

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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Wyoming Valley West School District

Interpreting
February 14, 2024

REGULAR FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 14, 2024

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

❖ Christopher Sabb

Approved in accordance with Section 914-A(6)(i) Act 102 of 1970, **LIU #18 General Operating Budget** for 2024/2025.

Accepted and authorized advertisement for **bids** to be received and opened at the District Office on March 12, 2024 at 11:00 am:

❖ **2024-2025 - Art Supplies and Janitorial Supplies**

Approved a **Placement Agreement** with Crestwood School District and Wyoming Valley West School District for special and regular education and related services provided; \$26,691.41 for each full school term, prorated on a per diem basis for any partial school term.

Approved a **Placement Agreement** with Wilkes Barre Area School District and Wyoming Valley West School District for special and regular education and related services provided; \$26,691.41 for each full school term, prorated on a per diem basis for any partial school term.

Adopted **Policy 201**, Admission of Students. (First Reading)

Approved recommendation from PSBA to retire **Policy 201.1**, New Student Registration.

Adopted **Policy 203**, Immunizations and Communicable Diseases. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 203.1**, HIV Infections. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 204**, Attendance. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 205**, Postgraduate Students. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 206**, Assignment Within District. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 207**, Confidential Communication of Students. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 208**, Withdrawal From School. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 209**, Health Examinations/Screenings. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 209.1**, Food Allergy Management. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 209.2**, Diabetes Management. (First Reading)

Approved recommendation from PSBA to retire **Policy 211**, Student Accident Insurance.

Adopted **Policy 212**, Reporting Student Progress. (First Reading)

Approved recommendation from PSBA to retire **Policy 213**, Grading of Student Progress.

Adopted **Policy 214**, Class Rank. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 215**, Promotion and Retention. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 216**, Student Records. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 216.1**, Supplemental Discipline Records. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 218**, Student Discipline. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 218.1**, Weapons. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 218.2**, Terroristic Threats. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 218.3**, Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault. (First Reading)

Adopted **Policy 219**, Student Complaint Process. (First Reading)

Approved the **Addendum** for Interim Business Manager Services with Wyoming Valley West School District and **Kimberly Walck**, Consultant, (January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024; \$5,000 monthly), as presented.

Approved **Agreement** pursuant to File ODR 28571-23-24 KE.

Approved MOU with Wyoming Valley West School District and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Pennsylvania for “**Bigs in Blue Mentoring Program**”, as presented.

Approved **Invoice No. 4182-01** for the Guaranteed Energy Savings Project, from SitelogIQ for **\$1,564,575** as presented.

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

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

- ❖ **Maureen Salley** – effective January 22, 2024.
- ❖ **Kelsey Novak** – effective January 24, 2024.
- ❖ **Jarrold Dalley** – effective January 26, 2024.

Appointed the following **new hires**:

- ❖ **Fatikha Tikhtova** – Cleaner/State Street, \$13.00/hr. effective January 18, 2024.
- ❖ **Melissa Carpenter** – General Duty Aide/Middle School Attendance, \$11.50/hr. effective January 22, 2024.
- ❖ **Deborah Kolva** – Autistic Support Aide/State Street, \$13.00/hr. effective January 22, 2024.
- ❖ **Donna Riple** – Autistic Support Aide/State Street, \$13.00/hr. effective February 1, 2024.
- ❖ **Benjamin Polomchak** – Security Guard/High School, (part time/weekends) \$12.00/hr. effective January 20, 2024.
- ❖ **Dawn Littman** - Cleaner/High School, \$13.00/hr. effective February 12, 2024.

Approved the following **termination** for abandonment of employment:

- ❖ Emp. **#162823** – effective December 6, 2023.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #569981**, effective February 1, 2024; returning TBD.

Child Bearing Leave, **Emp. #974638**, effective April 2, 2024; returning approx. 6-8 weeks.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #979518**, effective March 22, 2024; returning May 6, 2024.

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Joseph Luksa**, State Street Music Teacher K-2, effective last day of the 2023/2024 school year.

Accepted resignation, with regret, due retirement, **David Placek**, High School Chemistry Teacher, effective last day of the 2023/2024 school year.

Accepted the following **resignations**:

- ❖ **Idrissa Lampley** – Cleaner/State St., last day January 15, 2024.
- ❖ **Victoria Pickering** – Aide/State St., last day February 15, 2024.
- ❖ **DaVae Lewis** – Computer Aide/State St., last day February 7, 2024.

Accepted resignation, due retirement, **Donna Ras**, Registration/Central Office, effective August 19, 2022.

Sabbatical Leave, **Emp. #563986**, effective February 20, 2024; (approx. 8 weeks)

Approved the **School Calendar** for the 2024/2025 School Year.

Approved the recommendations for the **2024 Spring Coaching positions**:

2023-2024 School Year

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
<u>Boys Baseball</u>	
Varsity 10-12 - Mike Petroski	\$4165
Assistant 10-12 - David Rosario	\$2841
Assistant 7-9 - Dominic Bayo	\$2841
Assistant 7-9 - TBA	\$2841
<u>Boys Tennis</u>	
Varsity 9-12 - Edward Groth	\$2816
<u>Boys Volleyball</u>	
Varsity 9-12 - Ryan Hettes	\$2816

Track Boys & Girls

Winter 9-12 & Spring

Varsity (Girls) - **Courtney Thomas** \$4371
Varsity (Boys) - **Ashley Tamarantz** \$4371

Spring Track

Assistant Girls 10-12 - **Kelly Savage** \$2841
Assistant Boys 10-12 - **George Simms** \$2841

Boys and Girls Track

Assistant 7-9 (Head) - **Abigail Rodway** \$2419
Assistant 7-9 (Head) - **Elizabeth Kane** \$2419
Assistant 7-9 - **Brian Meyer** \$2105
Assistant 7-9 - **Lindsay Meyer** \$2105

Girls Softball

Varsity 10-12 - **Jess Ras** \$4165
Assistant 10-12 - **William Smedley** \$2841
Assistant 7-9 - **Jerry Storz** \$2841
Assistant 7-9 - **Andy Barilla** \$2841

Appointed recommended candidate, **Misty Simon**, Attendance Officer/School Parent Liaison, effective February 15, 2024, \$43,000.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #524254**, effective February 12, 2024; returning TBD.

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

March Work Session - Wednesday, March 6, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Regular March Meeting - Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - 7:00 PM