# WEST LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
# MEETING MINUTES

| MEETING INFORMATION | |
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| MEETING TYPE | Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees |
| LIVESTREAM LINK | https://www.youtube.com/live/1vqUIUbKdEE |
| DATE | Monday, September 14, 2026 |
| LOCATION | Central Office<br>3061 Benton Street<br>West Lafayette, Indiana |
| RELATIVE LINKS | Please note: links to the Board documents are included with the title of each item if applicable. |

| PRESENT | | | |
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| Mrs. Amy Austin<br>*Board President* | ☑ | Mr. Laurence Wang<br>*Board Vice President* | ☑ |
| Mr. George Lyle<br>*Board Secretary* | ☑ | Dr. Yue Yin<br>*Member* absent | ☐ |
| Mrs. Dacia Mumford<br>*Member* | ☑ | Dr. Shawn Greiner<br>*Superintendent* | ☑ |
| Mrs. Melissa Prochnau<br>*Member* | ☑ | Mrs. Michelle Cronk<br>*Chief Financial Officer* | ☑ |
| Dr. David Purpura<br>*Member* | ☑ | Mrs. Anna Roth<br>*Assistant Superintendent* | ☑ |

**President Austin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

| I. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS | |
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| TITLE | School Safety |
| SUMMARY | Sgt Dave Smith, WLCSC District Safety Coordinator, shared an update and statistics regarding school safety. His presentation included the following:<br>★ There are three Safety Resources Officers, one at each school.<br>• JSHS - Sgt. Dave Smith<br>• WLIS - Officer Marcus Slifer |

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| | • WLES - Office Brandon Bonnell<br>★ Reports by School<br>• JSHS - 69<br>• WLIS - 84<br>• WLES - 44<br>★ Reports by Student Grade<br>★ Types of Reports/Action Taken<br>★ Safety Updates |
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| TITLE | WLES - Data and Goals |
| SUMMARY | Mrs. Sara Delaney, WL Elementary School Principal, provided the following information during her presentation:<br>★ WLES Overview<br>• Enrollment<br>• Free/Reduced Lunch<br>• Special Education<br>• Number of Teachers<br>• Number of Support Staff<br>★ WLES Data Overview<br>• IREAD 3<br>• ILEARN Math<br>• ILEARN ELA<br>★ Indiana's New Math K-3 Requirements<br>• Implementation<br>• Reviewing screening data<br>• Identifying students who need additional support/intervention<br>• Documenting instructional response/monitoring student progress<br>★ Turning Requirements into Instruction<br>• Screen/Collaborate/Respond<br>★ Supporting the Whole Child<br>• Individual Student Support<br>• Student Wellbeing<br>★ Building our Kindness Community<br>• Family and Community Engagement |
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| **II. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE** | |
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| SPEAKER | Jalen Garner |

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| TOPIC<br>*Indicated on sign-in form | CPR Education |
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| SPEAKER | Mark Pugh |
| TOPIC<br>*Indicated on sign-in form | West Lafayette Public Library Board |
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| III. CONSENT AGENDA | |
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| ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION | Approval of the Agenda for the August 10, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees<br><br>Approval of the Minutes of the August 10 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees<br><br>Field Trip(s):<br>German 3-4 Classes to Christkindlmarkt and Goethe Institute Chicago, IL; December 2, 2026<br><br>Personnel Report<br><br>Accounts Payable |
| NON-DISPOSITIVE VOTE(S) | Motion by: Dr. Purpura<br><br>Second by: Mr. Wang |
| FINAL VOTE(S) | 6 of 6; The motion passed to approve the Consent Agenda.<br>Yes: Austin, Lyle, Mumford, Prochnau, Purpura and Wang |
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| IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS | |
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| TITLE | None |
| SUMMARY | N/A |

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| NON-DISPOSITIVE VOTE(S) | N/A |
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| V. SUPERINTENDENT AND CFO REPORTS | |
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| Dr. Greiner | I want to begin by reiterating some very good news.<br><br>As you are aware, we now have the certified Net Assessed Valuation numbers, and they are significantly different, and have gone in a positive direction. Our certified NAV is down only 1.1%, while our Referendum AV is up 8.28%.<br><br>You will hear much more about this during our budget presentations tonight from Mrs. Cronk and Mr. Reuter.<br><br>The even better news is that because of this positive change in our Referendum AV, we will be recommending that the current referendum tax rate remain at 37 cents for the upcoming year.<br><br>I wanted to point this out before we turn it over to Mrs. Cronk because I think this is encouraging news for our community. It demonstrates our commitment to maintaining the funding necessary to support our students and programs while being responsible stewards of our taxpayers' dollars. Again, Mrs. Cronk will provide additional information as part of our budget presentation, and Mr. Reuter will also discuss our fiscal plan and the reasoning behind maintaining the 37-cent rate.<br><br>**Regarding the Referendum and Community Engagement**<br>Mrs. Roth and I have now had the opportunity to present factual information about the referendum to all of our parent council groups.<br>• I want to thank our principals and parent council presidents for providing us the opportunity to have these conversations directly with our families.<br>• We have appreciated the thoughtful questions and the opportunity to provide information and clarification about the referendum.<br>• Our next presentation will be to the local Optimist Club this Wednesday.<br>We are also continuing to expand our community outreach.<br>• Our first virtual community town hall will be held on September 24, with two additional town halls planned for October.<br>• We will advertise those opportunities so that members of our community have multiple opportunities to learn more and ask |

