

## SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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Wyoming Valley West School District

Interpreting  
September 14, 2022

### REGULAR SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING – September 14, 2022

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

- \* Calvin Forrest
- \* Charles M. Patrylak

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for a **Mental Health Specialist** to support the students needing mental health services for the 2022/2023 school year, as presented. This will be funded by the American Rescue Plan. (ARP)

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Northwest Area School District** to utilize the Emotional Support Program, including Extended School Year (ESY), if necessary, for the 2022/2023 school year, as presented.

Approved plan to utilize funding from the **School Mental Health & Safety and Security Grant**, as presented.

Approved rescinding the approved proposal from **United Heating & Air Conditioning** for the High School boiler retubing, effective immediately.

Approved the proposal from **3B Services, Inc.**, for the High School boiler retubing, as presented.

**TABLED** Approved renewal of agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Building Blocks**, before and after school program at Dana Elementary.

Approved rescinding the approved **Agreement with Larksville Borough** for a **School Resource Officer** (SRO) at State Street Elementary School, effective August 1, 2022-June 30, 2026.

Approved the **Agreement with Larksville Borough** for a **School Resource Officer** (SRO) at State Street Elementary School, effective August 1, 2022-June 30, 2024, as presented.

Approved Agreement pursuant to File #ODR No. 26548-21-22KE.

Approved Agreement pursuant to File #ODR No. 26785-22-23AS.

Approved awarding sealed **bids**, opened August 30, 2022, funded through ESSERS II Grant:

- Award of Contract No. 2022-1 HVAC Construction to **Scranton Electric Heating and Cooling Service, Inc.** in the amount of \$1,779,205. The following alternates are elected:
  - o Alt. No. 2022-1.1 Gymnasium, deduct the replacement of the air handling units and related systems
  - o Alt. No. 2022-1.2 Natatorium, deduct the replacement of the air handling units and related systems
  - o Alt. No. 2022-1.6 Cafeteria, add AHU-6 as a VAV system
  - o Alt. No. 2022-1.7 Home Economics, add AHU-8 as a VAV system
  - o Alt. No. 2022-1.8 Art Department, add AHU-13 as a VAV system
- Award of Contract No. 2022-2 General Construction to **Panzitta Enterprises, Inc.** in the amount of \$493,000. The following alternates are elected:
  - o Alt. No. 2022-2.1 Gymnasium, deduct the replacement of the air handling units and related systems
  - o Alt. No. 2022-2.2 Natatorium, deduct the replacement of the air handling units and related systems
  - o Alt. No. 2022-2.6 Cafeteria, add AHU-6 as a VAV system
  - o Alt. No. 2022-2.7 Home Economics, add AHU-8 as a VAV system
  - o Alt. No. 2022-2.8 Art Department, add AHU-13 as a VAV system
- Award of Contract No. 2022-3 **Electrical Construction to Brennan Electric, Inc.** in the amount of \$191,131. The following alternates are elected:

- Alt. No. 2022-3.1 Gymnasium, deduct the replacement of the air handling units and related systems
- Alt. No. 2022-3.2 Natatorium, deduct the replacement of the air handling units and related systems
- Alt. No. 2022-3.6 Cafeteria, add AHU-6 as a VAV system
- Alt. No. 2022-3.7 Home Economics, add AHU-8 as a VAV system
- Alt. No. 2022-3.8 Art Department, add AHU-13 as a VAV system

Approved request from David Sieminski, **Spartan Ski & Board Club Advisor**, to take trip with members to Smugglers' Notch, Vermont. (Winter 2023 - no cost to the District)

Approved the high school **2022-2023 ATSI Plan**, as presented.

Approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between **Triboro Christian Academy** and Wyoming Valley West School District, as presented.

Accepted quote from **Valley Pest Control**, at the price of **\$10,625** for termite treatment at State Street. (Entire Building)

Approved additions to the **substitute list**: Ashley Filipe and Lovey Woronowicz

Approved requests for **excused absences**: August 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022

Approved appointing the following **High School Teacher Mentors** for 2022-2023:

**New Teacher**

Nicole McNelis  
Edward Zawatski

**Mentor**

Krisa Yurko  
Thomas Griffith

Approved appointing the following **Elementary Teacher Mentors** for 2022-2023:

**New Teacher**

Connie Bookwalter/State St  
Sara McCracken/Chester St.  
Vera Sedlak/State St.

