



October 7th, 2021

Dear School Board Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Wabash City Schools Board. As you know by now, Wabash is unique in that we have one of the few school boards that is appointed by our city council and not elected. We believe this allows us to ensure members who are appointed are best suited for the role and to ensure for diversity in the composition of members.

As you complete the application, I want to share a few items with you that may be helpful as you consider this opportunity.

- The Wabash City Schools Board meets the first and third Monday each month at 6:00 pm, with some exceptions. Meetings are held at Wabash City Hall unless otherwise noted. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, except as allowed in this policy. The public is encouraged to attend meetings of the Board.
- The Board of School Trustees of the Wabash City Schools (the "Board") is the governing body of Wabash City School District. The Board consists of five (5) members. Board members will be appointed by the Wabash City Council. Each member's term of office is four (4) years. No limitation is set on the number of terms to which a person may be appointed as a member of the Board. Any person seeking to be a candidate in any Board appointment shall have the following qualifications:
 - **Residence:** A candidate for the Board shall reside anywhere within the school district.
 - **Age:** No person otherwise eligible to assume office as a member of the Board shall be disqualified on the basis of age if she/he is at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
 - **Other:** A candidate for the Board shall meet any and all additional qualifications prescribed by the statutes of the State of Indiana. If a vacancy occurs on the Board, it shall be filled for the remaining portion of the unexpired term by appointment by a majority of the remaining members of the Board. Any person so appointed shall meet the qualifications required by this policy and by state law.

- As a body created under the laws of the State of Indiana, the Board has full authority, within the limitations of federal and state laws and interpretations of them, to carry out the will of the people of the corporation in matters of education. However, Board members have authority only when acting as a body duly called in session. Board members have no authority over school affairs as individuals, and the Board shall not be bound in any way by any statement or action on the part of any individual Board member or employee of Wabash City Schools.

School board members make a positive difference when they are willing and able to listen to stakeholders, communicate a strong vision for the district, and work with other board members and the administration to build consensus. No individual board member, not even the chairman, can exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools or command the services of any school employee. In Wabash City Schools, the school board supervises one person – the Superintendent.

I would encourage you to visit the Wabash City Schools website at apaches.k12.in.us and navigate to Board -> Board Policies to review the current policies of the Wabash City Schools board.

As you complete the attached application if you have any questions about the process or position please feel free to reach out to me via email at citycouncil5@cityofwabash.com.

Thank you again for your interest in serving!

Best regards,

Doug Adams

Doug Adams
Wabash City Council

WABASH CITY SCHOOL BOARD

APPLICATION PACKET

PLEASE RETURN TO CITY HALL, 202 S. WABASH STREET,

BY

Noon on FRIDAY, October 29, 2021

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN WABASH: _____

PRESENT EMPLOYER: _____

JOB TITLE: _____

PAST EMPLOYERS: _____

CHILDREN

AGES

SCHOOL

DO YOU LIVE WITHIN THE WABASH CITY LIMITS? YES NO

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: (Please list years and schools you attended starting with high school)

CIVIC AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY INVOLVED WITH:

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SERVED ON THE WABASH CITY SCHOOL BOARD? YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE LIST TERM DATES: _____

DO YOU HAVE ANY FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED BY WABASH CITY SCHOOLS? YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE LIST PERSON'S NAME, STAFF POSITION, SCHOOL

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1) Why do you want to be a Wabash City School Board member?

2) What do you feel are the strengths of the Wabash City Schools and what areas do you feel need to be strengthened?

3) What areas within the Wabash City Schools Corporation do you think need to be strengthened?

4) How would approach making these changes?

5) Do you have sufficient time to devote to the position of a Wabash City School Board member?

6) The function of a Wabash City School Board member is to carry out the educational policies of the State and to take a leadership role in developing and carrying out the educational aspirations of the people of the local community. How would you go about meeting those responsibilities?

REFERENCES:

PERSONAL REFERENCE

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

I CERTIFY THAT ALL THE INFORMATION THAT I HAVE LISTED ABOVE IS TRUE:

Signature

Date