

WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR JUNE BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2026
In Person and Zoom

The Regular June Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Wyoming Valley West School District was held at the Middle School and on Zoom on the above date. Meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by President Kamus. The following Board Members answered present to roll call: Wilson, Dubaskas, Bellio, Nicholson, Levesque, Perfetto, Kobusky, Cussatt, and Kamus. Superintendent Suppon, Attorney Messinger, and Board Secretary Bullock were present.

Moment of silence was followed by a salute to the flag.

President Kamus announced an executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss the Act 93 Contract and a bussing contract.

Mrs. Suzanne Hall and a few 8th Grade Middle School Orchestra students thanked the Board for the generous contribution to the bench project to honor two students who were tragically lost in a fire this year. The students presented each Board member a framed picture of the completed project.

Mrs. Megan Schneider and a few band students gave a brief presentation of the year's exciting events of the Middle School Band.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Good evening, Spartans. What an exciting time it is to be a Spartan. Tomorrow, we will gather as a community to celebrate one of the most significant milestones in a student's life, graduation. The Wyoming Valley West Class of 2026 will walk across the stage and officially become graduates, marking the culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, growth, and achievement. Graduating from Wyoming Valley West means more than earning a diploma. It means being part of a proud tradition built on resilience, determination, and Spartan pride. Our graduates have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic fields, on the stage, in our clubs and organizations, and throughout our community. They have represented Wyoming Valley West with character, integrity, and dedication, and we could not be prouder of all they have accomplished. As we celebrate our seniors, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the teachers, support staff, administrators, coaches, advisors, guardians, family members, and community members who have helped guide these students along their journey. Their success is a reflection of the countless individuals who have invested their time, energy, and support into helping them reach this moment. Our graduates did not get here alone, and tomorrow's celebration belongs to all of those who helped make their success possible. For those attending tomorrow's commencement ceremony, I encourage everyone to visit the district website for important information regarding parking locations, traffic patterns, admission procedures, event guidelines, and other important reminders. We strongly encourage all guests to arrive early and allow additional time for parking and entry to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience.

The district remains fully committed to holding graduation tomorrow. While weather forecasts can be unpredictable, we are prepared to adapt as necessary. If weather conditions require a delay, we will remain patient and wait for an appropriate window to conduct the ceremony safely. Our goal is to celebrate the Class of 2026 tomorrow, and we are prepared to work through potential delays if necessary to make that happen. Any updates will be communicated through our district communication channels. To the Class of 2026, congratulations. Thank you for the manner in which you have represented Wyoming Valley West throughout your years as Spartans. You have left your mark on our district, and we are excited to see the positive impact you will make on the world beyond our classrooms. We wish each of you success, happiness, and fulfillment in whatever path you choose to pursue. As a reminder to our school community, June 11th, 12th, and 15th are

early student dismissal days; High School at 10:30 a.m., Middle School at 11:20 a.m. and all Elementary Schools at 12:00 p.m. Additionally, Monday, June 15th, will be the final student day of the school year. As we approach the conclusion of another outstanding year, I want to thank our students, staff, families, Board of Directors, and community members for their unwavering support of Wyoming Valley West. Together, we have experienced a tremendously successful year filled with academic achievement, student growth, facility improvements, expanded opportunities, and continued momentum. The work happening across our district continues to position Wyoming Valley West as a leader in public education, and we will continue building upon that success in the years ahead. Before concluding my report, I would like to provide a brief update regarding concerns that were raised earlier this year relating to the district's softball program. The district has completed its Title IX investigation. The investigation included a review of the allegations that were submitted, relevant records, and interviews with multiple witnesses and other individuals with knowledge of the concerns that were raised. Based upon the information gathered during the investigation, the district determined that no Title IX violations occurred, and the Title IX investigation has now been closed. I would like to thank our Human Resources Department for its work in conducting a thorough and professional investigation. While the District cannot comment on confidential personnel matters, I want to assure our students, families, and community that concerns brought to the district's attention are taken seriously and are carefully reviewed. Most importantly, the district remains committed to providing a positive and supportive experience for all student-athletes. We are proud of our softball program and all of our athletic programs, and we remain committed to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to participate in a safe environment and one that is focused on growth, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Thank you once again for your continued support of Wyoming Valley West. We are, and will continue to be, a destination district. As always, Go Spartans!

Moved by Dubaskas, seconded by Wilson, that the Board of School Directors establish the school **tax millage** for fiscal year **2026/2027** at **18.8503 mills** with a 2% tax increase and a final budget of **\$109,305,817**. (General Recommended Items #24, #25, #29)

Roll Call: Wilson, Dubaskas, Bellio, Nicholson, Levesque, Perfetto, Kobusky, Cussatt, and Kamus voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

STATEMENTS FROM INTERESTED CITIZENS

Citizens addressing the Board are asked to state their name and town of residence in accordance with Board Policy #903 (copy available). Statements are limited to three minutes.

