

April 7, 2025

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday April 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at OJ Neighbors Elementary School, 1545 N. Wabash St. Wabash, IN. 46992.

I. Organization of Meeting

- A. Present were: Rhonda Hipskind and Kristen Petruniw. Also present were Superintendent Amy Sivley, Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone, Jade Hall, and Jason Fry, and Joan Foster. Absent was 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. Welcomed and recognized The Kathy Swan awards winners that were presented to Grayson Butcher (1st grade) presented by Mrs. Cornett, Jase Reed (2nd grade) presented by Mrs. Gullotti, Parker Treska (3rd grade) presented by Mrs. Fry, DJ Harradon (4th grade) presented by Mrs. Kirkpatrick.
- G. Revisions
- H. Consent Agenda
  - 1. Minutes of March 17, 2025
  - 2. Claims
  - 3. Donations
  - 4. FinancialsHall/ Fry- passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, April 21, 2025 at **LH Carpenter Early Learning Center 1101 Colerain 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

- A. Board conducted a second reading on the updated 6010 Purchasing Policy. Recommended that the board then adopt this policy.  
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously

IV. New Business

- A. WHS Student Council students Trevor Herron, Kamryn Wilcox, Abigail Hipkind, and Nonoka Higuera gave their student council update.
- B. Board approved FMLA leave for employee # 3089 starting 03/24/2025 through the end of the 2024-2025 school year  
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- C. Approve Lauri Gunderman to be the long term substitute for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year for employee # 3089 FMLA leave.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- D. Board approved the Montessori School at WPC to use a WCS school bus and driver for a field trip to Science Central on May 8th, 2025. The Montessori School will cover the cost of fuel and driver wages.  
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
- E. Board approved to offer drivers education for the summer of 2025 at a cost of \$400 per enrollee. Students may also opt for the online classroom portion only for \$40.00 or the driving only portion for \$360.00.  
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- F. Board approved Sierra Phillips for a maternity leave position at Wabash City Schools scheduled to begin April 14, 2025 at \$85 per day. Note that the date may move up or back due to the nature of the leave.  
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- G. Board approved Kristen Petruniw as a volunteer guidance counselor at WMS/WHS for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- H. Board approved the applicant, Connie Gorman, for the open board seat.  
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously

I. Board accepted the retirement of George (Steve) Howard, effective March 18, 2025.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

J. Board approved the following resignations from MS Softball:  
Madison French and Jordan Renn  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

K. Board approved the following Spring Coaches

MS Head Softball	Jennifer Wagner
MS Asst Softball	Charity France
Girls Tennis Volunteer	Krystin Ford

Hall/Foster-passed unanimously

L. Board approved the following certified staff:

- 1) Hannah Riggle as a 2nd Grade Teacher at OJN effective 04/08/2025.
- 2) Caitlin Cornett as 2nd grade summer IREAD teacher beginning May 27, 2025 and ending June 19, 2025 at \$35/hour.
- 3) Stacey Fry as 3rd grade summer IREAD teacher beginning May 27, 2025 and ending June 19, 2025 at \$35/hour.

Hall/Foster-passed 3-0, Fry abstains

M. Board approved the following classified staff:

- 1) Jessica Baker at OJN cafeteria effective 04/07/2025, pending a background check.
- 2) Brandi Brubaker at WMS cafeteria effective 04/07/2025, pending a background check.
- 3) Adrienne Pelphrey as summer IREAD paraprofessional beginning May 27, 2025 and ending June 19, 202 at \$11/hour.

Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley wants to start by saying that I hope our students and staff came back refreshed from spring break. From now until the end of the year, it feels like a full-on sprint for everyone. And with this time of year comes state testing. The ILEARN window opens next Monday. OJ is starting next week.  
Congratulations to our OJ Kathy Swan award recipients.  
Our spring sports are underway. I want to wish all of our spring coaches and athletes good luck. I'm hoping that the weather starts feeling more like spring for all of our teams!

- VI. Items from Chief Operations Officer: Matt Stone wants to thank everyone for the help with the outage last week.
- VII. No Items from Administrators
- VIII. No Items from Visitors
  
- IX. Other Items from board members: Joan Foster wants to remind everyone that the book fair is next week at Wabash High School. Jade Hall wants to congratulate the Kathy Swan winners. Jason Fry wants to congratulate the Kathy Swan winners, and the chairs in the new OJN Library looks awesome. Rhonda Hipskind wants to congratulate the Kathy Swan Winners, and the Boys 4 x 800 indoor winners.
- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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President

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Vice President

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Secretary

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