

May 4, 2026

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, May 4, 2026 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, 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
 - 1) Board approved Revisions IV. Q-T.
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- H. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Minutes of April 20, 2026
 - 2. Claims
 - 3. Donations
 - 4. Financials
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, May 18, 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

- A. The board approved transitioning the DLI Program out and to begin implementation of a Spanish Language and Culture for ALL which includes the addition of a part-time teaching para/teacher at OJN to teach Spanish Language and Culture as a specials class for all grade levels.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

IV. New Business

- A. WHS Student Council gave their update.
- B. The board was presented with mowing quotes and estimated costs. After review, recommend that the Board approve moving forward with acquired quotes to replace our mowers and hiring a seasonal employee to do the mowing.
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
- C. The board approved the issuance of an American Express Purchasing Card for employee Zach Wenrich.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- D. The board approved the transfer of Madison Inman from a paraprofessional to the Gym/PLTW teaching paraprofessional effective April 27, 2026.
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- E. The board approved the transfer request from Kelly Springer to move from OJN Bookkeeper to HA/RTI position for the 2026-2027 school year.
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- F. The board approved Ben Backer as WMHS Business teacher beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- G. The board approved Natasha Whitney as WMHS P-CAP Math Teacher beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- H. The board approved Missy Eppley as WMHS long-term substitute teacher in Math effective April 23, 2026. Mrs. Eppley will be compensated at a substitute daily rate for 15 school days. She will then be compensated at first year teacher daily rate for the remainder of the school year.
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously

- I. The board approved the partial contract cancellation for Mr. Dave Bagley as WMHS Art Teacher.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- J. The board approved the contract cancellation of Angela Bailiff as WMHS 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher.
Foster/Fry-passed unanimously
- K. The board approved Cierra Treska as WMHS 6th grade ELA Teacher beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- L. The board approved an overnight trip for the boys basketball team to attend D1 Camp at Purdue University Northwest in Hammond, Indiana, June 17-19, 2026.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- M. The board approved the following cheer coaches for the 2026-2027 school year:

Nichole Figert	JV Coach/Varsity Assistant
Alicia Gulloti	Cheer Volunteer

 Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- N. The board approved the following Volleyball coaches:

6th Grade	Eva Morris
6th Grade Assistant	Jim Morris
7th Grade	Jaycee Yeadon
8th Grade	Ashlynn Cruz
JV	Stacie Parrett
Varsity Assistant	Chelsie Montgomery
Volunteer Assistant	Fr Jay Horning

 Summer Help:
 Bryleigh Boggs
 Mya Whitaker
 Janike Stumbo
 Jade Stumbo
 Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- O. The board approved Randy LePage and Daren Porter as behind-the-wheel driving instructors for the summer 2026 driver's education program at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously

P. The board approved the retirement of Dr. Amy K. Sivley at the end of this contract year. Her last day with the corporation will be June 30, 2026.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously

Q. The board approved the following coaches:

- 1) Bill Benysh as Middle School Coed Soccer Assistant for this season.
 - 2) Move Bill Benysh from Boys Varsity Soccer Assistant to volunteer assistant,
 - 3) Matt Mindach as Boys Varsity Soccer Assistant for the 2026-2027 season.
- Fry/Foster-passed unanimously

R. The board approved up to two bus drivers (drivers to be determined) for transportation for the OJN Summer Remediation Program at a rate of \$96/day. Once enrollment is finalized and we know how many students we are transporting, we will determine if 1 or 2 buses & drivers will be needed.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously

S. The board approved Nick Hostetler and Ian Petty to receive an extra week of work and pay at their daily rate to work on 1:1 refresh for students and staff.
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously

T. The board approved the following summer school teachers for WMHS: Amy Oswalt, Shaun Eiler, and Josie Phillipy.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously

V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley says I want to start by giving a huge shout to Mr. Ireland and Mrs. France and all of the middle school/high school students for their amazing performance of The Little Mermaid. It was awesome!!

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. To say thank you to all of our employees, the district will be providing milk and cookies to all of the buildings on Thursday.

This Thursday, the high school has a night filled with student recognitions. WHS Awards start at 6:00 p.m. followed by the NHS Induction Ceremony, Academic Awards and then the Senior Scholarship ceremony.

Our prom is this Saturday at the Honeywell Center. I hope all of our students have a great time and make good memories and decisions.

Next Tuesday, May 12th is the O. J. Neighbours Reenactment. This is put on by our 4th grade classrooms. It will be open to the public from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The rain date is Wednesday, May 13th. We hope that many community members experience our 4th grade students bringing history alive!

- VI. No item from Administrators
- VII. No Items from Visitors
- VIII. Other Items from board members: Joan Foster says that the ribbon cutting for the pickleball court has been postponed! Jade says thank you for all you've done! Jason says thank you for your service and time Dr. Sivley! Connie says she is sad to see the DLI change. SHe said she appreciates Dr. Sivley's work ethic. Rhonda says she is reserving comments for Dr.Sivley's last board meeting!
- IX. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Board Member

Board Member