

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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Wyoming Valley West School District

Interpreting
August 14, 2024

REGULAR AUGUST BOARD MEETING – August 14, 2024

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

- ❖ Glen F Kelley
- ❖ Joseph Moss

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 2024/2025 school year, as presented.

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Children's Service Center** to provide Behavioral Health Services for the 2024/2025 school year, as presented.

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Kishbaugh Behavior Services** for services during the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **KBS Academy** for services during the 2024-2025 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 2024/25 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 the positions of **Head Physician, School Physician, School Dentist** and establish salaries, hours, and rates for the 2024/25 fiscal year, as presented.

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Luzerne County Juvenile Probation Department** for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, as presented.

Approved Agreement between Wyoming Valley West School District and the **Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18** for **Partial Hospitalization Therapeutic** services during the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

Approved Agreement with Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 for the **2024-25 Idea Allocation** based on December 1, 2023, Idea Child Count of 1,294, as presented.

Approved extending agreement with **Larksville Borough for a School Resource Officer (SRO)**, at State Street Elementary School, effective July 1, 2024–December 31, 2025.

Approved **refund of paid taxes** for the following property owner:

- CHCT Pennsylvania, LLC – Court Order #2020-11343-for the year 2020 \$21,597.08
 - CHCT Pennsylvania, LLC – Court Order #2020-11343-for the year 2021 \$25,348.52
 - CHCT Pennsylvania, LLC – Court Order #2020-11343-for the year 2022 \$32,186.58
 - CHCT Pennsylvania, LLC – Court Order #2020-11343-for the year 2023 \$32,991.15
- \$112,123.33

Approved closing **Fidelity Optimum Choice Savings Account** ending in 1432.

Approved opening a new **Fidelity Checking Account** for the collection of Delinquent Taxes.

Approved contract with **Keystone Sports Construction** through Co-Stars for replacement of High School Running Track in the amount of \$391,095.70. The money will be paid out of the Capital Projects account, as presented.

Approved **Invoice #4182-06** for **SitelogIQ** in the amount of \$2,727,245 as presented.

Approved **Invoice #4182-07** for **SitelogIQ** in the amount of \$2,047,151 as presented.

Approved **Invoice #7253-01** for **SitelogIQ** in the amount of \$231,539 as presented.

Approved Agreement with **3B Services Inc.** for boiler repairs at Central Office in the amount of \$5,783.99.

Approved **Amendment #3** to the **Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement** with SitelogIQ, to include hazardous material abatement, water infiltration, and other associated work at Third Avenue Elementary School and Wyoming Valley West Middle School, not to exceed \$300,000.

Approved the High School, Middle School, and Elementary **Student Handbooks** for the 2024/2025 school year.

Approved **Settlement Agreement** pursuant to File ODR 29407-23-24 KE.

Approved **Settlement Agreement** pursuant to File 1738023.

Approved **Settlement Agreement** pursuant to File 1305123.

Approved **Agreement** with **3B Services Inc.** to repair leaks at the High School, including pipes, fittings, and valves in the amount of \$15,933.

Approved **Agreement** between Wyoming Valley West School District and **Graham Academy** for the 2024/2025 school year, as presented.

Approved Wyoming Valley West School District to discontinue the sale of its tax liens for 2024 with **Municipal Revenue Services through the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority.**

Approved proposal from **Holy Redeemer** to use Spartan Stadium for 2024 football games. (Friday, August 30, 2024; Saturday, September 14, 2024; Saturday, September 28, 2024; Saturday, October 12, 2024; Saturday, October 19, 2024; Friday, October 25, 2024)

Approved and reviewed the **2024-2025 High School A-TSI Plan** (Additional Targeted Support and Improvement Plan).

Approved and reviewed the **2024-2025 State Street Title I TSI Plan** (Targeted Support and Improvement Plan).

Approved and reviewed the **2024-2025 Middle School Title I TSI Plan** (Targeted Support and Improvement Plan).

Approved **OneSource Staffing Solutions** to assist in recruiting and selection services for the Operations Manager position.

