

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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Wyoming Valley West School District

Interpreting
September 11, 2024

REGULAR SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING – September 11, 2024

*Amended Item to Agenda:

Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Dubaskas to change Item #6 under General Recommended Action from \$25.00/desk to \$50.00/desk. Motion Carried. (Voice Vote; 8 ayes - 1 absent)

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

- ❖ Robert Neyhard
- ❖ David Wehrer

Approved **Invoice #4182-08** for **SitelogIQ** in the amount of \$2,345,582 as presented.

Approved **Invoice #7253-02** for **SitelogIQ** in the amount of \$513,178 as presented.

Approved the **Articles of Agreement** between the Wyoming Valley West School District and the **West Side Career and Technology Center** July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

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 2024/2025 school year, as presented.

*Approved sale of used desks to **Cheder Menachem**, ~~\$25.00/desk~~. \$50.00/desk.

Approved **excused absences** August 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024.

Appointed the following **Student Representatives** to the School Board for the 2024/2025 school year:

- ❖ **Senior Liaison** – Isabel Carrozza
- ❖ **Junior Liaison** – Emily Bolan
- ❖ **Alternate** – Simona Debru

Approved the following **transfer of positions**:

- ❖ **Amara Rodriguez** – from Cleaner/High School to Autistic Support Aide/High School, \$13.50/hr. effective September 4, 2024.
- ❖ **Mark Hufford** – from Cleaner/State Street to Utility/State Street, \$14.00/hr. effective September 5, 2024.
- ❖ **John Butcher** – from Cleaner/Middle School to Custodian/Middle School, \$14.00/hr. effective September 9, 2024.

Appointed the following **Elementary Teacher Mentors** for 2024/2025:

<u>New Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Building</u>
Carissa Cohen	Lisa Senchak	State Street
Kelsey Coslett	Samantha Bovolick	State Street (rescind)
Kelsey Coslett	Jeff Hanadel	State Street
Maya Noble	Sam Cohen	State Street
Dax Sowul	Melanie Cupano	Chester St./Third Ave.
Avery Zdancewicz	Megan Girvan	State Street

Appointed the following **High School Teacher Mentors** for 2024/2025:

<u>New Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Jonathan Evancho	David Sieminski
Robert Gulich	Lisa Boyer-Hogan
Matthew Mahalak	Karin Ulitchney

Sean McCormick
Mollie Murphy
Robert Stelma

Melissa Bennett
Katherine McRoy
Allison Button

Appointed the following **new hires**:

- ❖ **Melinda Gillow** – Nurse Assistant/Floater, \$152.50/day effective September 16, 2024.
- ❖ **Shajada Johnson** – Autistic Support Aide/High School, \$13.50/hr. effective September 4, 2024.
- ❖ **Nicole Shorts** – Nurse Assistant/Floater, \$152.50/day effective September 4, 2024.
- ❖ **Debbie Shultz** – Autistic Support Aide/State Street, \$13.50/hr. effective September 4, 2024.
- ❖ **Russell Haines** – Life Skills Aide/State Street, \$13.50/hr. effective September 4, 2024.

Accepted the following **resignations**:

- ❖ **Karen Adamski** – Emotional Support Aide/High School, effective September 4, 2024. (declined position)
- ❖ **Tameka Porter** – Cleaner/State Street last day September 3, 2024. Autistic Support Aide/High School, effective September 4, 2024. (declined position)
- ❖ **Tammy Visnefski** – Autistic Support Aide/High School, effective August 16, 2024.
- ❖ **Elizabeth Brizzy** – PCA/State Street, effective August 12, 2024.
- ❖ **Denise Lukehart** – Cleaner/State Street, last day August 26, 2024.
- ❖ **Paige Billings** – Computer Aide/State Street, effective September 3, 2024.
- ❖ **Nicole Shorts** – Nurse Assistant/Floater, last day September 6, 2024.

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

New

Nicole Coyne (Nurse)
Sehara Wessner (Social Worker)

Mentor

Eileen Kobylski
Kim Morris

Granted **diploma** for high school student having completed necessary requirements for graduation and upon the recommendation of Tara Carey, High School Principal: **Joseph Alvarez**.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #611165**, effective September 5, 2024; returning TBD.

Adjusted retirement date for **Betty Hillcoat**, Cleaner/Dana Elementary, effective January 2, 2025.

Rescinded resignation, **Juan Martinez**, High School Spanish Teacher, effective August 30, 2024.

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

Director Glee Club 7-8 Nicole Orlando \$1512

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

- ❖ Kathleen Butwin
- ❖ Sarah Gifoli
- ❖ Melanie Kobela
- ❖ Sabrina Seitz
- ❖ Laura Thompson

Appointed the following recommended candidate, **Kylene Sautner**, High School Special Education Teacher, Emotional Support, effective TBD, \$54,000.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #416488**, effective October 29, 2024; returning TBD.

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

October Work Session/Regular October Meeting - Wednesday, October 9, 2024 - 7:00 PM