Traveling through WorldStrides. Students and chaperones leave 3/13 and return 3/16.  
Hall/Petruniw-passed unanimously
- E. Board approved the termination of Heather Lowman-Starkey effective 2-19-25.  
Hall/Petruniw- passed unanimously
- F. Board approved the retirement of Michelle Hough, corporation treasure, effective January 23, 2026.  
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
- G. Board approved hiring Gage Scheibel-Simon as a part time custodian at the MS/HS. working 4 hours a night on days we are in school.  
Petruniw/Fry-hall passed unanimously
- H. Board approved a new bus. Three quotes were collected with the lowest being from Kerlin. This is for a Thomas bus. Their quote was \$153,698 with the next being MacAllister at \$162,753. Midwest did not submit a quote. This is just putting in our order. We will most likely not get the bus until summer/fall of 2026. Before that time, we will go through the process with Crossroads to do a lease agreement as we have done with all of our buses.  
Hall/Petruniw-passed unanimously

- I. Board approved employee #2026 FMLA Leave beginning Monday, April 14, 2025 and continuing through the end of the 2025-2026 school year.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
  
- J. Board approved David Bagley as WHS Art Teacher for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, pending a background check. Mr. Bagley will be compensated based on a prorated salary of \$43,760 (\$236.54 per day)  
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
  
- V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley wants congratulate Mr. Chittenden. Congratulations to all the Kathy Swan Award winners. Congratulations to the Girls Basketball team. Goodluck to Boys Basketball. Just a reminder the daylight savings time starts Saturday. March 13, 2025 is a Staff PD Day, and Parent Teacher Conferences.
  
- VI. Items from Chief Operations Officer: Matt says the sectionals are this week, and this is the first time since 1947.
  
- VII. Items from Administrators
  
- VIII. No items from visitors.
  
- IX. Other Items from board members: Joan Foster congratulates the Kathy Swan award winners, and great job to the Girls Basketball Team. Good luck to boys Basketball. Jade Hall wants to congratulate the Kathy Swan Award winners. Goodluck to the second and third graders this week on their ILearn test. Congratulations to the Solo and Ensemble. Jason Fry wants to give a shoutout to all the teachers giving the ILearn test this week. Congratulations to Coach Evans and the Cross Country Team. Kristen Petruniw says it is impressive how the DLI Classes have the kids speaking spanish so well. Rhonda Hipskind wants to congratulate the Kathy Swan award winners and thank you to all of the teachers.

X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 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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