

# SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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Wyoming Valley West School District

Interpreting  
April 8, 2026

## REGULAR APRIL BOARD MEETING – April 8, 2026

- Adopted revised **Policy 005**, Organization. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 006**, Meetings. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 102**, Academic Standards. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 103**, Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 103.1**, Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students with Disabilities.  
(First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 104**, Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 105.2**, Exemption From Instruction. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 113.1**, Discipline of Students With Disabilities. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 113.2**, Behavior Support. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 122**, Extracurricular Activities. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 123**, Interscholastic Athletics. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 140**, Charter Schools. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 146.1**, Trauma-Informed Approach. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 202**, Eligibility of Nonresident Students. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 204**, Attendance. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 209.2**, Diabetes Management. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 218**, Student Discipline. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 218.1**, Weapons. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 218.2**, Terroristic Threats. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 221**, Dress and Grooming. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 222**, Tobacco and Vaping Products. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 227**, Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 234**, Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 236.1**, Threat Assessment. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 247**, Hazing. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 249**, Bullying/Cyberbullying. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 254**, Educational Opportunity for Military Children. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 308**, Employment Contract/Board Resolution. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 317**, Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 317.1**, Educator Misconduct. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 320**, Freedom of Speech by Employees. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 325**, Dress and Grooming. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 332**, Working Periods. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 336**, Personal Necessity Leave. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 339**, Uncompensated Leave. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 351**, Controlled Substance Abuse. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 610**, Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 611**, Purchases Budgeted. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 619**, District Audit. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 626**, Federal Fiscal Compliance. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 626.1**, Travel Reimbursement - Federal Programs. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 718**, Service Animals in Schools. (First Reading)  
Adopted revised **Policy 805**, Emergency Preparedness and Response. (First Reading)

Adopted revised **Policy 805.1**, Relations With Law Enforcement Agencies. (First Reading)

Adopted revised **Policy 805.2**, School Security Personnel. (First Reading)

Adopted revised **Policy 810**, Transportation. (First Reading)

Adopted revised **Policy 816**, District Social Media. (First Reading)

Adopted revised **Policy 827**, Conflict of Interest. (First Reading)

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

- ❖ Josephine C Jones
- ❖ Ronald Kelly
- ❖ Leslie Torres
- ❖ David J Williams

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

- ❖ Friday, February 9, 2026 – **Full School Day** (Act 80 Day cancelled)
- ❖ Friday, May 29, 2026 – **Act 80 Day** (rescheduled from February 9, 2026)

Approved Affiliation Agreement between **The University of Scranton** and Wyoming Valley West School District.

Adopted Reading Series, **Into Reading from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt**, Block Grant Funded, pending solicitor approval.

Awarded bid to **AT&H Contracting** to complete the Wellness Center Roof Replacement Project, \$178,500.

Authorized advertisement for **bids** to be received and opened at the District Office on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

- ❖ Art Supplies (2026-2027)

Approved Agreement between **WWV Transport, Inc.** and Wyoming Valley West School District for **pupil bus transportation**, effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031.

Approved Agreement between **WWV Transport, Inc.** and Wyoming Valley West School District for **pupil van transportation**, including extended school year (ESY), effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031.

Approved the **School Calendar** for the **2026/2027** school year.

Approved **Settlement Agreement** pursuant to File 2367-25-26.

Approved **Settlement Agreement** pursuant to File 32539-25-26-KE.

Approved **Bleachers Project (Visitor Side)** at the Stadium:

- a. Emergency demolition/removal, Bluestone Environmental, \$76,235.00
- b. Concrete pad for bleachers, Elite Concrete and Excavation, \$24,495.00
- c. Purchase of bleachers, Belson Outdoors (COSTARS), \$62,346.94

Approved Invoice #10050 to **Mark J. Sobeck Roofing Consulting, Inc.** for roof consulting services performed at Wyoming Valley West School District, \$13,870.

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

Approved additions to substitute teacher list: **Olivia Gayoski, Daniel Pape, Morgan McAndrew**

Approved **Settlement Agreement** pursuant to Emp. #757466.

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

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	
Marti Calpin	Jessica Preiman	(Dana Street)
Andrew Faul	Pam Oliveira	(Middle School)
Marylillian Stepanski	Jessica DePhillips	(Middle School Guidance)

Accepted the following **resignations**:

- ❖ **Harlequin Mendez**, Classroom Aide, Third Ave., effective March 11, 2026.
- ❖ **Vanessa Luton**, Learning Support Classroom Aide, Middle School, effective March 6, 2026.
- ❖ **Faythe Chapman**, Autistic Support Classroom Aide, State Street, effective March 25, 2026.
- ❖ **Sarah Hirthler**, Autistic Support Classroom Aide, State Street, effective March 20, 2026.

- ❖ **Samantha Bobowicz**, Classroom Aide, Third Ave., effective March 27, 2026.
- ❖ **Laura Haines**, Personal Care Aide, Middle School, effective March 9, 2026.

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

- ❖ **Sharon Shea**, Learning Support Classroom Aide, Middle School, effective March 23, 2026.
- ❖ **Shawn Temarantz**, Autistic Support Classroom Aide, State Street, effective March 20, 2026.
- ❖ **Amy Hodle**, Computer Aide, State Street, effective March 23, 2026.
- ❖ **Erin Egan**, Cleaner, Middle School, effective March 23, 2026.
- ❖ **Sarah Kriso**, Learning Support Classroom Aide, Dana Street, effective March 23, 2026.
- ❖ **Louise Newman**, Autistic Support Classroom Aide, State Street, effective March 30, 2026.

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

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Brenda Glynn**, Title I Reading Teacher, State Street, effective the last day of the 2025/2026 school year.

Accepted resignation, with regret, **Sarah Lispi**, Kindergarten Teacher, Third Ave., effective the last day of the 2025/2026 school year.

Accepted resignation, with regret, **Samantha Kozokas**, Emotional Support Teacher, High School, effective April 3, 2026.

Approved **Compensation** to professional staff members:

- ❖ 18 Credits Beyond Bachelor's Degree
- ❖ 24 Credits Beyond Bachelor's Degree
- ❖ Master's/Master's Equivalency
- ❖ Beyond Master's/Master's Equivalency for courses approved by the Superintendent

Approved to adjust the salary column placement of **Emp. #633595** from M to M+12 consistent with Article 26 of the CBA, effective the original date of hire, with retroactive compensation as calculated by the Business Office.

Approved to adjust the salary column placement of **Emp. #787361** from M to M+12 consistent with Article 26 of the CBA, effective the original date of hire, with retroactive compensation as calculated by the Business Office.

Approved Medical Leave, **Emp. #142153**, effective April 10, 2026; returning TBD.

Approved Child-Bearing Leave, **Emp. # 713181**, effective April 30, 2026; returning TBD.

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

Approved entering into **Investment Management Account Agency Agreement** with Fidelity Bank, to increase interest earned on monies currently deposited in the district checking account, by reinvesting them into US Treasuries.

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**May Work Session** - Wednesday, May 6, 2026 - 7:00 PM

**Regular May Meeting** - Wednesday, May 13, 2026 - 7:00 PM