(none)

MINUTES APPROVED

Moved by Cussatt, seconded by Dubaskas, that the Board of School Directors approve the minutes of the Regular **May 13, 2026** Board Meeting; **Special Meeting May 22, 2026** to Ratify the Wyoming Valley West Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Voice vote. **Motion Carried.**

GENERAL RECOMMENDED ACTION

Moved by Bellio, seconded by Dubaskas, that the Board of School Directors act on the following General Recommended Items:

1. Approved **Policy 815.1**, Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education. (Second Reading)
2. Approved revised **Policy 716**, Integrated Pest Management. (First Reading)

3. 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
4. Accepted donation of **maroon lockers** to Wyoming Valley West School District. (Luzerne County Flood Authority).
5. Accepted donation of **musical instruments** to State Street/the elementary band program. (Justin Ambrozia)
6. Accepted \$5,000 donation to the **Middle School Orchestra**. (Sergio and Brittany Jarillo Flores; aunt and uncle of Zachary and Logan Scalfer)
7. Accepted \$1,000 donation to the **Middle School Student Council**. (anonymous)
8. Accepted \$720 donation to the **Middle School Orchestra**. (Anthony Scalfer and Deidria Miller; father and stepmother of Zachary and Logan Scalfer)
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Approved Educational Services Agreement between **New Story Schools** and Wyoming Valley West School District for student placements during the 2026/2027 school year.
13. 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.
14. Approved Agreement between **Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18** and Wyoming Valley West School District for Partial Hospitalization Therapeutic service during the 2026/2027 school year.
15. 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
16. 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.
17. Approved 2-year purchase of **Hudl**, effective July 2, 2026-July 1, 2028, \$25,000.
18. 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.
19. Awarded **bids** which were received and opened on Tuesday, May 10, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. for the following:
 - ❖ Art Supplies (2026-2027)
20. 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.
21. Approved **Settlement Agreement** pursuant to File #0610-01.
22. Approved **Settlement Agreement** pursuant to File #0625-26.

23. 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.
24. Approved the **final budget** for **2026/2027** in the amount of **\$109,305,817.**
25. Established the school **tax millage** for fiscal year **2026/2027** at **18.8503 mills** on each dollar of assessed valuation on real estate.
26. Set date on 2026 tax bills of **July 24, 2026.**
27. Approved **Real Estate Tax Installment Payment Plan Resolution.**
28. Approved **Resolution** on state-funded **Taxpayer Relief Act** for the **2026/2027** school year.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Pat Curley Detective Agency, Inc.** for security services during the 2026/2027 school year.
32. 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.
33. 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.
34. 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.
35. 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.
36. Approved revised payment to **Bluestone Environmental** for removal of the visitor side bleachers; \$71,158.95.
37. Approved proposal for the purchase of **two (2) Modulares** from Mobile Modular, \$1,888,742. (Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing)
38. Approved proposal from **Alloy5 Architecture** for Architectural and Engineering services related to the modular construction project at Dana Street Elementary Center, \$17,500.

39. 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.
40. 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.

Roll Call: Wilson, Dubaskas, Bellio, Nicholson, Levesque, Perfetto, Kobusky, Cussatt, and Kamus voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Moved by Kobusky, seconded by Cussatt, that the Board of School Directors act on the following Staff Recommended Items:

1. Approved **excused absences** May 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026.
2. Accepted the following **resignations**:
 - ❖ **Taylor Hoover**, Cleaner, State Street, effective May 22, 2026.
 - ❖ **Emily Macosky**, Cleaner, High School, effective May 22, 2026.
3. 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.
4. Accepted resignation, with regret, **Kimberly Walck**, Fiscal Grant Management Administrator, effective June 30, 2026.
5. Appointed the following **Teacher Mentor** at the High School:

<u>New Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Erika Sutliff	Paul Broody
6. Approved Professional **Contract Status** (Tenure) to the following teachers:
 - ❖ Katlyn Dopko
 - ❖ Ashley Nicholson
7. Approved the following **Co-Curricular Positions** for the **2026/2027** school year.

<u>All School Musical</u>	
Wardrobe/House Manager	Raegan Czyzycki
<u>Publications</u>	
<i>Correction</i> - Interim Advisor 9-12 (Desiree Munzing)	TBD
<i>Correction</i> - Business Manager Publications (Robert Cardone)	Desiree Munzing
8. Appointed the following Deans to **Assistant Principals** – effective July 1, 2026.
 - ❖ Samuel Alba
 - ❖ Kristopher Gildean
 - ❖ Mary Jo Walsh
9. Approved Resolution authorizing dismissal of **Emp. #273677**, effective immediately.

10. 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)
11. 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)
12. Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Robert Bonczewski**, Biology Teacher, High School, effective the last day of the 2026/2027 school year.
13. 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.

Roll Call: Wilson, Dubaskas, Bellio, Nicholson, Levesque, Perfetto, Kobusky, Cussatt, and Kamus voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

FINANCE RECOMMENDED ACTION

Moved by Cussatt, seconded by Wilson, that the Board of School Directors approve the following:

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

Roll Call: Wilson, Dubaskas, Bellio, Nicholson, Levesque, Perfetto, Kobusky, Cussatt, and Kamus voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wilson congratulated the Class of 2026 graduating tomorrow and wished them the best. He wished faculty, staff, and administrators a healthy and safe summer.

Mr. Dubaskas thanked the 8th Grade Orchestra for the lovely plaque.

Mrs. Cussatt thanked the Orchestra and congratulated the Class of 2026.

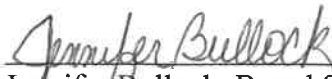
President Kamus announced the August Work Session, Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. and the Regular August Meeting, Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Middle School.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bellio, seconded by Cussatt, that the Board of School Directors adjourn this meeting.

Motion Carried.

Adjourned: 7:39 p.m.


Jennifer Bullock, Board Secretary