

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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Wyoming Valley West School District

Interpreting
August 10, 2022

REGULAR AUGUST BOARD MEETING – August 10, 2022

Accepted resignation of **David James Usavage**, as School Board President, due to health reasons. Mr. Usavage will continue as a Board Member.

Congratulations to the Board Members elected to the following positions:

2022 – Board President – **Charles Rick Kamus**

2022 – Vice President – **Paul Keating**

Requested Boroughs and/or their Educational Service Agencies or equivalent agencies to place school **crossing guards** at locations for the 2022/23 school year; school district to pay 60% of the borough's hourly rate paid to each crossing guard, for up to 3 hours per day while school is in session, as presented.

Approved extending agreement with **Pat Curley Detective Agency**, School Security Services, effective 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 school years, as presented.

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

- Christopher S. Vicchitto
- Michael W. Thomas

Approved Purchase of Service Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Beacon Light** to be utilized only if we have a student(s) placed at that facility, for the 2022/2023 school year as presented.

Approved **Guest Teacher Agreement** between Wyoming Valley West School District and Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 to use Guest Teachers for the 2022/2023 school year, as presented.

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **New Story** for the 2022/2023 school year, as presented.

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Graham Academy** for the 2022/2023 school year, as presented.

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Children's Service Center Partial Hospitalization** Program for the 2022/2023 school year, as presented.

Approved Field Experience Affiliation Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Luzerne County Community College** for field experience, as presented.

Approved Affiliation Agreement between **The University of Scranton** and Wyoming Valley West School District, as presented.

Approved Agreement for **ESSER design fee** costs for A+E Group, High School HVAC improvement work, as presented.

Approved reauthorizing of the Pennsylvania Department of Education Emergency Instructional Time **520.1** of the School Code for 2022/2023 School Year, if needed. (Second Reading)

Approved the **Memorandum of Understanding** between the Wyoming Valley West School District and the Wyoming Valley West Educational Support Personnel Association to extend the Collective Bargaining Agreement with a one-year extension, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Approved the request for **bid proposal** for **Interactive Displays**, (Promethean boards), to be funded from the Technology ESSER 2 allocation, as presented.

Approved the **2022-2025 District Comprehensive Plan**, as presented.

Approved the **2022-2025 District Gifted Education Plan**, as presented.

Approved the **2022-2025 District Induction Plan**, as presented.

Approved the **2022-2025 District Professional Development Plan**, as presented.

Approved updated **Health and Safety Plan** for the 2022/2023 school year, as presented.

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Luzerne County Juvenile Probation Department** for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, as presented.

Approved proposal for **ESSER** design fee costs for A+E Group for HVAC improvement work at Middle School, as presented.

Approved proposal for **ESSER** design fee costs for A+E Group for HVAC improvement and roof replacement work at Third Ave. Elementary School, as presented.

Approved proposal for **ESSER** design fee costs for A+E Group for HVAC improvement and roof replacement work at Dana Street Elementary School, as presented.

Appointed the following to positions as listed and establish salaries, hours, and rates for the 2022/23 fiscal year (as presented): Physicians and Physician Assistant, (Head Physician, Athletic Team Physician, School Physicians) and School Dentist (Grades K-3-7) (Grade 1-New Registrants).

Approved quote totaling \$9,739.60 for **Third Dimension Specialties** to provide and install plastic toilet partitions in the stadium female and male stalls. The installation will allow for one handicap ADA compliant toilet stall clearance in both male and female bathrooms. The price is per Costars cooperative purchasing program.

Approved proposal with **United** (low bid) for High School water boiler retubing. The price is per Costars cooperative purchasing program.

Approved additions to the **substitute list: None**

Approved requests for excused absences: July 1, 2022 – July 29, 2022

Accepted resignation, with regret, **due retirement, Daniel Messinger** – High School In-School Suspension Teacher, last day June 10, 2022.

Accepted resignation, **Brittany Driscoll-Hernandez** – High School Spanish Teacher, effective August 10, 2022.

Accepted resignation, **Alexandria Briggs-Reichart** – Middle School Math Teacher, effective August 10, 2022.

Appointed the following **employees**:

- **Matthew Garrabrant** – High School cleaner, effective July 6, 2022, \$12.00/hr.
- **Danielle Sennett** – Third Ave. clerk, effective August 29, 2022, \$10.00/hr.
- **Gordon Rasmus** – High School custodian, 3rd Shift, effective July 25, 2022, \$12.00/hr.
- **Stephanie M. Dupras** – High School cleaner, effective August 8, 2022, \$12.00/hr.

Accepted the following **resignations**:

- ❖ **Alexander Jackson** – High School cleaning person, effective June 22, 2022.
- ❖ **Katherine Dyanick** – Dana Street cleaning person, effective June 7, 2022.
- ❖ **Stephanie Dupras** – General Duty Aide/Special Education Office, effective July 29, 2022.
- ❖ **Natalya Krasnova** – Middle School cleaning person, effective, August 12, 2022.

Accepted resignation, due retirement, **Ronald Austra** – Custodian/State Street, effective July 8, 2022.

Medical Leave of Absence, Emp. #614989, effective September 12, 2022, returning September 30, 2022.

