

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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Wyoming Valley West School District

Interpreting
January 14, 2026

REGULAR JANUARY BOARD MEETING – January 14, 2026

Amended Item on Agenda: *

Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Dubaskas, to **Amend Item #9** under General Recommended Action: Accept bid from **CMTA ICS** for a District-Wide Feasibility Study, \$8,900; pending solicitor approval of the contract.

Approved **Memorandum of Understanding** between the Wyoming Valley West School District and the Wyoming Valley West Education Association for a temporary Trauma/Cyber/Third Ave. Counselor position; 100% grant funded.

Approved payment to **Apollo Group** for construction management services rendered through November 2025, \$33,190.37.

Accepted proposal from **SB & Company, LLC.**, Certified Public Accountants, for professional advisory services to Wyoming Valley West School District for year ended June 30, 2025; not to exceed \$49,540.

Approved Work Session and Regular Monthly **School Board Meeting dates for 2026.**

Appointed **Charles Kamus**, Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 Representative, for the remainder of term ending June 30, 2027.

Approved purchase of two (2) **Safety and Security Scanners** for the High School; 100% grant funded.

Approved purchase of **Anatomy/Stem Table** for the High School Stem Lab; 100% grant funded.

Accepted bid from **FiberTel Inc.** to complete the Middle School A/V Project in the amount of \$52,345.15; 100% funded using Middle School Title Funds.

* Accepted bid from **CMTA ICS** for a District-Wide Feasibility Study, \$8,900; pending solicitor approval of the contract.

Approved Wyoming Valley West School District joining the **Lower South Valley Land Bank.**

Accepted proposal from **Sundance** for District enrollment projections, \$9,500.

Approved **excused absences** December 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

Approved additions to the Substitute Teacher list: **Daniel Pape** and **Morgan McAndrew.**

Accepted the following **resignation:**

❖ **Sumayah Haya** – Computer Aide, State St., effective January 5, 2026.

Appointed the following **new hires:**

❖ **Lisa Hunsinger** – Clerk, Third Ave., \$16.00/hour, effective January 5, 2026.

❖ **Jessica Norton** – Nurse Assistant, Floater, \$155.00/day, effective February 2, 2026.

❖ **Amy Lewis Fox** – Cleaner, State Street, \$16.00/hour, effective January 5, 2026.

❖ **Samara Vanderhoff** – Life Skills Aide, State Street, \$16.00/hour, effective January 12, 2026.

Approved the following **transfer of positions:**

❖ **Monika Miller** – Computer Aide, State Street to Cleaner, State Street, effective January 12, 2026.

❖ **Joseph Lech** – Utility Worker to Lead Utility Worker, effective January 15, 2026.

Medical Leave **Emp. #958745**, effective December 18, 2025; returning TBD.

Medical Leave **Emp. #921267**, effective December 5, 2025; returning TBD.

Medical Leave **Emp. #378325**, effective December 23, 2025; returning TBD.

Approved the following **Co-Curricular Position** for the 2025/2026 school year:

Wardrobe/House Managers **Alysha Barber & Rachel Kislin** \$1336

Approved the following **terminations**:

❖ **Emp. #782733** – effective November 25, 2025.

❖ **Emp. #829181** – effective January 2, 2026.

Appointed the following **Mentor** for 2025/2026:

Teacher (*Middle School*)

Laura Olexy

Mentor

Joanne Derwin

Accepted resignation, with regret, **Jenna Dixon Black**, long-term substitute, Science/High School, effective immediately.

Appointed **Brydon Rukstalis**, Varsity Head Football Coach, effective immediately, \$8,892.

Appointed **Brydon Rukstalis**, Weightlifting Coach, effective immediately, \$7,609.

Accepted and approved the following as presented: **Bills for Payment, Finance Manager's Reports and Treasurer's Report.**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Work Session - Wednesday, February 4, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Regular February Meeting - Wednesday, February 11, 2026 - 7:00 PM