

July 21, 2025

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday July 21, 2025 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 Hipkind, Board Vice-President Jason Fry, Board Secretary Jade Hall, and Board Member Joan Foster. Also present was Superintendent Dr. Amy K. Sivley, and Board Counsel Jordan Tandy. Absent was Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone and Board Member Connie Gorman.
- B. School Board President Rhonda Hipkind 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 Hipkind welcomed everybody.
- F. There were no recognitions.
- G. Revisions
 - 1) Board Approved Revisions IV.F.3 & K-L.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Minutes of July 7, 2025
 - 2. Claims
 - 3. Donations
 - a) Anonymous donation of \$335.00 toward the purchase of books for LH Carpenter Classrooms.
 - b) Donation of \$80.00 from Tri Kappa for the LH Carpenter Nurse Fund.
 - 4. Financials
 - a) Revenue & Expense Update
 - b) Appropriations Report
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, August 4, 2025 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. Board was presented with the 2024-2025 WCS ILEARN Results.
- B. Board approved the revised Attendance Policy.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- C. Board approved the revised Bullying Policy.
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- D. Board approved the following resignations from the following certified staff:
 - 1) Jake Stevens as WHS Math Teacher, including his coaching positions.
 - 2) MiKayla Stevens as WMS & WHS Math Teacher.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- E. Board approved Beth Miller and Lauri Gunderman to share a paraprofessional position at \$11.00/hour with Mrs. Miller working 4 days a week and Mrs. Gunderman working at 1 day a week for no more than 29.75 hours combined,
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- F. Board approved hiring the following classified staff:
 - 1) Lacie Jones as an OJ paraprofessional effective August 8, 2025 at \$11.00/hour for 29.75 hours per week.
 - 2) Ashtrid Burns as a preschool paraprofessional at L.H. Carpenter beginning August 8, 2025.
 - 3) Board to approve hiring Madison Inman as a 3 year old teaching paraprofessional at L.H. Carpenter beginning at the 2025-2026 school year.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

- G. Board approved the following transfers from classified staff:

- 1) Nevaeh Mettler from Preschool paraprofessional at L.H. Carpenter to the Gym/PLTW teaching paraprofessional at L.H. Carpenter at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.
 - 2) Gabi Wagoner from a 3 year old teaching paraprofessional to a 4 year old teaching paraprofessional at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- H. Board approved hiring Dana Wright as a consultant at a rate of \$50.00 per hour for up to 10 hours. Dana will guide us through the rollover of our Student Fee Management system to the new school year. We currently have no one in the district who has done this before.
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- I. Board approved moving the non-operational cooler to Surplus to be able to scrap and recuperate some money back from having to get rid of it. The cooler is from LHC and is no longer operational. We had an extra cooler at WMS that we moved to LHC.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- J. Board approved the following fall coaches:
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| Athletic Supervision | Trenton Daughtry |
| Asst. Volleyball | Stacie Parrett |
| C Girls Volleyball | Chelsie Montgoemery |
| Volleyball Volunteers | Jade Stumbo |
| Football Volunteers | Justin Denney, Tony Burton & Tyler Niccum |
| Girls Soccer Assistant | Scott Dinkins |
| Girls Soccer Volunteer | Lindsey Schenkel, Bailey Yeadon & Rylee Yoakum |
| MS Cheerleader/Booster Club | Angel Hostetler |
| MS Cross Country | Katelin Lloyd & Ryan Evans |
| MS Cross Country (Asst.) | Derek Vogel |
| Cross Country Volunteer | Rachel Hovermale |
| 8th Grade Football (Asst.) | Antonio Grant |
| 7th Grade Football (Head Coach) | Bryant Miller |
| MS Football Volunteer | Sammie Hipkind |
| 8th Grade Volleyball | Ashlynn Cruz |
| 7th Grade Volleyball | Sarah Dillion |
| 6th Grade Volleyball | Jaycee Yeadon & Taylor McFarland |
- Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- K. Board approved FMLA Leave for employee 21 beginning June 25, 2025.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

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- L. Board accepted the resignation of Terri Denney as WHS Guidance Counselor effective July 1, 2025.

Foster/Hall-passed unanimously

- V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley said last week was our online registration period. We had 848 complete the process. We are working through the completed registrations this week and plan to re-open registration next Monday for any family that missed the window. We also want to remind families that need transportation, the transportation request form was emailed out to families. This is separate from registration. Families have until this Friday to complete the request to have transportation guaranteed the first week of school.

I want to thank our custodial crew. They have done a great job this summer getting our buildings in tip top shape for the coming school year.

We have our Big Idea event this Wednesday at OJ. This is through our partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank. It will be held in the gym this month as the cafeteria floor was recently waxed and is curing. Families will enter at Door #22. The event will run from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. We encourage all families to stop in and take advantage of this great program.

Open Houses will take place on August 11th in all buildings. These have been posted on ParentSquare. The times are as follows:

OJ's will be 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

LH's will be 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

MS/HS will be 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. with a special 5th Grade Orientation starting at 6:30 p.m. in the 5th grade teacher's classrooms

Our first Staff Days this year will be August 8th and 11th with our first Student Day on August 12th, so that means we have 21 days before students come back to school!

- VI. No items from the Chief Operations Officer.
VII. No Items from Administrators
VIII. No Items from Visitors
IX. Other Items from board members: Joan Foster wants to remind everyone that this Saturday is the River clean up. Jason Fry wants to let everyone know that this Saturday July 26, 2025 is the back to school bash from 9 am - 1 pm.
X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Board Member

Board Member