

WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

AMENDED AGENDA

REGULAR AUGUST MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL, KINGSTON

In Person and Zoom Meeting

Amended Items on Agenda:

Motion by Dubaskas, seconded by Cussatt to add the name **Matthew Stitzer** to **Item #13** under Staff Recommended Action.

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

Motion by Cussatt, seconded by Dubaskas to TABLE **Item #12 (d.)** and **Item #18** and under Staff Recommended Action.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOLLOWED BY SALUTE TO THE FLAG
3. PRESIDENT KAMUS (Announce Executive Session)
4. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS – Dr. Charles Suppon Jr.
5. STATEMENTS FROM INTERESTED CITIZENS: **Citizens wishing to address the Board must sign in five (5) minutes prior to the start of each meeting.** 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 (3) minutes.**
6. APPROVE MINUTES: Regular **June 10, 2026** Board Meeting; **Special Meeting July 10, 2026** for General Purposes, and **Special Meeting August 7, 2026** for General Purposes.
7. **GENERAL RECOMMENDED ACTION**
 - A. RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR ACTION:
 1. Approve revised **Policy 716**, Integrated Pest Management. (Second Reading)
 2. Approve **Real Estate Property Tax Exemption** through the Pennsylvania State Veterans' Commission to the following:
 - ❖ Joyce M Barber
 - ❖ Justin Cancel
 - ❖ John A Dinoski
 - ❖ Asa B Emel
 - ❖ Horst D Prapoelenis
 - ❖ David Williams
 3. Request Boroughs and/or their Educational Service Agencies or equivalent agencies to place school **crossing guards** at locations for the 2026/2027 school year; school district to pay 60% of the borough's hourly rate paid to each crossing guard, for up to 3 hours per day while school is in session.
 4. Approve the positions of **Head School Physician** (Dr. Almeky), **School Physician** (Dr. Mangino), and **School Dentist** (Dr. Hughes) and establish salaries, hours, and rates for the 2026/2027 fiscal year.
 5. Approve Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Luzerne County Juvenile Probation Department** for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
 6. Approve proposal from **Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.** for environmental services.
 7. Approve **School Health Services Regulations and Procedure Handbook.**
 8. Approve Affiliation Agreement between **Robert Morris University** and Wyoming Valley West School District.

9. Approve Resolution authorizing submission of a **Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application**.
10. Approve Resolution requesting a **Public School Facility Improvement Grant** for the renovation of the Third Avenue Educational Center.
11. Award **bids** which were received and opened on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. for the following:
 - ❖ **Paper and General Supplies**
12. Accept an \$8,000 donation from **Vertical Bridge**.
13. Approve the High School, Middle School, and Elementary **Student Handbooks** for the 2026/2027 school year.
14. Approve and review the **2026/2027 High School A-TSI Plan** (Additional Targeted Support and Improvement Plan).
15. Approve and review the **2026/2027 Dana Street Elementary Center Title I TSI Plan** (Targeted Support and Improvement Plan).
16. Approve and review the **2026/2027 Middle School A-TSI Plan** (Additional Targeted Support and Improvement Plan).
17. Approve **Land Lease Agreement** between Wyoming Valley West School District and Northeast Pennsylvania SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, pending solicitor approval.
18. Approve **Settlement Agreement** #33334-25-26-KE.
19. Approve **Settlement Agreement** #29589-23-24 AF.
20. Approve **Wyoming Valley West School District Facilities Usage Form**, effective August 13, 2026.
21. Approve **Wyoming Valley West High School STEM Endorsement Program**.
22. Approve **Agreement for Consulting Services** between Wyoming Valley West School District and Deborah Troy. (as needed basis)
23. Accept donation of new clothing for Wyoming Valley West Elementary Students from the **Forty Fort United Methodist Church**.

8. **STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

- A. RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR ACTION:
 1. Approve **excused absences** June 1, 2026 – July 31, 2026.
 2. Accept the following **resignations**:
 - ❖ **Angelica Rosario**, Cleaner, State Street, effective June 2, 2026.
 - ❖ **Shawn Temarantz**, Emotional Support Classroom Aide, State Street, effective June 30, 2026.
 - ❖ **Arianna Remish**, Emotional Support Classroom Aide, High School, effective July 22, 2026.
 - ❖ **Autumn Gaylord**, PCA, Chester Street, effective August 22, 2026.
 3. Rescind the following appointment, **Ashley Hernandez**, Nurse Assistant, effective TBD, \$160/day.
 4. Appoint the following **new hires**; \$16.50/hour:
 - ❖ **Donna Wynn**, Autistic Support Classroom Aide, State Street, effective September 2, 2026.
 - ❖ **Hilari Shehwen**, Autistic Support Classroom Aide, State Street, effective September 2, 2026.
 - ❖ **Jordan Hodle**, Emotional Support Classroom Aide, Middle School, effective September 2, 2026.
 - ❖ **Ashley Parr**, General Duty Aide, State Street, effective August 24, 2026.
 - ❖ **Kelsey Cunningham**, Computer Aide, Dana Street, effective September 2, 2026.