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| | questions.<br><br>A Mailer will go out to families with financial facts by the end of September.<br><br>On October 7, we will also present to residents at Westminster Retirement Village as part of their "State of the Schools" presentation.<br><br>In addition, we have been working on a short informational video about the referendum.<br>• We plan to post that video on our referendum website, share it through social media, and distribute it to families through SchoolMessenger.<br>• The video is short and to the point while still providing the essential information people need to better understand the referendum.<br><br>Our goal throughout this process continues to be providing factual information, being transparent about the district's financial circumstances, and giving our community opportunities to ask questions and make an informed decision at the polls.<br><br>**Enrollment**<br><br>Finally, our current enrollment is 2,309 students, which is slightly above where we were at this point last year.<br>• We expect those numbers to continue to change somewhat between now and our official ADM count.<br>• October 1 is the official count day, so we will have a more definitive picture of our enrollment at that time.<br>• We continue to monitor the kindergarten enrollment trends.<br>  ○ Kindergarten numbers have come in at another record low.<br>  ○ We are currently at 125 kindergarten students.<br><br>Overall, I am pleased with where we stand as we continue into the school year.<br>• We are seeing strong enrollment,<br>• positive academic momentum,<br>• and encouraging financial information,<br>• while our staff continues to provide high-quality learning opportunities for our students each day. |
| Mrs. Cronk | **Accounts Payable Report**<br>The Objects Breakdown of the month's claims, included in the Board Packet, during the period of August 5 through September 8, 2026, totaled $4,506,604.19. A Fund Report was provided for July 2026 as well as a Preliminary Fund Report for August 2026. |

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| VI. NEW BUSINESS | |
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| TITLE | Budget Workshop and Hearing |
| SUMMARY | Mrs. Cronk presented the 2027 Budget which included the following topics: Budget Adoption Calendar, Realities, Education Fund, Education Fund Revenue Budget, Education Fund Budgeted Expenses, Debt Service Fund, Debt Service Revenue and Expenses, Operating Referendum Fund, Operations Referendum Revenue Budget, Operations Referendum Fund Budgeted Expenses, Rainy Day Fund and Rainy Day Fund Budgeted Expenses.<br><br>Mr. Reuter further presented on the 2027 Budget and how it fits into the long-term fiscal plan. He provided the following information in his presentation:<br>• Revenues and Expenditures Through 2029<br>➢ General Fund<br>➢ Debt Service Fund<br>➢ Debt Service (Exempt) Fund<br>➢ Operations Fund<br>➢ Rainy Day Fund<br>➢ Pension Bond Repayment Fund<br>➢ Referendum Fund<br>➢ Combined Funds (All Funds Listed Above)<br>• Property Tax Detail<br>➢ Rates<br>➢ Assessed Values<br>➢ Non-Farm Personal Income<br>The Board President opened a public hearing on the 2027 Budget following the presentations at 7:37 p.m. There were no Board comments. The Board President closed the hearing at 7:38 p.m. |
| NON-DISPOSITIVE VOTE(S) | N/A |
| FINAL VOTE(S) | N/A |
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| TITLE | Policies - Legislative Updates *(1st readings)* |
| SUMMARY | Due to legislative updates, the following Policies were received for the Board to review. These are for a 1st reading and no votes will be conducted at this time.<br>• A200 Firearms, Weapons and Destructive Devices<br>• A275 Wellness |

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| FIVE-MINUTE RECESS | Requested by Dr. Purpura at 7:49 p.m. |
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| MEETING RECONVENED | Mrs. Austin called the meeting back to order at 7:55 p.m. |
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| TITLE | West Lafayette Library Board Assignment |
| SUMMARY | The West Lafayette Board of School Trustees established a consistent, transparent and equitable process for identifying, considering and appointing qualified community members to the West Lafayette Public Library Board. The process includes:<br>• Determine the Upcoming Vacancy<br>• Publicize the Opportunity<br>• Candidate Application<br>• Review Candidates<br>• Candidate Interviews<br>• Board Deliberation and Appointment<br>• Notification and Transition<br>Following the application deadline, submitted materials were reviewed in accordance with the School Corporation's adopted Process for Appointment of School Board Representatives to the WL Public Library Board.<br><br>Each applicant was provided with questions that were answered during the meeting. A vote will take place during the October 1, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees.<br><br>The following are the WL Public Library Board applicants.<br>➢ Faraz Ahmad<br>➢ Ted Fondak<br>➢ Martha Althschaeffl |
| NON-DISPOSITIVE VOTE(S) | Motion by: Mrs. Austin to provide Mrs. Altschaeffl's answers to the questionnaire for the WL Library Board; she was unable |

