

## SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Informing

Wyoming Valley West School District

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### **REGULAR FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING – February 5, 2025**

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

- ❖ David Gorgan
- ❖ Joseph B. Reinhard

Adopted **Policy 601**, Fiscal Objectives. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 602**, Budget Planning. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 603**, Budget Preparation. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 604**, Budget Adoption. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 605**, Tax Levy. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 606**, Tax Collection. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 607**, Tuition Income. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 608**, Bank Accounts. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 609**, Investment of District Funds. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 610**, Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 611**, Purchases Budgeted. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 612**, Purchases Not Budgeted. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 613**, Cooperative Purchasing. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 614**, Payroll Authorization. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 615**, Payroll Deductions. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 616**, Payment of Bills. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 617**, Petty Cash. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 618**, Student Activity Funds. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 619**, District Audit. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 620**, Fund Balance. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 621**, Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 622**, GASB Statement 34. (Second Reading)

Adopted **Policy 625**, Procurement Cards. (Second Reading)

Approved in accordance with Section 914-A (6) (i) Act 102 of 1970, **LIU #18 General Operating Budget** for 2025/2026.

Approved PIAA **Cooperative Agreement** between Wyoming Seminary and Wyoming Valley West School District in the sport of Junior High Baseball, for the next two-year cycle, starting this spring season.

Approved joining the **Wyoming Valley Conference Jr. High Volleyball League**, effective immediately.

Approved the following **2024/2025 calendar changes**:

- ❖ Friday, January 31, 2025 – **Full School Day** (cancelled Act 80 Day)
- ❖ Friday, March 28, 2025 – **Act 80 Day** (rescheduled from January 31, 2025)

Approved **excused absences** January 1, 2025 – January 31, 2025.

Appointed the following **new hires**:

- ❖ **Candas Davis** – Cleaner/Middle School, \$13.50/hr. effective January 13, 2025.
- ❖ **Modeline Michel** – Cleaner/Middle School, \$13.50/hr. effective January 13, 2025.
- ❖ **Kathleen Kornish** – Autistic Support Aide/Chester Street, \$13.50/hr. effective February 3, 2025.

- ❖ **Karen Adamski** – General Duty Aide, Attendance/Middle School, \$12.00/hr. effective January 27, 2025.
- ❖ **Erlande Joseph** – Cleaner/State Street, \$13.50/hr. effective January 30, 2025.
- ❖ **Marilyn Oropeza**– Autistic Support Aide/State Street, \$13.50/hr. effective February 5, 2025.
- ❖ **Paul Reese III** – Cleaner/High School, \$13.50/hr. effective February 4, 2025.

Accepted the following **resignations**:

- ❖ **Jacqueline Tapia-Fuentes** – Autistic Support Aide/High School, last day January 24, 2025.
- ❖ **Shanelle Dates-Hines** – Autistic Support Aide/State Street, last day February 5, 2025.
- ❖ **Sarah Kriso** – General Duty Aide, Attendance/Middle School, last day January 23, 2025.
- ❖ **Nickolas Bytheway** – Computer Aide/State Street, last day February 7, 2025.
- ❖ **Kelly Savage** – General Duty Aide, Nurse's Office/High School, last day February 24, 2025.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #889391**, effective February 3, 2025; returning March 18, 2025.

Child-Bearing Leave, **Emp. #715276**, effective May 5, 2025; returning TBD.

Child-Rearing Leave, **Emp. #977317**, effective March 24, 2025; returning April 4, 2025.

Child-Bearing Leave, **Emp. #485556**, effective April 7, 2025; returning TBD.

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Erin Murray**, Art Teacher, State Street, effective the last day of the 2024/2025 school year.

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Beverly Ann Thomas**, Title I Teacher, Dana Street, effective the last day of the 2024/2025 school year.

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Sherri Yeninas**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, State Street, effective the last day of the 2024/2025 school year.

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Amy Rothschild**, Title I Teacher, State Street, effective the last day of the 2024/2025 school year.

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Nancy Engleman**, Art Teacher, Dana Street, effective the last day of the 2024/2025 school year.

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Rene Reilly**, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, State Street, effective the last day of the 2024/2025 school year.

Approved **long-term status** for the following substitute teachers:

- ❖ **Maureen Salley** – effective January 23, 2025
- ❖ **Jessica Fellerman** – effective February 5, 2025

Approved the following **Co-Curricular Position** for the 2024/2025 school year:

All School Musical

Technical Director     **Dennis Lee and Brian Stiles**     \$1830

Appointed recommended candidate, **Megan Small**, Special Education Teacher, Chester Street, effective February 20, 2025, \$46,500.

Appointed recommended candidate, **Jacob Romanowski**, Utility, Durkee Street, effective immediately. (transfer of position)

Approved the following **2025 Spring Coaching Positions**:

2024-2025 School Year

<u>POSITION</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
<u>Boys Baseball</u>		
Varsity 10-12	<b>Mike Petroski</b>	\$4240
Assistant 10-12	<b>Jim Griffin</b>	\$2893
Assistant 7-9	<b>Mikey Pollick</b>	\$2893
Assistant 7-9	<b>Eric Raitter</b>	\$2893

**Boys Tennis**

Varsity 9-2	<b>Edward Groth</b>	\$2867
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**Boys Volleyball**

Varsity 9-12	<b>Ryan Hettes</b>	\$2867
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**Track Boys & Girls****Winter 9-12 & Spring**

Varsity (Girls)	<b>Courtney Thomas</b>	\$4449
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Varsity (Boys)	<b>Ashley Temarantz</b>	\$4449
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**Spring Track**

Assistant Girls 10-12	<b>Kelly Savage</b>	\$2893
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Assistant Boys 10-12	<b>George Simms</b>	\$2893
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**Boys and Girls Track**

Assistant 7-9 (Head)	<b>Brian Meyer</b>	\$2463
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Assistant 7-9 (Head)	<b>Elizabeth Kane</b>	\$2463
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Assistant 7-9	<b>Lois Krause</b>	\$2143
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Assistant 7-9	<b>Lindsay Meyer</b>	\$2143
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**Girls Softball**

Varsity 10-12	<b>Jess Ras</b>	\$4240
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Assistant 10-12	<b>William Smedley</b>	\$2893
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Assistant 7-9	<b>Jerry Storz</b>	\$2893
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Assistant 7-9	<b>Pam Oliveira</b>	\$2893
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Approved adding the position of **Assistant Boys Volleyball Coach**.

Approved **Board Secretary** salary, \$22,970.

Approved the following **transfer of position**:

- ❖ **Jennifer Romashko** – from clerk/Dana Street to General Duty Aide (year-round)/  
Central Office, effective January 31, 2025.

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

**Amended Item on Agenda:**

Motion made by Mr. Keating, seconded by Mr. Dubaskas to amend **Item #20** under Staff Recommended Action to reflect Mr. McGinley's suggestion of \$22,970.

**Roll Call:** Wilson, Dubaskas, Hardwick, Keating, McGinley, Perfetto, Kobusky, Cussatt, and Kamus voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**March Work Session** - Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - 7:00 PM

**Regular March Meeting** - Wednesday, March 12, 2025 - 7:00 PM