5. Accept resignation, with regret, **Anthony Dicton**, Director of Transportation/Director of Safety & Security, effective TBD.
6. Approve Sabbatical Leave, **Emp. #598283**, effective the 2026/2027 school year.
7. Approve Child Rearing Leave, **Emp. #412628**, effective the 2026/2027 school year.
8. Approve Medical Leave, **Emp. #325323**, effective the 2026/2027 school year.
9. Approve to adjust the salary column placement, **Emp. #483884**, from B+18, Step 1 to B+18, Step 2, consistent with Article 26 of the CBA.
10. Appoint the following **Mentors** for 2026/2027: (High School)

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Angela Fanielli	Suzanne Aboutanos-Fellerman
Kaitlyn Finnerty	Lauren Jaimes
Margaret Jockel	Christina Cawthern

11. Appoint the following recommended **2026 Fall Coaches**:

<u>SPORT/POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
<u>GIRLS TENNIS</u>	
VARSITY 9-12 Laura Thompson	\$3071
<u>GIRLS VOLLEYBALL</u>	
VARSITY 9-12 Ashley Temarantz	\$4765
ASSISTANT 9-12 Damion Pick	\$3071
MIDDLE SCHOOL COED Kristen Kaminski	\$3071
<u>FIELD HOCKEY</u>	
VARSITY 10-12 Lois Krause	\$4451
ASSISTANT 10-12 Callie Edwards	\$3099
ASSISTANT 7-9 Olivia Gayoski	\$3099
ASSISTANT 7-9 Irelynd Sullivan	\$3099
<u>CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS & GIRLS)</u>	
VARSITY 10-12 Elizabeth Kane	\$3099
ASSISTANT 7-9 Mallory Urbanski	\$2149
ASSISTANT 7-9 Jacob Weston	\$2149
<u>SOCCER</u>	
BOYS VARSITY 9-12 Gerry Kasuda	\$3857
BOYS ASSISTANT VARSITY 9-12 Augustine Gomez	\$2157
ASSISTANT (BOYS) 7-9 Antonio Sosa	\$2157
GIRLS VARSITY 9-12 Stephanie Gover	\$3857
GIRLS ASSISTANT VARSITY 9-12 Kennedy Josefowicz	\$2157
ASSISTANT (GIRLS) 7-9 Olivia Riviello	\$2157
<u>GOLF</u>	
VARSITY 9-12 Nick Kuscavage	\$3070
<u>FOOTBALL</u>	
VARSITY 10-12 Brydon Rukstalis	\$9524
ASSISTANT 10-12 Paul Patara	\$4903
ASSISTANT 10-12 Jack Baranski	\$4903
ASSISTANT 10-12 John Karazia	\$4903
ASSISTANT 10-12 Bill Halenda	\$4903
ASSISTANT 9 (HEAD) Matt Yekel	\$4295
ASSISTANT 9 PJ Cwalina	\$3813
ASSISTANT 7-8 Dillon Ryman	\$3813
ASSISTANT 7-8 Marques Cooley	\$3813
<u>WEIGHT LIFTING</u>	
9-12 Brydon Rukstalis	\$8150

CHEERLEADER

VARSITY 10-12 Julia Jonelunas \$3579

JR. VARSITY 9-12 Avery Zdancewicz \$2617

JR. HIGH 7-9 Abby Schaal \$2045

ESPORTS

FALL COACH Robert Perrin \$3135

12. Appoint the following **Mentors** for 2026/2027: (Middle School)

Teacher

Mentor

a. Margaret Barilla

Erica Drako

b. Thomas Federici

Lennae Thompson-Pellam

c. Ashley Gregorowicz

Kristen Stuffick

d. ~~William McClure IV~~

Lynn Shymanski

e. Jenna Vallo

Donna Maxwell

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13. Appoint **Matthew Stitzer**, Director of Safety and Security, effective TBD, \$75,000. Pending receipt of all state mandated clearances, human resource paperwork, and proper certification.

14. Appoint **Kirsten Rosentel**, long-term substitute, effective August 31, 2026. Pending receipt of all state mandated clearances, human resource paperwork, and proper certification.

15. Appoint **Maeve McAvoy**, long-term substitute, effective August 31, 2026. Pending receipt of all state mandated clearances, human resource paperwork, and proper certification.

16. Appoint **Kiara Serrano**, Autistic Support Teacher, Middle School, effective August 31, 2026, \$53,556. Pending receipt of all state mandated clearances, human resource paperwork, and proper certification.

17. Appoint **Arielle Thompson**, Autistic Support Teacher, Dana Street, effective August 31, 2026, \$60,530. Pending receipt of all state mandated clearances, human resource paperwork, and proper certification.

- (TABLED) 18. Appoint ~~William McClure IV~~, Math Teacher, ~~6th Grade Middle School~~, effective August 31, 2026, \$73,908. Pending receipt of all state mandated clearances, human resource paperwork, and proper certification.

9. **FINANCE RECOMMENDED ACTION**

A. RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR ACTION:

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

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

September Work Session - Wednesday, September 2, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Regular September Meeting - Wednesday, September 9, 2026 - 7:00 PM

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