

## SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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Wyoming Valley West School District

Interpreting  
December 4, 2024

### REORGANIZATION MEETING – December 4, 2024

**Congratulations** to the Board Members selected to the following positions:

2025 – Board President – **Charles Rick Kamus**

2025 – Vice President – **Paul Keating**

### REGULAR DECEMBER BOARD MEETING – December 4, 2024

#### Amended Item on Agenda: \*

Motion made by Hardwick, seconded by Dubaskas to amend agenda, Item #10 under General Recommended Action, **SitelogIQ** invoice #7253-05 amount from \$134,350 to **\$10,467**.  
(9-0 Motion Carried)

Approved **Resolution** that the Wyoming Valley West School District will not raise 2025-2026 taxes above its Act 1 index of 5.8%.

Approved request from David Sieminski and Ashley Temarantz, **Spartan Ski & Board Club Advisors**, to take trip with members to Jay Peak, Vermont. (January 29-31, 2025; no cost to the District)

Appointed the following Board Members to represent Wyoming Valley West on the **West Side CTC Joint Operating Committee**:

Term to Expire 2025 - Janet Cussatt

Term to Expire 2026 - Nick Wilson

Term to Expire 2027 - Rick Kamus

Alternates: (1) John Perfetto (2) Mark Kobusky

Appointed **2025 PSBA Pride & Promise Contact, Alternate, and Regional Representative**:

Pride & Promise Contact: Brian Dubaskas

Alternate: John Perfetto

PSBA Liaison: William Hardwick

Appointed Mark Kobusky **Plymouth Public Library** Representative.

Appointed William Hardwick **Hoyt Public Library** Representative.

Approved **Settlement Agreement** pursuant to File 3113794.

Approved Agreement between **EMIT Learning** and Wyoming Valley West School District for a Behavioral Health Technician (BHT) for the 2024/2025 school year.

Approved **Invoice #4182-11** for **SitelogIQ** in the amount of \$145,009 as presented.

\*Approved **Invoice #7253-05** for **SitelogIQ** in the amount of ~~\$134,350~~ **\$10,467** as presented.

Approved **excused absences** November 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024.

Approved addition to Substitute Teacher list: **Louis Jablowski**.

Appointed the following **new hires**:

- ❖ **Jesus Cepeda** – Custodian/Dana Street, \$13.50/hr. effective November 20, 2024.
- ❖ **Alora Lee** – Autistic Support Aide/High School, \$13.50/hr. effective November 19, 2024.
- ❖ **Aniyah Shannon** – PCA/Middle School, \$13.50/hr. effective November 25, 2024.
- ❖ **Amie Hummer** – Cleaner/High School, \$13.50/hr. effective November 25, 2024.
- ❖ **Logan Hummer** – Cleaner/State Street, \$13.50/hr. effective November 20, 2024.

- ❖ **Stephanie Dornblaser** – Cleaner/State Street, \$13.50/hr. effective September 4, 2024.
- ❖ **Tonyetta Cooper** – Emotional Support Aide/High School, \$13.50/hr. effective November 18, 2024.
- ❖ **Tania Moore** – Autistic Support Aide/Third Ave., \$13.50/hr. effective November 12, 2024.
- ❖ **Sarah Kriso** – General Duty Aide/Attendance Middle School, \$12.00/hr. effective November 12, 2024.
- ❖ **Linda Slaski** – General Duty Aide/Learning Support Dana St., \$12.00/hr. effective December 3, 2024.

Accepted the following **resignations**:

- ❖ **Zachary Cepeda** – Cleaner/Middle School, effective October 29, 2024.
- ❖ **Luis Casas-Santiago** – Cleaner/Middle School, effective October 25, 2024.
- ❖ **Stephanie Dornblaser** – Cleaner/State Street, effective November 19, 2024.
- ❖ **Benjamin Polomchak** – Security Guard/High School, (part time/weekends), effective September 15, 2024.

Approved the following **transfer of positions**:

- ❖ **Elizabeth Brizzy** – from PCA/State Street to Cleaner/State Street effective August 12, 2024.
- ❖ **Jesus Cepeda** – from Custodian/Dana Street to Cleaner/Middle School effective November 25, 2024.

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

- ❖ Rachel Kislin

Accepted resignation, with regret, **Katelyn Pugliese**, Chester Street Autistic Support Teacher, effective January 3, 2025.

Appointed the following **Teacher Mentor** for 2024/2025:

<u><b>New Teacher</b></u>	<u><b>Mentor</b></u>	<u><b>Building</b></u>
Christine Rudy	Lisa Bernardoni	State Street

Appointed the following recommended candidate, **Dana Westerholm**, Assistant to the Business Manager, Central Office, Act 93, effective TBD, \$46,000.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #567248**, effective January 2, 2025; returning February 3, 2025.

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Patricia Karlonis**, Dana Street, Title I Teacher, effective March 21, 2025.

Approved Suspension without pay, **Emp. #347122**, effective immediately, pending further administrative recommendation.

Appointed **Ann Kane**, School Psychologist, \$60.00/hr. effective January 2, 2025–June 30, 2025; pending solicitor review of contract. (Grant Funded)

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

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**January Work Session** - Wednesday, January 8, 2025 - 7:00 PM

**Regular January Meeting** - Wednesday, January 15, 2025 - 7:00 PM