

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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Wyoming Valley West School District

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REGULAR JUNE BOARD MEETING – June 10, 2026

Approved **Policy 815.1**, Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education. (Second Reading)

Approved revised **Policy 716**, Integrated Pest Management. (First Reading)

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

- ❖ Kathleen Jesso
- ❖ Shirley A. Moshier
- ❖ Paul T Pasek Jr.
- ❖ Carol Romanowski

Accepted donation of **maroon lockers** to Wyoming Valley West School District. (Luzerne County Flood Authority).

Accepted donation of **musical instruments** to State Street/the elementary band program. (Justin Ambrozia)

Accepted \$5,000 donation to the **Middle School Orchestra**. (Sergio and Brittany Jarillo Flores; aunt and uncle of Zachary and Logan Scalfer)

Accepted \$1,000 donation to the **Middle School Student Council**. (anonymous)

Accepted \$720 donation to the **Middle School Orchestra**. (Anthony Scalfer and Deidria Miller; father and stepmother of Zachary and Logan Scalfer)

Approved Intergovernmental Agreement between **Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit (NEIU #19)** and Wyoming Valley West School District for Special Education Programs and Services during the 2026/2027 school year.

Approved Intergovernmental Agreement between **Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18** and Wyoming Valley West School District to provide and operate programs and services during the 2026/2027 school year.

Approved Agreements between **Children's Service Center** and Wyoming Valley West School District for the **Partial Hospitalization Program** and the **Therapeutic Educational Program** for the 2026/2027 school year.

Approved Educational Services Agreement between **New Story Schools** and Wyoming Valley West School District for student placements during the 2026/2027 school year.

Approved Agreement between **Specialized Education of Pennsylvania, Inc.** and Wyoming Valley West School District for student placements at **Graham Academy** during the 2026/2027 school year.

Approved Agreement between **Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18** and Wyoming Valley West School District for Partial Hospitalization Therapeutic service during the 2026/2027 school year.

Approved **refund of paid taxes** to the following property owner: Pin# 34-H9NE1-011-046

- ❖ DIRA Realty LLC – Court Order #2024-13101-for the year 2024 \$11,841.03

Approved request from **Holy Redeemer** to use Spartan Stadium for 2026 football games. (Saturday, August 29, 2026; Saturday, September 12, 2026; Saturday, October 17, 2026; Saturday, October 31, 2026) Holy Redeemer is responsible for all costs and fees associated.

Approved 2-year purchase of **Hudl**, effective July 2, 2026-July 1, 2028, \$25,000.

Approved Agreement with **West Side Regional Police Department** for a School Resource Officer (SRO) at State Street Elementary, effective January 1, 2026–December 31, 2027.

Awarded **bids** which were received and opened on Tuesday, May 10, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. for the following:

❖ **Art Supplies (2026-2027)**

Approved Agreement for Sign Language Interpreting Services between Communication Services, Inc., **Interpretek** and Wyoming Valley West School District, July 1, 2026–June 30, 2027 for specified student.

Approved **Settlement Agreement** pursuant to File #0610-01.

Approved **Settlement Agreement** pursuant to File #0625-26.

Awarded the Cost Reimbursable Contract Food Service Management Company Contract to **Aramark Educational Services, LLC**, with a guaranteed profit of \$1,050,000 upon approval of contract from PDE.

Approved the **final budget** for **2026/2027** in the amount of **\$109,305,817**.

Established the school **tax millage** for fiscal year **2026/2027** at **18.8503 mills** on each dollar of assessed valuation on real estate.

Set date on 2026 tax bills of **July 24, 2026**.

Approved **Real Estate Tax Installment Payment Plan Resolution**.

Approved **Resolution** on state-funded **Taxpayer Relief Act** for the **2026/2027** school year.

Approved the **2026-2027 Annual Tax Levy** as follows: **18.8503** mills real estate tax, \$5.00 per capita tax under Act 511, \$5.00 per capita tax under Section 679 of the Public School Code, \$5.00 per local services tax under Act 511, 0.5% earned income tax under Act 511, 0.5 % real estate transfer tax under Act 511, 0.03 mills business privilege tax under Act 511 and 0.09 mills mercantile tax under Act 511. The discount rate is 2% and ends on September 30, 2026. Face period begins on October 1, 2026 and ends on November 30, 2026. The penalty rate is 10% and begins on December 1, 2026 and ends on December 31, 2026. The last day to pay tax collector is December 31, 2026. Installment payments are due by September 1, 2026, October 15, 2026 and November 30, 2026, respectively.

