

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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REGULAR FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING – February 11, 2026

Amended Item on Agenda: *

Motion made by Cussatt, seconded by Perfetto, to **Table Item #18** under Staff Recommended Action.

Approved the **Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18** General Operating Budget and Resolution for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Approved the following **2025/2026 calendar changes:**

- ❖ Friday, January 30, 2026 – **Full School Day** (Act 80 Day cancelled)
- ❖ Friday, March 20, 2026 – **Act 80 Day** (rescheduled from January 30, 2026)

Approved participating in **VisionQuest's Truancy Program**, at no cost to the district.

Approved Order Agreement with **Daktronics**, \$417,806 (cost will be partially/fully offset with sponsorships); pending solicitor approval.

Accepted \$500.00 donation from **Plymouth Rotary** to State Street ARMOR Program.

Approved 5-year contract with **Brightly Software Inc.**, maintenance ticketing system, July 1, 2026-June 30, 2031, \$36,232.72; pending solicitor approval.

Approved Agreement with **West Side Regional Police Department** for a School Resource Officer (SRO), effective January 1, 2026–December 31, 2027; pending solicitor approval.

Approved **Hot Water Tank Project** at Wyoming Valley West High School; \$375,312.40 (Co-Stars).

Approved **excused absences** January 1, 2026 – January 31, 2026.

Accepted the following **resignations:**

- ❖ **Dawn Krugel**, Cleaner, State Street, effective January 14, 2026.
- ❖ **Arianna McLeod**, Computer Aide, Dana Street, effective January 21, 2026.
- ❖ **Monica Miller**, Cleaner, State Street, effective January 15, 2026.
- ❖ **Amara Rodriguez**, Autistic Support Aide, High School, effective January 21, 2026.

Appointed the following **new hires**; \$16.00/hour:

- ❖ **Samantha Bobowicz**, Classroom Aide, Third Avenue, effective February 2, 2026.
- ❖ **Amanda Davies**, Classroom Aide, State Street, effective January 12, 2026.
- ❖ **Nicole Davies-Herne**, Personal Care Aide, Middle School, effective January 13, 2026.
- ❖ **Laura Haines**, Personal Care Aide, Dana Street, effective January 20, 2026.

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Jodi Welki**, English Teacher, Middle School, effective the last day of the 2025/2026 school year.

Medical Leave, Intermittent FMLA, **Emp. #871912**, effective January 12, 2026.

Child-Bearing Leave, **Emp. #379443**, State Street, effective March 13, 2026; returning June 1, 2026.

Child-Bearing Leave, **Emp. #156833**, Middle School, effective March 24, 2026; returning the first day of the 2026/2027 school year.

Appointed **Stephen Forward**, volunteer assistant E-Sports Coach.

Approved **Professional Contract Status** (Tenure) to the following teacher:

- ❖ Samantha Kozokas

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Patricia Winton**, English Teacher, Middle School, effective the last day of the 2025/2026 school year.

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Amy Rothschild**, Title 1 Reading/Math Teacher, State Street, effective the last day of the 2025/2026 school year.

Approved the following **2026 Spring Coaching Positions:**
2025-2026 School Year

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
<u>Boys Baseball</u>	
Varsity 10-12 Mike Petroski	\$4240
Assistant 10-12 Jim Griffin	\$2893
Assistant 7-9 Mikey Pollick	\$2893
Assistant 7-9 Derek Cease	\$2893
<u>Boys Tennis</u>	
Varsity 9-12 Edward Groth	\$2867
<u>Boys Volleyball</u>	
Varsity 9-12 Ryan Hettes	\$2867
<u>Track Boys & Girls</u>	
<u>Winter 9-12 & Spring</u>	
Varsity (Girls) Courtney Thomas	\$4449
Varsity (Boys) Ashley Temarantz	\$4449
<u>Spring Track</u>	
Assistant Girls 10-12 Elizabeth Kane	\$2893
Assistant Boys 10-12 George Simms	\$2893
<u>Boys and Girls Track</u>	
Assistant 7-9 (Head) Lois Krause	\$2463
Assistant 7-9 (Head) Omar Kellom	\$2463
Assistant 7-9 Chloe Ruckle	\$2143
Assistant 7-9 TBA	\$2143
<u>Girls Softball</u>	
Varsity 10-12 Mark Senchak	\$4240
Assistant 10-12 Mary Ann Bottaro	\$2893
Assistant 7-9 Sabrina Hamersley	\$2893
Assistant 7-9 Sarah Fugate	\$2893
<u>Unified Track</u>	
Varsity 9-12 Abbey Rodway	\$1500

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

Interim Advisor 9-12 **Christina Sickler**

Approved the following **transfer of position:**

❖ **Willard Davies** – Utility High School to Utility Stadium, effective TBD.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #697324**, effective January 9, 2026; returning TBD.

Approved the termination of **Emp. #895611**, effective immediately, after the Employee received an appropriate Statement of Charges and failed to submit a written request for a hearing before the Board of School Directors on or before the deadline of 4:00 p.m. February 6, 2026, as set forth in the Statement of Charges.

Appointed **Andrew Faul**, Math Teacher, Grade 7, Middle School, effective immediately, \$46,500.

***TABLED** Appoint **Cara Nolan**, Learning Support Teacher, State Street, effective TBD, \$91,200.

Appointed **Abby Singh**, Food Service Management Coordinator, Act 93, effective TBD, \$70,000.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #886896**, effective February 12, 2026; returning TBD.

Appointed **Marti Rae Calpin**, Learning Support Teacher, Dana Street, effective TBD, \$52,000.

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Ellen Ercolani**, PCA, State Street, effective the last day of the 2025/2026 school year.

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

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

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