

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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Wyoming Valley West School District

Interpreting
August 9, 2023

REGULAR AUGUST BOARD MEETING – August 9, 2023

Approved enforcing the current **Dress Code Policy**, with the addition of **hoodies** and **Cargo Pants/Shorts (with multiple pockets) being prohibited**, as presented. (Second Reading)

Approved revised agreement with **Pat Curley Detective Agency**, School Security Services, effective 2023/2024 school year, as presented.

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Beacon Light** to be utilized only if we have student(s) placed at the facility, during the 2023/2024 school year, as presented.

Approved Agreements between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Children's Service Center** for the **Partial Hospitalization Program** and the **Therapeutic Educational Program** for the 2023/2024 school year, as presented.

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

- ❖ Theresa Chapman
- ❖ John S. Romanchick Jr.
- ❖ Herbert F. Scott

Approved and reviewed updated **Health and Safety Plan** for the 2023/2024 school year, as presented.

Approved requesting Boroughs and/or their Educational Service Agencies or equivalent agencies to place school **crossing guards** at locations for the 2023/24 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 Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **New Story** for the 2023/2024 school year, as presented.

Approved **Agreement** pursuant to File ODR 27224-22-23KE.

Approved and reviewed the **Elementary Schoolwide Title I School Plan and the State Street TSI Plan** (Targeted Support and Improvement), as presented.

Approved and reviewed the **Middle School TSI Plan** (Targeted Support and Improvement), as presented.

Approved the **Guest Teacher Agreement** between Wyoming Valley West School District and Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 to use Guest Teachers for the 2023/2024 school year, as presented.

Approved the following positions as listed and establish salaries, hours, and rates for the 2023/24 fiscal year (as presented): **Physicians** (Head Physician, School Physician) and **School Dentist**.

Approved the request from **Holy Redeemer** to use Spartan Stadium on Saturday, September 9, 2023; Saturday, September 16, 2023; Saturday, September 30, 2023 for football games.

Approved the **Legal Services Agreement** in connection with Social Media-School District Litigation, as presented.

Approved the High School, Middle School, and Elementary **Student Handbooks** for the 2023/2024 school year.

Approved the **Agreement** with Wyoming Valley West School District and **Kimberly Walck**, Consultant, as a **Title I Federal Programs Fiscal Coordinator**, (August 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024; grant funded position), as presented.

Approved **Change Order No: 2**, High School HVAC Improvements, as presented.
(credit - \$9,084.00)

Approved **Change Order No: 3**, High School HVAC Improvements, as presented.
(credit - \$4,828.00)

Approved and reviewed the **High School A-TSI Plan** (Additional Targeted Support and Improvement), as presented.

Amended Item to Agenda:

Motion made by Dubaskas, seconded by Keating to add #21 under General Recommended Action to approve two change orders from Scranton Electric.

Motion Carried (8-yes; 1-absent)

Approved **two Change Orders from Scranton Electric** on the High School HVAC Improvements Project, as presented.

- ❖ **Rain Leader Relocation** - \$3,271.00
- ❖ **Valve Replacement** - \$8,764.00

Approved additions to **Substitute Teacher** list: Mary Zavada

Approved requests for **excused absences** June 1, 2023 - July 31, 2023.

Accepted the following **resignations**:

- ❖ **Brian Heylek** - Security Guard, last day July 9, 2023.
- ❖ **Marisol Tejada** - Cleaner/Middle School, last day July 28, 2023.

Approved the following **transfer of positions**:

- ❖ **Laurie Oakley** - Cleaner/Middle School to Matron/Middle School, effective June 26, 2023.
- ❖ **Denise Dalley** – Attendance Aide/High School to PCA/High School, effective September 5, 2023.

Appointed the following **new hires**:

- ❖ **Stacey Kase** - Cleaner/Dana St., \$12.00/hr. effective July 28, 2023.
- ❖ **Fatikha Tikhtova** - Cleaner/Dana St., \$12.00/hr. effective July 12, 2023.
- ❖ **Lisa Wright** - Cleaner/High School, \$12.00/hr. effective September 1, 2023.
- ❖ **Marlene Guminsky** - Cleaner/High School, \$12.00/hr. effective July 13, 2023.
- ❖ **Michelle Collis** – PCA, \$12.00/hr. effective September 5, 2023.
- ❖ **Courtney Wolfe** – Clerk/Middle School, \$11.00/hr. effective August 28, 2023.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #756413**, effective August 31, 2023 - November 2, 2023.