Reenacted resolution adopted May 10, 1989 levying and providing for the assessment and collection of per capita tax upon each resident or inhabitant of the Wyoming Valley West School District 18 years of age, **up to the age of 65**, in the amount of \$5.00 under Act 511 of 1965 and \$5.00 under Section 679 of the Public School Code of 1949. Following amount to be part of this resolution:

Exemptions: The only persons whose total income from all sources is less than that allowed by law may be exempt from the per capita taxes levied and imposed by the District; provided that each person shall make application to the tax collecting agency for such exemption within the taxable year involved and upon forms provided by the school district tax collector.

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Pat Curley Detective Agency, Inc.** for security services during the 2026/2027 school year.

Authorized the administration and solicitor to prepare and issue an **RFP for transportation services** beginning with the 2026/2027 school year, and to advertise the same as required by law.

Awarded bid to **Evercor Facility Management** for the Baseball Field Outfield Grading, Sod, and Water Storage System, \$281,476.75; pending solicitor approval of contract.

Approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between **Children's Service Center** and Wyoming Valley West School District for outpatient therapist services for the 2026/2027 school year.

Authorized the purchase of real **property** located on East Main Street, Larksville Borough, PA, Tax Map No. H9 Block 00A Lot 013, for a purchase price of \$250,000.00, with a 10% down payment, subject to execution of an appropriate Agreement of Sale and related closing documents, with closing to occur at a later date in accordance with the Agreement of Sale.

Approved revised payment to **Bluestone Environmental** for removal of the visitor side bleachers; \$71,158.95.

Approved proposal for the purchase of **two (2) Modulars** from Mobile Modular, \$1,888,742. (Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing)

Approved proposal from **Alloy5 Architecture** for Architectural and Engineering services related to the modular construction project at Dana Street Elementary Center, \$17,500.

Approved the Transportation Contract between the Wyoming Valley West School District and **Myers Bus Line, Inc.** for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031, at a daily rate of \$7,111.75 for the 2026-2027 school year, subject to adjustment based upon the number of routes, with annual rate increases thereafter based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) as set forth in the Agreement, and authorize the Board President and Superintendent to execute the Contract and any ancillary documents necessary to implement its terms.

Approved **Addendum No. 1** to the Transportation Contract between the Wyoming Valley West School District and **WVW Transport, Inc.**, to modify the fuel reimbursement provisions of the Agreement by incorporating fuel cost adjustment language identical to that approved by the Board for the Transportation Contract with Myers Bus Line, Inc., pending solicitor review and approval of the addendum.

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

Accepted the following **resignations**:

- ❖ **Taylor Hoover**, Cleaner, State Street, effective May 22, 2026.
- ❖ **Emily Macosky**, Cleaner, High School, effective May 22, 2026.

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

- ❖ **Barbara Sims**, Cleaner, State Street, effective May 18, 2026.
- ❖ **Carlos Otero Melendez**, Cleaner, Middle School, effective May 27, 2026.
- ❖ **Katy Connolly**, Learning Support Classroom Aide, effective September 2, 2026.
- ❖ **Keisha Watkins**, Autistic Support Classroom Aide, State Street, effective May 7, 2026.

Accepted resignation, with regret, **Kimberly Walck**, Fiscal Grant Management Administrator, effective June 30, 2026.

Appointed the following **Teacher Mentor** at the High School:

<u>New Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Erika Sutliff	Paul Broody

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

- ❖ Katlyn Dopko
- ❖ Ashley Nicholson

Approved the following **Co-Curricular Positions** for the **2026/2027** school year.

All School Musical

Wardrobe/House Manager

Raegan Czyzycki

Publications

Correction - Interim Advisor 9-12 (~~Desiree Munzing~~)

TBD

Correction - Business Manager Publications (~~Robert Cardone~~)

Desiree Munzing

Appointed the following Deans to **Assistant Principals** – effective July 1, 2026.

- ❖ Samuel Alba
- ❖ Kristopher Gildean
- ❖ Mary Jo Walsh

Approved Resolution authorizing dismissal of **Emp. #273677**, effective immediately.

Appointed **Angela Fanelli**, French Teacher, High School, effective August 31, 2026, \$53,556. (pending receipt of all state mandated clearances, human resource paperwork, and proper certification)

Appointed **Jenna Vallo**, English Language Arts Teacher, 6th Grade, Middle School, effective August 31, 2026, \$58,858. (pending receipt of all state mandated clearances, human resource paperwork, and proper certification)

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Robert Bonczewski**, Biology Teacher, High School, effective the last day of the 2026/2027 school year.

Approved to adjust the salary column placement of **Emp. #245291**, from B to M+12, Step 2, consistent with Article 26 of the CBA, effective the original date of hire, with retroactive compensation as calculated by the Business Office.

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

August Work Session - Wednesday, August 5, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Regular August Meeting - Wednesday, August 12, 2026 - 7:00 PM