

December 15, 2025

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools was held on Monday, December 15, 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. Board Recognized the Boys XC Team!
- G. Revisions
- H. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Minutes of December 15, 2025
 - 2. Claims
 - 3. Donations
 - 4. Financials
 - a) Revenue & Expense Update
 - b) Appropriations ReportHall/Fry-passed unanimously
- I. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Monday, January 5, 2026 at Wabash City Hall, 202 S Wabash St., Wabash, Indiana at 6:00 p.m. There will be a Board of Finance meeting prior to the regular board meeting at 5:45 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 gave their update.
- B. P-CAP Students presented with Chelsea Parson and Ryan Evans.
- C. The Board held the Project and Second Preliminary Determination Hearing.
Hearing was opened-Fry/Hall-motion passed unanimously
Hearing was closed-Hall/Fry-motion passed unanimously
- D. Board approved the consideration of Project Resolution.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- E. Board approved the consideration of the Preliminary Determination Resolution.
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously
- F. Board approved the consideration of the Reimbursement Resolution.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- G. Board approved the following retirements, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 contract year:
 - 1) Kristi Clark: Kindergarten Teacher
 - 2) Nicole Sears: 3rd Grade DLI Teacher
 - 3) Kathy Wilson: LHC TuitionHal/Fry-passed unanimously
- H. Board approved the resignation of Lucas Helton effective December 19, 2025.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously
- I. Board approved the resignations of the following classified staff:
 - 1) Astrid Burns effective December 19, 2025
 - 2) Alex Stahl effective December 1, 2025.Hall/Foster-passed unanimously
- J. Board approved hiring Sara Webb as a preschool paraprofessional at a rate of \$12.00 an hour beginning January 5, 2026.
Foster/Fry-passed unanimously
- K. Board approved Angela Bailiff as 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher at an annual salary of \$43,000, prorated for the days remaining this school year and effective January 5, 2026.
Hall/Foster-passed unanimously

- L. Board approved the following tutors for the 2025-2026 school year at \$2,000 stipend: Sarah Kirkpatrick, Brittany Fager, Barbara Morgan, Melissa Lang, Alicia Gullotti.
Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

- M. Board approved the following P-CAP Stipends. These stipends are funded through the P-CAP Grant.
 - 1) Industrial Technology Teacher- Shaun Eiler in the amount of \$1,762.20.
 - 2) Lead Learners in the amount of \$500 each:
 - a) Randy Lepage
 - b) Shaun Eiler
 - c) Ryan Evans
 - d) Kyle Kelsheimer
 - e) Justin DenneyHall/Fry-passed unanimously

- N. Board approved the following additional stipends for extra work performed to assist the athletic department for the first semester:
 - 1) Justin Denney- \$3,000
 - 2) Amanda Jones- \$1,500Hall/Fry-passed unanimously

- O. The board approved a Performance Stipend for Dr. Amy Sivley per her contract.
Fry/Hall-passed unanimously

- V. Superintendent Dr. Amy Sivley says congrats to our boys cross country team on another great season. I also want to say kudos to the high school for their work with the P-CAP program. I love that we are doing something different for students to help ensure that all students have access to programming that allows them to be successful.

We've made it to the last week of the semester. I know that we have finals going on this week at the MSHS. We also have a week filled with more holiday events which I am looking forward to attending. I am also looking forward to the County Tourney which we host on December 26th and 27th.

I want to wish the Board Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I also want to say thank you for always trusting me and supporting me.

And finally, to all of our students, families and staff, I hope you have a relaxing break and I look forward to seeing you all in 2026!

- VI. Chief Operations Officer Matt Stone says thank you to all the people who helped take care of me and everything while I was out.
- VII. No Items from Administrators
- VIII. No Items from Visitors
- IX. Other Items from board members: Joan Foster wants to let everyone know the Park Board hit \$26,000 for the new small park. Jade Hall says the Heartland Career center held a welding camp. Jason Fry wants to congratulate one of our students Kedryn Evenson on being a successful NASCAR participant. I really liked the P-CAP presentation and it is a great opportunity. Connie Gorman says the P-CAP kids are near and dear to my heart. Wabash City Schools offers so much for every kid. Rhonda Hipskind says the library has selected two final candidates.
- X. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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