

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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Wyoming Valley West School District

Interpreting
May 14, 2025

REGULAR MAY BOARD MEETING – May 14, 2025

- Adopted **Policy 800**, Records Management. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 800.1**, Electronic Signatures/Records. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 801**, Public Records. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 802**, School Organization. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 803**, School Calendar. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 804**, School Day. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 805**, Emergency Preparedness and Response. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 805.1**, Relations With Law Enforcement Agencies. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 805.2**, School Security Personnel. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 806**, Child Abuse. (Second Reading)
Approved recommendation to retire **Policy 806A**, Student Abuse by School. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 807**, Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 808**, Food Services. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 810**, Transportation. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 810.1**, School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers.
(Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 810.2**, Transportation - Video/Audio Recording. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 810.3**, School Vehicle Drivers. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 811**, Bonding. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 812**, Property Insurance. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 813**, Other Insurance. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 814**, Copyright Material. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 815**, Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Facilities. (Second Reading)
Approved recommendation to retire **Policy 815.1**, Student Laptops. (Second Reading)
Approved recommendation to retire **Policy 815.2**, Staff Laptops. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 816**, District Social Media. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 818**, Contracted Services Personnel. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 819**, Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response. (Second Reading)
Approved recommendation to retire **Policy 820**, Electronic Devices. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 822**, Automated External Defibrillator (AED)/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 823**, Opioid Antagonist. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 824**, Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 828**, Fraud. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 830**, Security of Computerized Personal Information/Breach Notification.
(Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 830.1**, Data Governance - Storage/Security. (Second Reading)
Adopted **Policy 901**, Public Relations Objectives. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 902**, Publications Program. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 903**, Public Comment in Board Meetings. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 904**, Public Attendance at School Events. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 905**, Citizen Advisory Committees. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 906**, Public Complaint Procedures. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 907**, School Visitors. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 908**, Relations With Parents/Guardians. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 909**, Municipal Government Relations. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 910**, Community Engagement. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 911**, News Media Relations. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 912**, Relations With Educational Institutions. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 913**, Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 914**, Relations With Intermediate Unit. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 916**, Volunteers. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 917**, Parental/Family Involvement. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 918**, Title I Parent and Family Engagement. (First Reading)
Adopted **Policy 710**, Use of Facilities by Staff. (First Reading)

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

- ❖ Melinda Correa
- ❖ Jerry J Gronchick
- ❖ Francis S Pantucci
- ❖ Eric Pindar
- ❖ Jerome Pinkowski

Approved upon completion of the 2024/2025 school year (as per negotiated agreement) all remaining monies due for the school year in one **lump sum** in the last pay of this fiscal year to professional employees.

Approved **bonding** of Wyoming Valley West Board Secretary in the amount of \$300,000 during fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

Approved **refund of paid taxes** for the following property owner:

Court Order #10764, 10766, 10768 of 2020; Pin# 34-H9NE2-18-2

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| ❖ MLH Holdings LLC – for the year 2021 | \$1,142.33 |
| ❖ MLH Holdings LLC – for the year 2022 | \$1,142.33 |
| ❖ MLH Holdings LLC – for the year 2023 | \$1,142.33 |
| ❖ MLH Holdings LLC – for the year 2024 | <u>\$1,170.88</u> |
| | \$4,597.87 |

Approved **refund of paid taxes** for the following property owner:

Court Order #10764, 10766, 10768 of 2020; Pin# 34-H9NE2-18-4

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| ❖ MLH Holdings LLC – for the year 2021 | \$1,067.23 |
| ❖ MLH Holdings LLC – for the year 2022 | \$1,067.23 |
| ❖ MLH Holdings LLC – for the year 2023 | \$1,067.23 |
| ❖ MLH Holdings LLC – for the year 2024 | <u>\$1,093.91</u> |
| | \$4,295.60 |

Approved **refund of paid taxes** for the following property owner:

Court Order #2015-12993; Pin# 18-H9-A-8

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| ❖ Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Company LLC – for the year 2024 | \$4,295.95 |
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Accepted and authorized advertisement for **bids** to be received and opened at the District office on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

- ❖ Interscholastic Sports Supplies (2025-2026)

Adjusted the **2024-2025 School Calendar**:

- ❖ **Wednesday, June 11, 2025** - the District will follow an **Act 80 Day Schedule** with early dismissals.

Approved **Invoice #4182-13** from **SitelogIQ** in the amount of \$259,255 as presented.

Approved the **2025-2026 Proposed Final Budget** in the amount of **\$100,248,438**.

Approved joining the **West Side Council of Governments**, upon approval on May 15, 2025.
(\$400 annual dues; \$3,800 equipment costs)

Approved **Proposal #01-25** from **R.N. DeMeck** for repairs to the roof at Dana Elementary School, \$14,550.

Approved **excused absences** April 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025.

Appointed the following **new hires**:

❖ **Arianna Remish** – Emotional Support Aide/State Street, \$13.50/hr. effective April 9, 2025.

