

October 6, 2025

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, October 6, 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, 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 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
 - a) Board approved Revisions IV.J-O.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Minutes of September 2, 2025
 - 2. Claims
 - 3. Donations
 - a) Board approved a donation of \$1,000 from the Community Foundation of Wabash County to the WHS Guidance Department for the 2025 College and Career Fair.
 - 4. Financials
 - a) Revenue & Expense Update
 - b) Appropriations Report
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, November 3, 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. Public Meeting of Wabash City Schools

October 6, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St. Wabash, Indiana

The School Board will meet to discuss the terms of the tentative agreement of the teacher collective bargaining agreement, which is posted at <https://www.apaches.k12.in.us>.

1. Hearing was opened Fry/Hall-motion passed unanimously
2. Hearing was closed Hall/Gorman-passed unanimously

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

- A. WHS Student Council Update was given by Mia Fairchild and Chloe Cooper.
- B. Board was informed of the 2026 WCS Budget Estimates and Proposed Property Tax Rates.
- C. Board approved Dr. Sivley's attendance at the District Administration's Superintendent Summit in Denver, CO from April 14-17, 2026. There are no expenses for the district as attendance at the event is included in our DA membership and all travel, lodging and meals are covered by District Administration.
Hall/Gorman-passed unanimously
- D. Board approved the following to attend the 2026 FETC conference in Orlando, FL: Amy Sivley, Justin Vail, Matt Mindach, and Arielle Galligan. This conference is January 12-14, 2026. Registration is included in our District Administration membership. Travel, hotel and meals are paid from Title II funds.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- E. Board approved hiring Nerea Blanco Pazos as a spanish DLI professional from October 1, 2025 - May 28 2026. Nerea comes to Wabash through the Spanish Embassy's Spanish Language and Cultural Assistant program. Wabash is not required to pay a salary to Nerea; however the district will pay a monthly homestay stipend of \$400 to the Wimberly family.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- F. Board approved the resignation of Belle Black as paraprofessional at OJN effective October 7, 2025.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- G. Board approved FMLA Leave for Employee # 1162 beginning November 19, 2025 and ending December 19, 2025, pending required FMLA documentation.
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously

- H. Board approved the transfer of Marla Davenport from WMS/WHS paraprofessional to OJN paraprofessional effective October 13, 2025.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- I. Board approved the 2026-2027 school calendar.
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
- J. Board approved Brooklyn Guenin as Corporation Treasurer. Mrs. Guenin will start training on November 3, 2025 at a rate of \$20/hour. On December 1, her salary will increase to \$50,000/year.
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
- K. Board approved Alex Stahl as WM/HS 5th Grade Paraprofessional at a pay rate of \$11.00 per hour, not to exceed 29.75 hours per week, and effective October 13, 2025.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- L. Board approved a DLI Mentoring Partnership with Warsaw Community Schools. Warsaw will provide mentor teachers for our four Spanish DLI teachers. Mentoring will include instructional coaching, modeling of effective DLI teaching strategies through classroom observations, and monthly in-person or virtual check-ins. We will pay \$7,040 to Warsaw to provide this professional development to our Spanish DLI teachers. This will come from Title II funds which are designated for professional development.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- M. Board approved the following Jr Apache coaches for this winter
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| Boys Elementary Basketball | -Tyler Leleand & Matt Jasen & David Diener |
| Boys Elementary Volunteers | -Wayne Denger & Patrick Sullivan |
| Girls Elementary Basketball | -Heather McKee & Brooklyn Guenin |
- Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- N. Board approved the following Winter Coaches
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| Assistant Boys Basketball | -Matt Daughtry |
| 9th Boys Basketball | -Trenton Daughtry |
| Boys Basketball Volunteers | -Phil Keefer, Ryan Carmichael, Tom Wright & Rodney Lynn |
| Assistant Girls Basketball | -Brad Kaufman |
| C Girls Basketball | -Kiana Eis |
| Girls Basketball Volunteers | -Brooklyn Guenin & Abby Waldon |
| Wrestling Volunteers | -Tyler Miller, Ross Haughn, Chad Ulmer, Gabe Michelete, Ben Dillion & Nic Gullotti |

Assist. Swimming	-Tammy Ford & Matt Mindach
Boys 8th Grade Basketball	-Pat Henry
Boys 7th Grade Basketball	-Antonio Grant
Boys MS Basketball Volunteer	-Christian Simpson
Girls 8th Grade Basketball	-Jade Stumbo
Girls 7th Grade Basketball	-Janika Stumbo
Girls 6th Grade Basketball	-Tim Nelson
Girls Basketball Volunteers	-Paul Leasure
MS Wrestling (Head Coach)	-Skyler Hall
MS Wrestling (Asst.)	-Matt Zickafoose, Austin Hiatt & David Porter
MS Swimming (Head Coach)	-Kim Hodson
MS Swimming (Asst.)	-Tabitha Fairchild
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously	

- O. Board approved adding a 4 hour para to the RISE room at OJN.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously

- VI. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley wants to thank our HS Student Council for their willingness to again come to our Board meetings this year. I always enjoy hearing from them about what is happening at the high school.

Good luck to Fall athletes and coaches as we enter Sectional season.

Wednesday is Family Reading Night at OJ. I hope many OJ families attend this event to learn how to support reading at home.

This Friday is the end of the first quarter! Next Thursday will be a Staff PD Day with Parent-Teacher Conferences. Each building will share information about their conference hours via ParentSquare. I know that the MS/HS will be slightly different as they are using some of the morning for professional development with staff.

Fall Break is October 20th to 24th. I hope our families, students and staff have a relaxing week.

When we return from Fall Break, LHC will have Trunk or Treat/Family Math Night on October 28th for kindergarten students and October 29th for preschool students.

Our Big Idea event for this month will be on Wednesday, October 29th at OJ from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

And finally, OJN will host their Trunk or Treat for students on Thursday, October 30th.

- VII. No items from the Chief Operations Officer
- VIII. No Items from Administrators
- IX. No Items from Visitors
- X. Other Items from board members: Jason Fry wants to give a shout to the Coaches on National Coaches Day that is coming up. Cross country has had a great year! Connie Gorman wants to congratulate the Cordes kids, and she says she appreciates Dr. Sivley for doing such a great job with the finances.
- XI. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Board Member

Board Member