

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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REGULAR SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING – September 9, 2026

Amended Item on Agenda: *

Motion made by Bellio, seconded by Dubaskas, to amend the starting salary in **Item #10** under Staff Recommended Action to \$97,687. (Motion Carried)

Approved revised **Policy 102**, Academic Standards. (First Reading)

Approved revised **Policy 105**, Curriculum. (First Reading)

Approved **Policy 204.1**, Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks. (First Reading)

Approved revised **Policy 209**, Health Examinations/Screenings. (First Reading)

Approved revised **Policy 246**, School Wellness. (First Reading)

Approved revised **Policy 249**, Bullying/Cyberbullying. (First Reading)

Approved revised **Policy 704**, Maintenance. (First Reading)

Approved revised **Policy 803**, School Calendar. (First Reading)

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

Approved revised **Policy 822**, Automated External Defibrillator (AED)/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). (First Reading)

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

- ❖ Mark Chamberlain
- ❖ Keith Collins
- ❖ Richard K Wilkens Sr

Approved **Professional Services Agreement and Individual Work Order (IWO)** between Wyoming Valley West School District and ICS Consulting, LLC DBA CMTA for Professional Services for the Third Ave. Renovation Project.

Approved proposal for design services from **Alloy5 Architecture** for the Third Ave. Renovation Project.

Approved Agreement with **Daktronics** for a Softball Scoreboard, \$19,832. (fully funded through **donations/sponsors**)

Approved Placement Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Crestwood School District** for education and related services provided to a non-resident student. (tuition paid)

Approved (5) year Affiliation Agreement between **Delaware Valley University** and Wyoming Valley West School District.

Approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United Way of Wyoming Valley and Wyoming Valley West School District to partner in the **See to Succeed Program** for the 2026-2027 school year.

Approved Partnership Agreement between **Keystone/Red Rock Job Corps** and Wyoming Valley West School District effective August 10, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Approved **PSBA Policy Services Member Agreement** for services through June 30, 2027.

Accepted \$10,000 donation from **Aramark** for the Softball Scoreboard.

Accepted \$10,000 donation from **Ollies** to sponsor the Softball Scoreboard.

Accepted \$15,000 donation from **Bonner Chevrolet** to sponsor the stadium sound system upgrades at the football and baseball fields.

Accepted donation of **124 backpacks with school supplies plus extra school supplies** to State Street Elementary Center, from Jamielynn Taylor. (State Street Student)

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Kishbaugh Behavior Services** for services during the 2026-2027 school year.

Approved Intergovernmental Agreement between the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 and Wyoming Valley West School District for the **2026-27 IDEA Allocation** based on the December 1, 2025 IDEA Child Count of 1,355.

Approved Proposal from **Barry Isett** for Survey and Civil Engineering Services for the Third Ave. Renovation Project.

Approved Proposal from **Barry Isett** for Special Inspections and Construction Materials Testing Services for the Third Ave. Renovation Project.

Approved payment to **Apollo Group** for construction management services rendered through September 4, 2026, \$70,186.82.

Approved **Intergovernmental Agreement for Network Equipment Colocation** between Wyoming Valley West School District and the Luzerne Intermediate Unit effective June 1, 2027 through July 1, 2032.

Approved Agreement with **Sunbelt Staffing, LLC** and Wyoming Valley West School District for continuation of services for the 2026/2027 school year.

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

Accepted the following **resignations**:

- ❖ **Susan Carey**, Financial Clerk, High School, effective August 24, 2026.
- ❖ **Clarissa Astwood**, Autistic Support Aide, State Street, effective August 24, 2026.
- ❖ **Ana Crisostomo-Guzman**, Cleaner, State Street, effective August 11, 2026.
- ❖ **Kathryn Benn**, Nurse Assistant, High School, effective August 26, 2026.
- ❖ **Myliesha Johnson**, Classroom Aide, Chester Street, effective August 4, 2026.
- ❖ **Sierra Karsko**, Autistic Support Aide, Dana St, effective August 31, 2026.
- ❖ **Paul Reese**, Utility, State Street, effective September 7, 2026.
- ❖ **Bianca Ramirez**, Clerk, Middle School, effective September 1, 2026.

Appointed the following **new hires**; \$16.50/hour:

- ❖ **Haylie Anderson**, Autistic Support Classroom Aide, State Street, effective September 2, 2026.
- ❖ **Yajaira Cortes**, Autistic Support Classroom Aide, Dana Street, effective September 2, 2026.
- ❖ **Amber Webb**, PCA, Middle School, effective September 3, 2026.
- ❖ **Margaret Sitler**, Emotional Support Classroom Aide, State Street, effective September 8, 2026.
- ❖ **Tyisha Timmons**, Emotional Support Classroom Aide, High School, effective September 8, 2026.
- ❖ **Jennifer Waters**, Nurse Assistant, District Floater, \$160.00/per day, effective TBD.

Appointed the following **Mentor** for 2026/2027: (High School)

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Maeve McAvoy	Lynn Anderson

Appointed the following **Mentor** for 2026/2027: (Middle School)

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Kiara Serrano	Stephen Zapoticky

Appointed the following **Mentors** for 2026/2027: (Dana Street)

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Emma Bealla	Jennifer Lahr
Sophia Pabst	Jeneive Michalek
Arielle Thompson	Jessica Preiman

Approved Childbearing Leave **Emp. #473567**, effective October 8, 2026–January 4, 2027.

Approved Childbearing Leave **Emp. #371826**, effective September 1, 2026–November 24, 2026.

Appointed the following **Student Representatives to the School Board** for the 2026/2027 school year:

- ❖ **Senior Liaison** – Isla Carrozza
- ❖ **Senior Liaison** – Rhiley Castro

*Appointed **Michelle Harden**, Math Teacher, 6th Grade, Middle School, effective TBD, \$97,687. \$73,908

Amended appointment of **Angela Fanelli**, French Teacher, High School, to long-term substitute, effective August 31, 2026.

Approved Medical Leave, Intermittent FMLA, **Emp. #778896**, effective September 1, 2026.

Approved Medical Leave, **Emp. #588493**, effective August 31, 2026.

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

Abigail Baur	Caroline Novrocki
Ashley Bednar	Morgan Racemus
Katherine DePrimo	Mark Senchak
Elizabeth Ferenchick	Gabrielle Shemanski
Aaron Littzi	Kaitlyn Takacs
Colby Michaels	Ryleigh White

Accepted resignation, with regret, **Joseph Jarski**, Assistant Principal, High School effective September 18, 2026.

Approved the following **Co-Curricular Position** for the **2026/2027** school year:

Interim Advisor 9-12 – **Karin Ulitchney**

Granted **diplomas** to high school students who completed the necessary requirements for graduation upon the recommendation of Tara Carey, High School Principal:

- ❖ **Darius Case**
- ❖ **Mohannad Barqawi**

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

October Work Session - Wednesday, October 7, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Regular October Meeting - Wednesday, October 14, 2026 - 7:00 PM