**Mentor**

Katy Scott  
Nancy Engleman  
Alyson Paulauskas

Approved appointing the following **Middle School Teacher Mentors** for 2022-2023:

**New Teacher**

Keriann Balucha  
Brienne Brady  
Kristen Kaminski  
Jessica Podskoch  
Molly Ramsey  
Natalie Shultz  
Andrea Visneski

**Mentor**

Tyler Freas  
Mark Maglioli  
Jessica DePhillips  
Edward Kopec  
Shelby Naperski  
Holly Pick  
Erin Murray

Accepted the following **resignations**:

- \* **Alyssia Bevan** – PCA, Third Ave., effective August 24, 2022.
- \* **Susan Duda** – Computer Aide, Schuyler Ave., effective August 26, 2022.
- \* **Tonya Carey** – Autistic Support Aide, Third Ave., effective August 25, 2002.
- \* **Nancy Kaminski** – *due retirement*, Nurse Assistant, Dana St., effective September 2, 2022.
- \* **Joseph Bolin** – *due retirement*, Cleaner, Chester St., effective September 6, 2022
- \* **Judy Day** – *due retirement*, Nurse Assistant, State Street, effective September 19, 2022.

Appointed the following **employees**:

- \* **Karen Adamski** – PCA, Middle School, effective September 6, 2022, \$12.00/hr.
- \* **Michelle Hannadel** – Autistic Support Aide, State St., effective September 6, 2022, \$12.00/hr.
- \* **Jamila Farris** – PCA, Third Ave., effective September 6, 2022, \$12.00/hr.

- \* **Rose Mary Hrycyk** – Life Skills Support Aide, State St., effective September 6, 2022, \$12.00/hr.
- \* **Sierra Karsko** – Autistic Support Aide, Middle School, effective September 6, 2022, \$12.00/hr.
- \* **Kimberly Longfoot** – Learning Support Aide, Dana (AM) \$10.50/hr; PCA, WSCTC (PM) \$12.00/hr. effective September 6, 2022.
- \* **Aliyah Becker** – Computer Aide, Chester/Third, effective September 7, 2022, \$10:50/hr.

Medical Leave, Emp. #744995, effective, September 1, 2022, returning TBD.

Unpaid Medical Leave, Emp. #334335, effective 2022-2023 school year.

Childbearing Leave, Emp. #512554, effective October 5, 2022, returning January 12, 2023.

Medical Leave, Emp. #389715, effective September 1, 2022, returning TBD.

Childbearing Leave, Emp. #568115, effective October 24, 2022, returning January 17, 2023.

Childbearing Leave, Emp. #964957, effective October 17, 2022, returning TBD.

Childbearing Leave, Emp. #145379, effective November 7, 2022, returning February 6, 2023.

Medical Leave, Emp. #697773, effective September 16, 2022, returning TBD.

Unpaid Medical Leave, Emp. #199139, effective August 22, 2022, returning TBD.

Granted **diplomas** for high school students having completed necessary requirements for graduation and upon the recommendation of Tara Carey, High School Principal: Joshua Atchue and Jason Blyther.

Approved **Professional Contract Status** (Tenure) for the following teachers:

- \* Brenda Christian
- \* Lois Krause
- \* Abigail Rodway

Approved the following **2022 Varsity Football volunteer coaches**:

- \* Ted Jackson Jr      No Salary
- \* Brady Davison      No Salary
- \* Jeff Zdancewicz      No Salary
- \* Vinnie Colianni      No Salary

Increased the salary of the **assistant principals**, with a current salary of less than \$70,000 to \$70,000 and include an additional \$2,500 increment to the assistant principals currently making more than \$70,000. An increment of \$1,500 will be added to all **principals**.

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

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

October Work Session – **October 5, 2022** - 7:00 PM

Regular October Board Meeting – **October 14, 2022** – 7:00 PM

Middle School and Zoom