Child Bearing Leave, Emp. #665239, effective October 24, 2022, returning January 3, 2023.

Child Rearing Leave, Emp. #319216, effective September 12, 2022, returning October 11, 2022.

Appointed **Michael Gavlick**, Physical Science Teacher, Middle School, \$50,000, effective, September 1, 2022.

Appointed **Katie Grego**, Special Education Teacher, Autistic Support, Grades 6-8, Middle School, \$50,000, effective September 1, 2022.

Appointed **Vera Sedlak**, Special Education Teacher, Learning Support, Grade 3, State Street, \$46,000, effective September 1, 2022.

Appointed **Keriann Balucha**, Special Education Teacher, Emotional Support, Grades 6-7, Middle School, \$50,000, effective September 1, 2022.

Appointed **Ed Zawatski**, English/Language Arts Teacher, High School, Grades 9 & 11, \$46,000, effective September 1, 2022.

Appointed **Molly Ramsey**, English/Language Arts Teacher, Middle School, Grade 7, \$46,000, effective September 1, 2022.

Appointed **Citlalli Zaragoza**, English/Language Arts Teacher, Middle School, Grade 8, \$46,000, effective September 1, 2022.

Appointed **Natalie Schultz**, English/Language Arts Teacher, Middle School, Grade 8, \$46,000, effective September 1, 2022.

Appointed **Sarah McCracken**, Art Teacher, Chester Street and Third Ave., \$50,000, effective September 1, 2022.

Appointed **Lauren Coggins**, Spanish Teacher, High School, \$46,000, effective September 1, 2022.

Appointed **Tabitha Carty**, Mathematics Teacher, High School, \$50,000, effective September 1, 2022.

Appointed **Brianne Brady**, Art Teacher, Middle School, \$46,000, effective September 1, 2022.

Appointed **Jessica Podskoch**, Special Education Teacher, Learning Support, Grade 7, Middle School, \$50,000, effective September 1, 2022.

Appointed **Matthew Zampetti**, High School Assistant Principal, \$70,000, effective TBA.

Appointed **Kim Leary**, Mathematics Department Chairperson (District), \$5,762, effective September 1, 2022.

Appointed **Edward Whalen**, Social Studies Department Chairperson, Middle School, \$2,671, effective September 1, 2022.

Adjusted retirement date, **Louis Cardoni**, Business Manager, to August 31, 2022.

Approved the following **Co-Curricular Position**:

- **Scott Rave** – Dramatic Production Director

Approved Recommendations for **Fall Coaching Positions**:

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

<u>SPORT/POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
<u>GIRLS TENNIS</u>	
VARSITY 9-12 Emily Kabalka	\$2775
<u>GIRLS VOLLEYBALL</u>	
VARSITY 9-12 Maria Conley	\$2775
<u>FIELD HOCKEY</u>	
VARSITY 10-12 Linda Fithian	\$4021
ASSISTANT 10-12 Diane Webster	\$2799
ASSISTANT 7-9 Lois Kaschenbach	\$2799
ASSISTANT 7-9 Ryleigh White	\$2799
VOLUNTEER John Fronzoni	No Salary
<u>CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS & GIRLS)</u>	
VARSITY 10-12 Mallory Lewis	\$2799
ASSISTANT 7-9 Elizabeth Kane	\$1941
ASSISTANT 7-9 Ashley Temarantz	\$1941

SOCCER

BOYS VARSITY 9-12 Charlie Whited	\$3485
BOYS ASSISTANT VARSITY 9-12 Gerry Kashuda	\$1949
GIRLS VARSITY 9-12 Deb Stevens	\$3485
GIRLS ASSISTANT VARSITY 9-12 Gwen Langley/Aubry Bakewell	\$1949
ASSISTANT (BOYS) 7-9 Luke Ruseskas	\$1949
ASSISTANT (GIRLS) 7-9 Harley Krause	\$1949

GOLF

Varsity 9-12 Nicholas Kuscavage	\$2774
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FOOTBALL

Varsity 10-12 Jack Baranski	\$8605
Assistant 10-12 Paul Patara	\$4430
Assistant 10-12 George Simms	\$4430
Assistant 10-12 Matt Zlotek	\$4430
Assistant 10-12 Ken McDaniels	\$4430
Assistant 9 (HEAD) Jason Wall	\$3881
Assistant 9 Ryan Prohaska	\$3446
Assistant 7-8 Mike Kozick	\$3446
Assistant 7-8 Brydon Rukstalis/ Joe Ruddy	\$3446

WEIGHT LIFTING

9-12 Jack Baranski	\$7364
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CHEERLEADER

Varsity 10-12 Alexandra Weidtman	\$3234
JR. Varsity 9-12 Katrina Fuller	\$2364
JR.HIGH 7-9 Kylie Hardin/ Avery Zdancewicz	\$1847

Accepted and approved the following as presented: **Bills for Payment, Finance Manager's Reports, and Treasurer's Report.** (May, June, July 2022)

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Special Meeting for General Purposes – August 24, 2022 – 6:00 PM
September Work Session – September 7, 2022 7:00 PM
Regular September Board Meeting – September 14, 2022 PM
Middle School and Zoom