

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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Wyoming Valley West School District

Interpreting
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REGULAR JUNE BOARD MEETING – June 14, 2023

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Luzerne County Juvenile Probation Department** for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, as presented.

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 2023/2024 school year, as presented. This will be funded by the American Rescue Plan. (ARP)

Approved 60-month contract with **Frontier** for **Voice and Data Services**, effective May 30, 2023, as presented.

Approved Memorandum of Understanding between the Wyoming Valley West School District and the **Foster Grandparent Program**, for the 2023/2024 school year, as presented.

Approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with **Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit (NEIU #19)** to provide Special Education Services for the 2023/2024 school year, as presented.

(pending) Approved the **Pre-Closing Construction Activities and Indemnity Agreement** for the 715 Schuyler Ave., Kingston property, as presented. (pending proof of **Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage** submitted)

Awarded **bids** which were received and opened on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 11:00 am, for the following, as presented:

- ❖ **Interscholastic Sports Supplies**
- ❖ **Paper and General Supplies**

Approved Contract with **PSBA** and Wyoming Valley West School District for the standard superintendent evaluation service, as presented.

TABLED Approve the **final budget** for **2023/2024** in the amount of \$104,677,887.08.

TABLED Establish the school **tax millage** for fiscal year 2023/2024 at 18.03 **mills** on each dollar of assessed valuation on real estate.

TABLED Set date on 2023 tax bills of **July 25, 2023**.

TABLED Approve **Real Estate Tax Installment Payment Plan Resolution**, as presented.

TABLED Approve **Resolution** on state-funded **Taxpayer Relief Act** for the 2023/2024 school year, as presented.

TABLED Approve the **2023-2024 Annual Tax Levy** as follows: 18.03 mills real estate tax, \$5.00 per capita tax under Act 511, \$5.00 per capita tax under Section 679 of the Public School Code, \$5.00 per local services tax under Act 511, 0.5% earned income tax under Act 511, 0.5 % real estate transfer tax under Act 511, 0.03 mills business privilege tax under Act 511 and 0.09 mills mercantile tax under Act 511. The discount rate is 2% and ends on September 30, 2023. Face period begins on October 1, 2023 and ends on November 30, 2023. The penalty rate is 10% and begins on December 1, 2023 and ends on December 31, 2023. The last day to pay tax collector is December 31, 2023. Installment payments are due by September 1, 2023, October 15, 2023 and November 30, 2023, respectively.

Amended Item to Agenda:

Table Items #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, and #14 under General Recommended Action.

Amended Item to Agenda:

To have Cheder Menachem submit proof of **Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage**, prior to approval of Item #6 under General Recommended Action.

Approved additions to **Substitute Teacher** list: Chloe Chiwego, Hailee Kolvenbach, Mark Senchak, Ireland Sullivan.

Approved **excused absences:** May 1, 2023 – May 31, 2023.

Approved **long-term status** for the following substitute teacher:

- ❖ **Maureen Salley** – effective January 27, 2023.

Accepted the following resignations, **due retirement:**

- ❖ **Donna McNelis** – PCA/High School, last day June 9, 2023.
- ❖ **Gail Homyack** – PCA/High School, last day June 9, 2023.
- ❖ **Rita Yablonski** – Cleaner/Middle School, last day August 31, 2023.

Accepted the following **resignations:**

- ❖ **Jamila Farris** – PCA/State St., last day May 16, 2023.
- ❖ **Mary Ann Sarris** – Computer Aide/Dana St., last day May 1, 2023.
- ❖ **Jotara Holmes** – PCA Autistic Support/Third Ave., last day April 3, 2023.
- ❖ **Crystal Williams** – Cleaner/Chester St., last day June 9, 2023.
- ❖ **Sheila Glaser** – Cleaner/Dana St., last day June 9, 2023.

Approved the following **transfer of positions:**

- ❖ **Teresa Lindgren** – Emotional Support Aide/Middle School to Secretary/Middle School, effective June 1, 2023, \$22,500.
- ❖ **Natalya Tikhtova** – PCA/High School to Pupil Services Secretary/Central Office, effective May 22, 2023, \$23,500.
- ❖ **Katrina Kasarda** – Computer Aide/State St. to substitute aide, effective May 15, 2023.
- ❖ **Mia Simon** – Clerk/Middle School to year-round General Duty Aide/Central Office, effective June 12, 2023.

Appointed the following new hire:

- ❖ **Richard Fox** – Cleaner/High School, \$12.00/hr. effective June 5, 2023.

Adjusted step placement and salary:

- ❖ **Ashley Nicholson** – Step 1 M, \$50,000 effective May 10, 2023.

Appointed the following **temporary summer cleaners** at \$12.00/hr:

- ❖ **Amy Collura**
- ❖ **Christa Peard**
- ❖ **Jackson Taylor**
- ❖ **Christina Reynolds**
- ❖ **Susan Lopuhovsky**
- ❖ **Amanda Demelfi**
- ❖ **Deanna Ellsworth**
- ❖ **Tammy Visnefski**
- ❖ **Jennifer Dixon**
- ❖ **Kristen Swetz**

Child Bearing Leave, **Emp. #734856**, effective September 18, 2023 returning December 11, 2023.

Child Bearing Leave, **Emp. #422247**, effective July 7, 2023 returning TBD.

Child Rearing Leave, **Emp. #278926**, effective August 31, 2023 returning November 2, 2023.

Accepted, with regret, the following **resignations:**

- ❖ **Andrew Brandt** – Middle School 7th Grade Health Teacher, last day June 12, 2023.
- ❖ **Laura Ferguson** – High School 11th Grade Learning Support Teacher, last day June 12, 2023.
- ❖ **Patrick Keating** – Middle School 6th Grade Math Intervention Teacher, last day June 12, 2023.
- ❖ **William Wright** – State Street Assistant Principal, last day July 25, 2023.

Accepted, with regret, resignation **due retirement, Sandra Brady**, Dana St. Title I Math Teacher, effective November 3, 2023.

Approved request from Doug Shook, FBLA Advisor, to attend the **FBLA National Leadership Conference** in Atlanta, Georgia with a team of 3 competing seniors, June 26, 2023 – July 1, 2023.

Approved request from Allison Button, **Mickey Mouse Club** Advisor, for the Class of 2024 members to attend Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida, January 22, 2024 – January 26, 2024. (No cost to the District)

Approved request from Allison Button, **Mickey Mouse Club** Advisor, for members to attend Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida, November 18, 2024 – November 22, 2024. (No cost to the District)

Amended Item to Agenda:

Accepted the resignation of Coach Ronald Musto, Head Baseball Coach, effective immediately.

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

August Work Session – Wednesday, **August 2, 2023** - 7:00 PM

Regular August Board Meeting – Wednesday, **August 9, 2023** - 7:00 PM

Middle School and Zoom