

August 3, 2026

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, August 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St., 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. Chris Daughtry, 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. Recognitions
- G. Revisions
  - a) Board approved revisions IV.J-U.
- H. Consent Agenda
  - 1. Minutes of June 29, 2026
  - 2. Claims
  - 3. Donations
  - 4. FinancialsHall/Foster-passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, August 17, 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 approved the resignation of Caitlin Cornett as the Special Education teacher effective immediately.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- B. The board approved the resignation of Ian Petty as WMHS Building Technician effective July 31, 2026.  
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
- C. The board approved the following transfers:
  - 1) Hannah Riggle from 1st grade teacher to 2nd grade teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.
  - 2) Kelly Springer from HA/RTI position to 1st grade teacher position effective for the 2026-2027 school year.Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
- D. The board approved hiring Andrea Pretorius as High Ability & Title Teacher at OJN and LHC for the 2026-2027 school year with a starting salary of \$56,000.  
Foster/Gorman-passed unanimously
- E. The board approved hiring Tisha Lynn as a Special Education teacher at LHC for the 2026-2027 school year with a starting salary of \$44,200.  
Gorman/Hall-passed unanimously
- F. The board approved hiring Jocelyn Guerra as a Kindergarten teacher at LHC for the 2026-2027 school year with a starting salary of \$42,300.  
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
- G. The board approved leave for employee #5311 from October 7, 2026 through January 3, 2027.  
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- ~~H. Board to approve the resignation of Katie Cromer as Wabash Volleyball Head Coach effective July 22, 2026.~~
- I. The board approved hiring Jaci Wolf as a full-time route driver at the start of the 2026-2027 school year, pending completion of yellow card certification.  
Fry/Gorman-passed unanimously
- J. The board approved the termination of Katie Cromer as Girls Volleyball Head Coach.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

- K. The board approved the termination of Chelsie Montgomery as Girls Volleyball Varsity Assistant.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- L. The board approved Taylor McFarland as Volleyball Head Coach.  
Foster/Hall-passed unanimously
- M. The board approved appointing Justin Vail to the Library Board for a 4 year term.  
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
- N. The board approved hiring Lori Sisco as a RISE Paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 school year.  
Gorman/Hall-passed unanimously
- O. The board approved hiring Delanie Campbell as a 3 year old preschool paraprofessional for 28 hours a week at ~~\$11/hour~~. \$12/hour.  
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
- P. The board approved hiring Mary Jones as a Special Education paraprofessional for 29.75 hours per week at \$11.00/hour.  
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
- Q. The board approved hiring Angela Case as a kindergarten paraprofessional for 29.75 hours a week at \$11/hour for the 2026-2027 school year.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- R. The board approved Hannah Parson as WMHS Math Teacher beginning in the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary of \$42,000.  
Foster/Fry-passed unanimously
- S. The board approved Emily Watson as Character Building para (12 hours per week) at an hourly wage of \$15.42/hour and Kindergarten/Preschool Para (17.5 hours per week) at an hourly rate of \$11/hour for the 2026-2027 school year.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- T. The board approved the resignation of Alex Corn as an assistant Football Coach.  
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously

- U. The board approved the following coaches and volunteers for the 2026-2027 school year:
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| Volleyball Varsity Assistant  | Brooklyn Guenin                                                                 |
| Volleyball Volunteers         | Ben McFarland, Tara Cogdell, Rebekah Haynes, Bryleigh Boggs, and Heather Newell |
| Football Volunteers           | Owen Yeadon and Tony Hough                                                      |
| Middle School Cheer Volunteer | Abbey Bagget                                                                    |
| Girl's Golf Assistant         | Abby Smalley                                                                    |
| Hall/Fry-passed unanimously   |                                                                                 |

V. Superintendent Dr. Chris Daughtry says Enrollment Updates:

- A. LHC- 172
- B. OJN- 334
- C. WMHS- 887
- D. Total Student Enrollment- 1393
- E. Total K-12 Enrollment- 1324

Opening day for teachers is August 10, 2026. The program will begin at 8:30 am in the auditorium. Our official kick-off for the school year where we will introduce our new staff and get ready for the 2026-2027 school year! The first day of school for students is August 12, 2026. We are excited to get the school year started!

- VI. No items from Administrators
- VII. No Items from Visitors
- VIII. Other Items from board members: Connie says compliments to the staff at Wabash Middle/High School for the Why Wabash Event. Jason Said the custodians have done a great job at the buildings. Jade says the Heartland Open House is August 19 from 6-7:30 pm. Rhonda says welcome back to the staff and students! Joan says thank you to Big City Paints for donating paint for the Riverwalk Mural!
- IX. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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President

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Vice President

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Secretary

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