

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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REGULAR MARCH BOARD MEETING – March 11, 2026

Amended Item on Agenda: *

Motion made by Bellio, seconded by Cussatt, to **Table Item #13** under General Recommended Action.

Approved **Real Estate Property Tax Exemption** through the Pennsylvania State Veterans' Commission to the following:

- ❖ Frank P Magistro
- ❖ Janice M Quinn
- ❖ Irmgard U Zabretsky

Approved the PDE Required **339 Guidance Plan**.

Approved the District committing to a **25% match** to any funding awarded by the state through the Public School Facility Improvement Grant.

Approved the **Resolution** requesting a Public School Facility Improvement Grant to be used for a Gymnasium Renovation at Middle School and designate Dr. Charles R. Suppon Jr., Superintendent of Schools, and Jennifer Bullock, School Board Secretary, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the District and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

Accepted a donation from **Topp Business Solutions** in the amount of \$1,000. The donation will be used toward the purchase of the Daktronics Digital Scoreboards.

Approved payment to **Apollo Group** for construction management services rendered through January 2026, \$48,751.44.

Approved Agreements between **KDP Digital Photography** and Wyoming Valley West School District for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 High School Yearbook Photography.

Approved **Settlement Agreement** pursuant to File ODR 32229-25-26 KE.

Approved **Settlement Agreement** pursuant to File 01161-25-26.

Accepted quote from **JFO Energy Solutions** to replace the hot water heater at Dana Street, \$22,308.24 (COSTARS)

Approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Wyoming Valley West School District and Wyoming Valley West Education Association to create the position of **Elementary Department Chairperson** for the academic areas of Mathematics, Science, English Language Arts (ELA), and Social Studies, and to establish the terms and conditions applicable to that position.

Approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Pennsylvania** and Wyoming Valley West School District for participation in the College Bigs Program at Middle School and Chester Street Elementary School.

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Accept bid from **Vertex Roofing Contractors, Inc.** to complete the Wellness Center Roof Replacement Project, \$134,940. (pending solicitor approval)

Approved payment to **TKE** for elevator material storage through June 22, 2026, \$8,422.

Approved **excused absences** February 1, 2026 – February 28, 2026.

Accepted the following **resignations**:

- ❖ **Amanda Davies**, Classroom Aide, State Street, effective February 12, 2026.
- ❖ **Nevah Dupras**, Cleaner, State Street, effective February 6, 2026.
- ❖ **Tyler Pierson**, Cleaner, High School, effective February 20, 2026.
- ❖ **Zakiyah Whittle**, Classroom Aide, effective January 30, 2026.
- ❖ **Erica Phillips**, Classroom Aide, State Street, effective February 11, 2026.

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

- ❖ **Catherine Young**, Cleaner, State Street, effective February 25, 2026.
- ❖ **Michele Sheppard**, Cleaner, State Street, effective March 2, 2026.
- ❖ **Logan Murnock**, Cleaner, State Street, effective March 4, 2026.
- ❖ **Dawn Littman**, Cleaner, High School, effective March 9, 2026.
- ❖ **Marlene Guminsky**, Cleaner, High School, effective March 9, 2026.

Approved the following **transfer of positions**:

- ❖ **Richard Fox**, Custodian, High School to Utility, High School, effective March 12, 2026.
- ❖ **James Skoniecki**, Cleaner, State Street to Custodian High School, effective March 12, 2026.

Approved **long term status** for the following substitute teacher:

- ❖ **Tegan Shortlidge**, effective March 6, 2026.

Approved the following **2026 Spring Coaching Positions**:

2025-2026 School Year

<u>POSITION</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
<u>Boys and Girls Track</u>		
Assistant 7-9	Kathy Butwin	\$2143
<u>Boys Volleyball</u>		
Assistant Varsity 9-12	Casey Shipman	\$1949
<u>Volunteer Coaches</u>		
<u>Softball</u>		
Victoria Carey		
Leonard Davies Jr.		
<u>Baseball</u>		
Eric Raitter Jr.		

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

- ❖ Jordan Gangemi
- ❖ Jacob Weston

Appointed **Marylillian Stepanski**, Guidance Counselor, Middle School, \$51,000 effective TBD.

Appointed **Ian Jones**, District Wide Maintenance, \$17.50/hour, effective March 30, 2026.

Approved to adjust the salary column placement of **Employee #353858** from B+18 to B+24 consistent with Article 26 of the CBA, effective the original date of hire, with retroactive compensation as calculated by the Business Office.

Appointed **Andrew Feldman**, Learning Support Teacher, State Street, \$46,500, effective TBD.

Appointed **Melissa Budd**, Interim Head Teacher, Dana Street, effective March 12, 2026.

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Eugene Terry**, Spanish Teacher, High School, effective the last day of the 2025/2026 school year.

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Donna Chajko**, 4th Grade Teacher, Chester Street, effective the last day of the 2025/2026 school year.

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Michelle Briggs**, Attendance, High School, effective the last day of the 2025/2026 school year.

Approved Child-Bearing Leave, **Emp. #734856**, effective April 17, 2026; returning TBD.

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Work Session/Regular April Meeting - Wednesday, April 8, 2026 - 7:00 PM