

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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Wyoming Valley West School District

Interpreting
August 13, 2025

REGULAR AUGUST BOARD MEETING – August 13, 2025

Amended Item on Agenda: *

Motion made by Mr. McGinley seconded by Mr. Kobusky to amend Item #20 under Staff Recommended Action (Act 93/Central Office Personnel pay adjustment report); Danielle Sennett, Salary \$48,500.

Roll Call: Wilson, Dubaskas, Hardwick, Keating, McGinley, Perfetto, Kobusky, Cussatt, and Kamus voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

Approved Agreements between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Children's Service Center** for the **Partial Hospitalization Program** and the **Therapeutic Educational Program** for the 2025/2026 school year.

Approved requesting Boroughs and/or their Educational Service Agencies or equivalent agencies to place school **crossing guards** at locations for the 2025/26 school year; school district to pay 60% of the borough's hourly rate paid to each crossing guard, for up to 3 hours per day while school is in session.

Approved the positions of **Head School Physician (Dr. Almecky)**, **School Physician (Dr. Mangino)**, and **School Dentist (Dr. Hughes)** and establish salaries, hours, and rates for the 2025/26 fiscal year.

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Luzerne County Juvenile Probation Department** for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and the **Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18** for **Partial Hospitalization Therapeutic Services** during the 2025-2026 school year.

Approved awarding **bids** which were received and opened on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. for the following:

❖ **Interscholastic Sports Supplies (2025-2026)**

Approved Agreement with Wyoming Valley West School District and **New Story Schools** for educational and related services for certain identified pupils of the District from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026.

Approved Addendum to Agreement between **ESS Northeast, LLC**, and Wyoming Valley West School District to extend providing substitute staffing from July 1, 2025 through July 30, 2026.

Approved the Resolution to amend the **Rain Garden Agreement** of June 16, 2020 between the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority and Wyoming Valley West School District to eliminate the District's responsibility to maintain the Rain Garden and any maintenance credit the District would have received, effective immediately.

Approved August payment to **SitelogIQ** in the amount of \$246,494.

Approved Letter of Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and The Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 to provide **Title I Services** at **Cheder Menachem Boys School** from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 and Addendum for the 2025-2026 school year.

Approved Letter of Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and The Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 to provide **Title I Services** at **Cheder Menachem Girls School** from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 and Addendum for the 2025-2026 school year.

Approved Letter of Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and The Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 to provide **Title I Services** at **Wyoming Valley Montessori School** from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 and Addendum for the 2025-2026 school year.

Approved Letter of Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and The Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 to provide **Title I Services at Good Shepherd Academy** from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 and Addendum for the 2025-2026 school year.

Approved language added to the Middle School and High School Student Handbooks regarding **physical altercations and fighting, effective immediately:**

The Wyoming Valley West School District will strive to maintain a safe and orderly learning environment. Fighting will not be tolerated. Fighting in school or on school property is prohibited. Students involved in a physical altercation or fight will be sent to the Administrator/Dean who will complete an investigation of the incident, including witness statements. Any student involved in a physical altercation or fight will be suspended for up to ten (10) school days and cited accordingly. In addition to suspension, students may be assigned to the Wyoming Valley West Cyber Academy for a duration ranging from one academic quarter (45 days) to one semester (90 days), depending on the severity of the incident and the student's age. The imposition and length of any disciplinary action, including suspension and placement in the Cyber Academy, will be determined at the sole discretion of district administration based on the circumstances of the fight post investigation.

Students who engage in fighting, instigate a fight, or engage in any act of violence, while in school, on school property, during the time spent in travel to and from school and school-sponsored activities will be held accountable in accordance with school discipline procedures. In addition, students who engage in fighting, instigate a fight, or engage in any act of violence, may be reported to law enforcement authorities and charged with a violation of the Pennsylvania Criminal Code. Each situation will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and can/may lead to an expulsion.

Students must make every effort to avoid fighting. When confronted and challenged to fight, students should seek help from the nearest adult authority. Student onlookers who contribute to a school disruption or unsafe environment, to include video recording, may be subject to disciplinary action upon administrative review.

Approved the Resolution adopting the Articles of Agreement of the **West Side Council of Governments**, effective immediately.

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Wyoming Valley West School District and the **Municipality of Kingston** to assign one additional **School Resource Officer** to the District for the remainder of the current contract term.

Approved the High School, Middle School, and Elementary **Student Handbooks** for the 2025/2026 school year.

Approved patchwork repair on the **Chester Street** playground. (WSCOG/COSTARS).

Approved continuation with **Lackawanna College** for Dual Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year.

Approved request from **Holy Redeemer** to use Spartan Stadium for 2025 football games. (Saturday, August 23, 2025; Saturday, September 6, 2025; Saturday, September 20, 2025; Saturday, October 4, 2025)

Approved **Consulting Agreement** between Wyoming Valley West School District and Debbie Troy, effective immediately.

Approved **excused absences** June 1, 2025 – July 31, 2025.

Appointed **Meleny Perez**, long-term substitute, Spanish, High School, effective September 2, 2025.

Appointed the following **new hires**:

- ❖ **James Skoniecki** – Cleaner/State Street, \$16.00/hr. effective July 24, 2025.
- ❖ **Alexis Walski** – Cleaner/State Street, \$16.00/hr. effective July 24, 2025.
- ❖ **Bruce Ridilla** – Cleaner/Middle School, \$16.00/hr. effective August 4, 2025.
- ❖ **Cindy Jones** – General Duty Aide/Office, Dana Street, \$16.00/hr. effective September 4, 2025.
- ❖ **Robert Bowers** – Clerk/High School, \$16.00/hr. effective August 18, 2025.
- ❖ **Susan Carey** – General Duty Aide/Attendance Office, State Street, \$16.00/hr. effective September 4, 2025.

GOLF

VARSITY 9-12	Nick Kuscavage	\$2866
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FOOTBALL

VARSITY 10-12	Bob Stelma	\$8892
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ASSISTANT 10-12	Jason Majiros	\$4577
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ASSISTANT 10-12	Janssen Wilborn II	\$4577
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ASSISTANT 10-12	John Karazia	\$4577
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ASSISTANT 10-12	Bill Halenda	\$4577
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ASSISTANT 9 (HEAD)	Matt Yekel	\$4010
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ASSISTANT 9	PJ Piskorik	\$3560
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ASSISTANT 7-8	Dillon Ryman	\$3560
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ASSISTANT 7-8	Kiandre Moses	\$3560
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WEIGHT LIFTING

9-12	Bob Stelma	\$7609
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CHEERLEADER

VARSITY 10-12	Julia Jonelunas	\$3341
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JR. VARSITY 9-12	Avery Zdancewicz	\$2443
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JR. HIGH 7-9	TBD	\$1909
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Accepted and approved the following as presented: **Bills for Payment, Finance Manager's Reports and Treasurer's Report.**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

September Work Session - Wednesday, September 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Regular September Meeting - Wednesday, September 10, 2025 - 7:00 PM