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| | to attend.<br><br>Second by: Mr. Lyle |
| FINAL VOTE(S) | 6 of 6; The motion passed allowing Mrs. Austin to read Mrs. Altschaeffl's Library Board answers.<br>Yes: Austin, Lyle, Mumford, Prochnau, Purpura and Wang |
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| VII. BOARD REPORTS | |
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| Mrs. Austin<br>*Redevelopment Commission and Board-Teacher Discussion* | RDC:<br>• $100,000 for a Happy Hollow site study has been included in the 2027 budget.<br>• Mayor Easter announced that an additional $500 million, of funding, will be realized by the City over the next 30 years thanks to the SK Hynix development agreement. As a result of the Mayor's negotiations, WLCSC will also benefit from that funding, even though the development is outside the district. Thank you to Mayor Easter and her team for including the West Lafayette Community School Corporation in the agreement. |
| Mr. Lyle<br>*Legislative Liaison* | • The ISBA said that Indiana is 38th, in the nation, in education spending increases over the last few years.<br>• Third grade reading scores have increased over the past few years. The ISBA acknowledges this deserves to be recognized with some guarantees of increased school funding.This will be requested in the next legislative session.<br>• In addition, some specific increases for the "On My Way Pre-K Program" and special education programs and advocating to maintain local control of schools.<br>• Also, asking for a repeal of the $1.00 Building Sale Law.<br>• Spencer Deery won the Indiana Supreme Court and will be the Republican nominee on the ballot for State Senate District.<br>• Discussions also included potentially eliminating local property taxes.<br>• There could be some potential changes to the Federal E-Rate Program which could reduce technology funding for schools.<br>• There is a growing concern regarding the use of AI in classrooms for students under a certain age. |
| Mrs. Mumford<br>*Community Council* | No report. |
| Mrs. Prochnau | Public Schools Foundation:<br>• For those wishing to still register for the Cupcake Run/Walk (today only), use the code "frosting five" and it will take $5 off the registration fee. |

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| | • Christine Isbell, Public Schools Foundation Executive Director, has announced her retirement after 23 years of service.<br>• The Executive Director Position will be posted soon for anyone who is interested.<br>• Applications for the Student Spark Grant closed on September 11. Forty-five applications were received with many students from the West Lafayette Community School Corporation. |
| Dr. Purpura<br>*Parks & Recreation* | Parks and Rec just celebrated the opening of a new restroom at Lommel Park in the Bar-Barry Heights neighborhood. |
| Mr. Wang<br>*Public Schools Foundation of Tippecanoe County and WL Schools Education Foundation* | <u>WLSEF</u>:<br>• The West Lafayette Alumni Association will host its annual tailgate and Alumni Walk on Friday, September 18. Over 100 guests are expected, including many members of the classes of 1976 and 2006. Both classes will tour the JSHS on Saturday morning.<br>• The Foundation will host its 4th WLCSC retirees luncheon on October 29 at the Whittaker Inn. Thank you to Corebridge Financial for their assistance in sponsoring the event.<br>• The WLSEF board has grown by two this fall. Charlotte Strickler, a proud WL parent, joined in September and Pierce Roe, a 2009 alumnus, will join in October.<br><br><u>Public Schools Foundation</u>:<br>• A meeting was held on September 1.<br>• The Cupcake Run/Walk for Public Education will be held on Sunday, September 20.<br>• As of September 1, there were 645 registrations for the Cupcake Run/Walk with an anticipated 900. |
| Dr. Yin | No report. |
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| **VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS** | |
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| EXECUTIVE SESSION | Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 5 p.m. |
| REGULAR MEETING | Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 6 p.m. |

| **IX. UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST** | |
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| 1st 9-Week Grading Period Ends | Wednesday, October 7, 2026 |
| Fall Break - No School | Thursday, October 8 - Tuesday, October 13, 2026 |

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| School Resumes and 2nd 9-Week Grading Period Begins | Wednesday, October 14, 2026 |
| PSAT (2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students and Parent/Teacher Conferences) | Wednesday, October 21, 2026 |

## X. INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

Board documents will be posted on the WLCSC website as early as Friday afternoon and no later than noon on the Monday prior to the Board meeting.

https://www.wl.k12.in.us/board/meetings-info

Video, audio and written transcript will be posted within 7-10 days following the Board meeting.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

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| TIME | The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. |
| NON-DISPOSITIVE VOTE(S) | Motion by: Mr. Wang<br>Second by: Mrs. Prochnau |
| FINAL VOTE(S) | 6 of 6; The motion passed.<br>Yes: Austin, Lyle, Mumford, Prochnau, Purpura and Wang |
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President

Secretary

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