

April 6, 2026

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, April 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at O.J. Neighbours Elementary Schools at 1545 N Wabash St. Wabash, Indiana at 6:00 p.m. Wabash, IN. 46992.

I. Organization of Meeting

- A. Present was Board President Rhonda Hipskind, 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. Absent was Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone.
- 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. Recognitions
  - a) The board recognized the O.J. Neighbours Elementary Kathy Swan Winners.
- G. Revisions
  - 1) Board approved Revisions: Tabled Item III.A until April 20, 2026 board meeting. IV. N-S. & H.3.a.
- H. Consent Agenda
  - 1. Minutes of March 16, 2026
  - 2. Claims
  - 3. Donations
  - 4. Financials
    - a) Board approved an anonymous donation for the Robotics Team for the Robotics World Championship.  
Fry/Gorman-passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, April 20, 2026 at **LH Carpenter Early Learning Center, 1101 Colerain 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. Board tabled the current DLI enrollment/costs, and transitioning the current DLI program to a Spanish Language and Culture for All beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

IV. New Business

- A. WHS Student Council did not give their update.
- B. Board approved our proposed 1:1 technology refresh\_of student and staff devices.  
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- C. Board approved the hiring of Mrs. Jen Miller as the principal of L. H. Carpenter, beginning July 1, 2026. Mrs. Miller will be on a 210-day administrative contract at a beginning salary of \$70,000.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- D. Board approved Megan Handing as WMHS Special Education Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.  
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- E. Board accepted the resignation of Silvia Santacreu Collado as WMHS DLI Teacher.  
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- F. Board tabled adding a Spanish Language\_and Culture for All teaching/teaching para position for O.J. Neighbours beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.
- G. Board accepted the resignations of the following classified staff:
  - 1. Kindi Kugler as Transportation Assistant effective April 6, 2026. Mrs. Callahan will assume these responsibilities and will begin receiving this stipend.
  - 2. Lauri Gunderman\_as part-time paraprofessional at OJN effective March 26, 2026.  
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- H. Board approved the following extended leaves:
  - 1. Employee #12551, extending their leave to May 1, 2026.
  - 2. Extending and updating leave for employee #15020 from February 10, 2026 through March 26, 2026. She will return on Monday, April 6, 2026.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

- I. Board approved Adam Miller as a long term substitute for Employee #12551 from April 6 - May 1, 2026.  
Fry/hall-passed unanimously
  
- J. Board approved for the 2026 Summer Food Service Program the following employees to work, as needed, at their hourly or daily rate or sub pay or stipend.
 

Megan Harrell	40 hours
Justin Turner	40 hours
Brittney Judy	37.5 hours
Linda Miracle	30 hours
Shelly Ford	25 hours
Tina King	22 hours
Maria Rodriguez	12.5 hours

 Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
  
- K. Board approved the WMHS Robotics Team to travel to St. Louis MO for the 3 day 2026 VEX Robotics World Championship. Travel and stay occurs between dates of April 26 - April 30, 2026.  
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
  
- L. Board approved the use of the Middle/High School facility for a First Responders Youth Camp on June 8 - June 12, 2026. Activities will take place outdoors, weather permitting.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
  
- M. Board approved offering drivers education for the summer of 2026 at a cost of \$400.00 per enrollee. Students may also opt for the online “classroom” portion for \$40.00 or the behind-the-wheel portion for \$360.00.  
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
  
- N. Board approved the following teachers for Watch Me Grow Summer Program from June 1 through June 19, 2026 at \$35/hour: Keisha Wright, Melissa Lang, Stacey Fry, Jenny Baker, Jed Phillips, Markus Clancy, Lynne Keffaber, Brock Ireland, Barb Morgan, and Brittany Fager.  
Foster/Gorman-passed unanimously
  
- O. Board approved the following paraprofessionals for Watch Me Grow Summer Program from June 1 through June 19, 2026 at \$12/hour: Spencer Brown, Tyfani Flaugh, Adrienne Pelphrey, and Shannon Strickler.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

- P. Board approved hiring Madison Inman as a preschool paraprofessional at a rate of \$12/hour beginning April 7, 2026.  
Fry/Foster-passed unanimously
- Q. Board accepted the resignation of Angel Hostetler as Middle School Cheer Coach effective April 6, 2026.  
Foster/Hall-passed unanimously
- R. Board approved the retirement of Matt Stone as Chief Operations Officer and WMHS Athletic Director effective immediately.  
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- S. Board approved the WCS Students in the Heartland Career Center cybersecurity program to attend an out-of-state competition in Nashville, TN from May 6th through the 9th.  
Foster/Fry-passed unanimously

V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley says I hope everyone had a relaxing spring break. We have just 7 ½ weeks left of the year!!

Spring sports are underway. Good luck to all of our athletes and coaches.

This Thursday, I get the opportunity to attend the Top 20% Honors Student Luncheon at the Honeywell Center. Twenty-two of our seniors have been invited to this luncheon. This is always a great event.

The ILEARN testing window for students in Grades 3 - 8 opens on April 13th. OJ and the MS will share information with families regarding testing schedules. As always, we want to remind our students to try their hardest and do their best.

- VI. No Items from Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone
- VII. Beth Phillipy, Kathy Wilson, and Josh Blossom all say welcome, Jen Miller!
- VIII. No Items from Visitors
- IX. Other Items from board members: Connie says Welcome, Jen! Thank you to Kathy for her time at LHC. Good luck to all the teachers for the next few weeks. Jason says congrats to the Award Winners! He is saddened by Matt's retirement, but wishes him the best! Joan Foster says that Dan Grey is coming to talk about a few updates and things for the park board. Rhonda says congrats to the Award winners! Thank you to Matt for all of his years of service.
- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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President

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Vice President

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Secretary

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