❖ **Myliesha Johnson** – Autistic Support Aide/Chester Street, \$13.50/hr. effective April 11, 2025.

Accepted the following **resignations**:

❖ **Najwa Haya** – Autistic Support Aide/State Street, last day April 4, 2025.

❖ **Alora Lee** – Autistic Support Aide/High School, last day April 11, 2025.

❖ **Myliesha Johnson** – Autistic Support Aide/Chester Street, last day April 23, 2025.

❖ **Gladynette Hernandez** – PCA/Middle School, last day May 13, 2025.

Accepted resignation, with regret, **Shara Wessner**, School Social Worker, effective the last day of the 2024/2025 school year, June 13, 2025.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #573787**, effective May 12, 2025; returning June 2, 2025.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #651584**, effective May 30, 2025; returning TBD.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #192789**, effective May 6, 2025; returning May 20, 2025.

Child-Rearing Leave, **Emp. #972697**, effective September 4, 2025; returning October 6, 2025.

Appointed the recommended candidate, **Sean McCormick**, High School Business Department Chairperson, effective 2025/2026 school year. (3-year term as per contract)

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

(TABLED) Appoint **David Bond**, Computer Science Teacher, 7th Grade, Middle School, effective September 2, 2025, subject to terms of MOU.

Granted **diplomas** to graduates of Wyoming Valley West High School, upon recommendation of Tara Carey, High School Principal, (tentative list).

Approved the **Co-Curricular Positions** for the **2025-2026** school year.
(2024-2025 salaries listed)

Class Advisors

Grade 12 (2) **Megan Davis; Anna Toupin** \$1920

Grade 11 (2) **Suzanne Aboutanous-Fellerman; Elizabeth Kane** \$1501

Grade 10 (2) **Melissa Bennett; Lisa Granahan** \$1102

Grade 9 (2) **Elizabeth Kravitz; Ashley Tamarantz** \$933

Student Government Advisors

Grades 9-12 (2) **Christina Sickler; Michael Chmiola** \$1676

Grades 6-8 (2) **Michael Munzing; Joanne Derwin** \$1638

A-V Director -- **Charles Potter** \$5116

A-V Aide 9-12-- **Douglas Shook** \$954

A-V Aide 6-8 – **Michael Munzing** \$954

Publications

Newspaper Advisor 9-12 **Desiree Munzing** \$2800

Yearbook 9-12 **Desiree Munzing** \$4583

Interim Advisor 9-12 **Karin Ulitchney** \$3058

Yearbook Advisor 6-8 **Pamela Oliveira** \$2006

Newspaper Advisor 6-8 **David Bond** \$2232

Business Manager Publications **Desiree Munzing** \$1558

Music

Assistant Band Director Megan Wilski-Schneider	\$2342
Director (Band Front) Chelsea Margalis	\$2342
Orchestra Director 6-8 Megan Wilski-Schneider	\$1830
Band Director – Elementary Emily Bly	\$1830
Director Glee Club 9-12 Justin Davis	\$1956
Director Orchestra 9-12 Christine Attanasio-Eyer	\$1956
Director Glee Club 7-8 Nicole Orlando	\$1512

All School Musical

Director Rachel Kislin	\$2990
Technical Director Brian Stiles	\$1830
Choral Director Linda Houck	\$1830
Choreographer Alysha Barber	\$1830
Orchestra Director Linda Houck	\$1830
Wardrobe/House Manager Jessica Saxton-Preiman	\$1336
Business Manager Musical Robert Cardone	\$1750
Dramatic Production (per-play) Rachel Kislin	\$1909

Appointed **Dr. Charles Suppon, Jr.**, Superintendent, five-year term, effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2030, \$155,000 subject to completion of required documentation and execution of contract.

Appointed the recommended candidate, **Gerry Kashuda**, Boys Soccer Coach, effective immediately, \$3,601 (2024-2025 salary)

Appointed the recommended candidate, **Lois Krause**, Varsity Field Hockey Coach, effective immediately, \$4155 (2024-2025 salary)

Appointed the recommended candidate, **Emalee Woychio**, 1st Grade Teacher, State Street, effective September 2, 2025.

Appointed the recommended candidate, **Elizabeth Vito**, Music Teacher, State Street, effective September 2, 2025.

Appointed the recommended candidate, **Laura Gelety**, Art Teacher, State Street, effective September 2, 2025.

Appointed the recommended candidate, **Melissa Pealer**, Art Teacher, Middle School, effective September 2, 2025.

(TABLED) Approve MOU for **Danielle Ryncavage**, High School Security.

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

Amended Items on Agenda:

Motion made by Mr. McGinley, seconded by Mr. Keating to **Table Item #11** under Staff Recommended Action.

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

Motion made by Mr. McGinley, seconded by Mr. Hardwick to **Table Item #21** under Staff Recommended Action.

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Regular June Meeting/Work Session - Wednesday, June 4, 2025 - 7:00 PM