

September 8, 2026

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Tuesday, September 8, 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 Secretary Jade Hall, Board Members Joan Foster and Connie Gorman. Also present was Superintendent Dr. Chris Daughtry, and Board Counsel Jordan Tandy. Absent was Board Vice-President Jason Fry.
- 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. H-I.
- H. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Minutes of August 17, 2026
 - 2. Claims
 - 3. Donations
 - 1) The board accepted the donation of \$50.00 to the Hungry Kids Fund.
 - 4. Financials
 - Gorman/Hall-passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, September 21, 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. WHS Student Council Update~~

B. The board held the first reading on the following policy: Building Usage/Pricing:

C. The board approved paying Nick Hostetler \$525 in overtime compensation at 1.5 times his daily rate for 20 extra hours he worked at Wabash Middle High School to prepare student devices.

Hall/Gorman-passed unanimously

D. The board approved the transfer of Brittany Fager to Certified Position at OJN with first year teacher salary pending obtaining her emergency license.

Hall/Foster-passed unanimously

E. The board approved hiring of Sabrina Frey at 20 hours per week, and Megan King at 20 hours per week. Both have been long-term subs in the cafeteria for over a year.

Hall/Gorman-passed unanimously

F. The board approved the resignation of Amanda Hite as part-time second shift custodian at LH Carpenter effective August 28, 2026.

Foster/Hall-passed unanimously

G. The board approved FMLA Leave for employee #4854 from January 25 through April 27, 2027 (12 weeks), returning to work April 28, 2027. Dates are subject to change.

Hall/Gorman-passed unanimously

H. The board approved the following as WMHS Tutors for the 2026-2027 school year at stipends of \$1,000 per semester: Rachel Hovermale, Adriane Leland, Lea Howard, Matt Mindach, Josie Phillipy, and RaeAnn Homrich.

Foster/Hall-passed unanimously

I. The board approved that FCA be allowed to use a WCS bus, with Randy LePage as the driver, to transport FCA member students to/from the FCA Fall Retreat @ Shiloh Park in Marion, IN September 12th - 13th.

Gorman/Hall-passed unanimously

- V. Superintendent Dr. Chris Daughtry says Enrollment Update- 1303: This is 10 down from the report last week. We should be getting close to an accurate number for count day. 1295 was last year's Fall Count and what had been forecasted for this Fall.
Heartland Career Center Bus Drivers- Recognize Tracy Renn and Sam Shidler for their willingness to drive students to other schools during the HCC evacuation, if needed.
- VI. No items from Administrators
- VII. No Items from Visitors
- VIII. Other Items from board members: Joan Foster says there is a Park Board meeting tomorrow. Connie says it looks like the Football Program is doing well. Jade says that Heartland Career is going into collective bargaining. Congratulations to the Cross Country for their Exemplary Award they received.
- IX. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Board Member

Board Member