Medical Leave, FMLA, **Emp. #766689**, effective August 31, 2023; returning TBD.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #744995**, effective August 31, 2023; returning TBD.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #389715**, effective August 31, 2023; returning TBD.

Accepted, with regret, resignation, **Jennifer Shandra**, Middle School Speech/Language Pathologist, effective August 28, 2023.

Accepted, with regret, resignation, **Olivia Caraballo**, Chester St. Autistic Support Teacher, Grades 3-5, effective TBD.

Approved the recommendations for the **Fall Coaching Positions**:

FALL 2023 SCHOOL YEAR

SPORT/POSITION

SALARY

GIRLS TENNIS

VARSITY 9-12 - Melanie Kobela

\$2816

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

VARSITY 9-12 - Ashley Temarantz

\$2816

FIELD HOCKEY

VARSITY 10-12 - Linda Fithian	\$4081
ASSISTANT 10-12 - Diane Webster	\$2841
ASSISTANT 7-9 - Lois Krause	\$2841
ASSISTANT 7-9 - Ryleigh White	\$2841

CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS & GIRLS)

VARSITY 10-12 - Mallory Urbanski	\$2841
ASSISTANT 7-9 - TBA	\$1970
ASSISTANT 7-9 - Elizabeth Kane	\$1970

SOCCER

BOYS VARSITY 9-12 - Charlie Whited	\$3537
BOYS ASSISTANT VARSITY 9-12 - Gerry Kashuda	\$1979
GIRLS VARSITY 9-12 - Stephanie Gover	\$3537
GIRLS ASSISTANT VARSITY 9-12 - Kennedy Josefowicz	\$1979
ASSISTANT (BOYS & GIRLS) 7-9 - Luke Ruseskas	\$1979
ASSISTANT (BOYS & GIRLS) 7-9 - Harley Krause	\$1979

GOLF

VARSITY 9-12 - Nicholas Kuscavage	\$2815
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FOOTBALL

VARSITY 10-12 - Bob Stelma	\$8734
ASSISTANT 10-12 - Janssen Wilborn II	\$4496
ASSISTANT 10-12 - Ken Grady Jr.	\$4496
ASSISTANT 10-12 - Shaun Jones	\$4496
ASSISTANT 10-12 - Willie Wallace	\$4496
ASSISTANT 9 (HEAD) - Bill Halenda	\$3939
ASSISTANT 9 - Brydon Rustkalis	\$3497
ASSISTANT 7-8 - Matt Yeckel	\$3497
ASSISTANT 7-8 - Jim Smith	\$3497

WEIGHT LIFTING

9-12 - Bob Stelma	\$7474
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CHEERLEADER

VARSITY 10-12 - Jossalyn Albert	\$3282
JR. VARSITY 9-12 - Katrina Fuller	\$2400
JR. HIGH 7-9 - Avery Zdancewicz/ Kiley Hardin	\$1875

Appointed the following *Elementary* **Teacher Mentor** for 2023/2024:

Teacher

Nicole Chismar

Mentor

Lindsay Sutkowski

Appointed the following recommended candidates as **Elementary Teachers**, effective August 31, 2023:

- ❖ **Ryleigh White**
- ❖ **Caroline Novrocki**
- ❖ **Gabrielle Shemanski**
- ❖ **Edward Colarusso**
- ❖ **Amber Scalzo**

Appointed the following recommended candidates as **Special Education Teachers**, effective August 31, 2023:

- ❖ **Abigail Baur**
- ❖ **Mark Senchak**
- ❖ **Chad Romanowski**
- ❖ **Corinne Boyd**
- ❖ **Elizabeth Kravitz**

Appointed the following recommended candidate as **Middle School Health and Physical Education Teacher**, effective August 31, 2023:

❖ **Aaron Littzi**

Appointed the following recommended candidate as **High School Spanish Teacher**, effective August 31, 2023:

❖ **Juan Martinez**

Appointed the following recommended candidate as a **Speech Pathologist**, effective August 31, 2023:

❖ **Morgan Gilhooley**

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

September Work Session – Wednesday, **September 6, 2023** - 7:00 PM

Regular September Board Meeting – Wednesday, **September 13, 2023** - 7:00 PM

Middle School and Zoom