

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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Wyoming Valley West School District

Interpreting
October 14, 2026

REGULAR OCTOBER BOARD MEETING – October 14, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United Way of Wyoming Valley and Wyoming Valley West School District to establish the **Nurse's Pantry** for the 2026/2027 school year.

Accepted donation of a new **Bass Xylophone** for Ms. Vito's classroom at State Street Elementary Center through DonorsChoose.org.

Accepted monetary donation to purchase **books** for the Dana Street Elementary Center Library through Amazing People.

Amended the **Wyoming Valley West School District Handbooks** to adjust the 1st offense violation of Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia up to ninety (90) days mandatory change of placement, effective immediately.

Approved 6th grade **CCA student** to participate in Middle School Orchestra Class and Middle School extra-curricular Orchestra, contingent on approved fee and student registering in the district.

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems** for services during the 2026/2027 school year.

Approved **Change Order #1** from **Penn State Mechanical** for the Dana St. Modulares Project, \$7,824.

Approved **Change Order #2** from **Penn State Mechanical** for the Dana St. Modulares Project, \$4,342.

Approved **Change Order #1** from **Mobile Modular** for the Dana St. Modulares Project, \$15,315.

Approved **Change Order #2** from **Mobile Modular** for the Dana St. Modulares Project, \$401,630.60.

Approved **Deductive Change Order** from **Mobile Modular** for the Dana St. Modulares Project, \$-145,000.

Approved **Change Order #1** from **Advanced Electrical** for the Dana St. Modulares Project, \$14,300.86.

Approved **Change Order #1** from **D&M Construction** for the Dana St. Modulares Project, \$69,000.

Approved **Change Order #1** from **Alloy5** for the Dana St. Modulares Project, \$6,358.

Approved **Invoice #80183** Green Valley Landscaping, Inc. repairs to lawn areas, \$1,291.25.

Approved donating decommissioned **smartboards** to Good Shepherd Academy.

Amended the existing contract with **WVW Transport** to adjust the fuel cap and contractual cost per route for the runs currently being covered by WVW Transport, aligning the rates and fuel cap with those established under the **Spartan Transit Ventures Contract**.

Approved **excused absences** September 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026.

Accepted the following **resignations**:

- ❖ **Lexie Faux**, Autistic Support Aide, Third Ave., effective June 15, 2026.
- ❖ **Emilyrose Berry**, General Office Aide/Attendance, High School, effective July 31, 2026.
- ❖ **Christina Hayes**, Autistic Support Aide, State St., effective February 13, 2026.
- ❖ **Stephanie Lawson**, Cleaner, Dana St., effective September 18, 2026.
- ❖ **Tyisha Timmons**, Emotional Support Aide, High School, effective September 22, 2026.
- ❖ **Patricia Cooper**, Nurse Assistant, Middle School, effective October 5, 2026.
- ❖ **Katie Zawatski**, Autistic Support Classroom Aide, effective September 15, 2026.

Rescinded the following appointment, **Hilari Shehwen**, Autistic Support Classroom Aide, State Street, \$16.50/hour, effective September 2, 2026.

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

- ❖ **Tiyana Small**, Autistic Support Classroom Aide, Chester St., effective September 16, 2026.
- ❖ **Verinnique Freeman**, Attendance/General Duty Office Aide, High School, effective September 14, 2026.
- ❖ **Yamali Encarnacion**, Emotional Support Classroom Aide, Middle School, effective September 28, 2026.
- ❖ **Amara Rodriguez**, Autistic Support Classroom Aide, Dana St, effective September 28, 2026.
- ❖ **Angelica Rosario**, Cleaner, Dana Street, effective September 28, 2026.

Appointed **Patricia Cooper**, substitute Nurse Assistant, effective October 6, 2026.

Approved the request from Christina Cawthern, **Mickey Mouse Club Advisor**, for club members of the Class of 2028 and 2029, to attend a trip to Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida in December 2027. (No cost to the district)

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

❖ **Croix Hamersley**

Approved Medical Leave, Intermittent FMLA, **Emp. 251677**, effective September 10, 2026.

Approved Medical Leave, Intermittent FMLA, **Emp. 975999**, effective September 8, 2026.

Approved Medical Leave, Intermittent FMLA, **Emp. 559319**, effective October 1, 2026.

Approved Medical Leave, Intermittent FMLA, **Emp. 677423**, effective September 21, 2026.

Approved Childbearing Leave, **Emp. 416714**, effective November 12, 2026 – February 8, 2027.

Approved Sabbatical Leave, **Emp. 725469**, effective January 26, 2027 – June 11, 2027.

Appointed **Jeffrey Shook**, Assistant Principal, High School, effective TBD, \$94,915.

Appointed **Cara Devine Post**, Assistant Special Education Director, effective TBD, \$97,185.

Appointed **Rick Bell**, Family and Student Engagement Liaison, effective TBD, \$50,000.

Granted **Compensation** to professional staff members, as presented:

- ❖ 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 **Act 93 Contract** for the years July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031.

Approved Resolution authorizing Statement of Charges and Notice of Right to a Hearing, **Emp. #643414**.

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

- ❖ Shannon Danko

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

November Work Session/Regular November Meeting - Wednesday, November 4, 2026 - 7:00 PM