Approved **excused absences** June 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024.

Appointed the following **new hires**:

- ❖ **John Butcher** – Cleaner/Middle School, \$13.00/hr. effective November 30, 2023.
- ❖ **Denise Lukehart** – Cleaner/Dana Elementary, \$13.50/hr. effective June 24, 2024.
- ❖ **Mark Hufford** – Cleaner/State Street, \$13.50/hr. effective June 26, 2024.
- ❖ **Brayden Bogdon** – Cleaner/State Street, \$13.50/hr. effective June 20, 2024.
- ❖ **Mayra Lorilla** – Cleaner/High School, \$13.50/hr. effective July 15, 2024.
- ❖ **Tameka Porter** – Cleaner/State Street, \$13.50/hr. effective July 8, 2024.
- ❖ **Lynn Headman** – General Duty Aide/Middle School Attendance, \$12.00/hr. effective August 30, 2024.
- ❖ **Amara Rodriguez** – Cleaner/State Street, \$13.50/hr. effective July 22, 2024.
- ❖ **Yamali Encarnacion** – Emotional Support Aide/High School, \$13.50/hr. effective September 4, 2024.
- ❖ **Angelica Rosario** – Cleaner/State Street, \$13.50/hr. effective June 24, 2024.
- ❖ **Matthew Yasenchak** – Cleaner/State Street, \$13.50/hr. effective August 7, 2024.
- ❖ **Jamilla Farris** – Autistic Support Aide/High School, \$13.50/hr. effective September 4, 2024.
- ❖ **Melanie Price** – General Duty Aide/Middle School Attendance, \$12.00/hr. effective August 30, 2024.
- ❖ **Vonetta Simmons** – Autistic Support Aide/High School, \$13.50/hr. effective September 4, 2024.

- ❖ **Debbie Shultz** – Autistic Support Aide/State Street, \$13.50/hr. effective September 4, 2024.
- ❖ **Karen Adamski** – Emotional Support Aide/High School, \$13.50/hr. effective September 4, 2024.

Accepted the following **resignations**:

- ❖ **Margaret Nallon** – Cleaner/Dana Elementary, last day June 13, 2024.
- ❖ **Barbara Wilson** – Emotional Support Aide/High School, last day June 10, 2024.

Accepted, with regret, resignation due retirement, **Matthew Territo**, Cleaner/Third Ave., last day July 26, 2024.

Accepted, with regret, resignation, **Citlalli Zaragoza**, Middle School 8th Grade English Language Arts Teacher, effective immediately.

Accepted, with regret, resignation, **Michael Brown**, State Street 4th Grade Teacher, effective July 29, 2024.

Accepted, with regret, resignation, **Corinne Boyd**, High School Special Education Teacher, effective July 19, 2024.

Accepted declination of appointment, **Jessica Sims**, Middle School Mathematics Teacher, effective immediately.

Appointed recommended candidate, **Nicole Coyne**, School Nurse Chester Street/Non-Public, effective August 30, 2024, \$46,500.

Medical Leave, **Emp. #389715**, effective August 30, 2024; returning TBD.

Child Bearing Leave, **Emp. #684757**, effective September 16, 2024; returning October 28, 2024.

Child Rearing Leave, **Emp. #979284**, effective September 30, 2024; returning December 3, 2024.

Sabbatical Leave, **Emp. #912669**, effective August 30, 2024; returning January 2, 2025.

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

<u>New Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Building</u>
Caitlin Norton	Michelle Buckler	State Street
Kelsey Coslett	Samantha Bovolick	State Street
Evelyn Mozeleski	Kristen Rossi	Dana Street
Sydney Kamus	Daniel Modrow	Dana Street
Jessica Allbritain	Christina Sickler	High School

Accepted, with regret, resignation due retirement, **Betty Hillcoat**, Cleaner/Dana Elementary, last day September 6, 2024.

Accepted the following **transfer of position**:

- ❖ **Tameka Porter** – Cleaner/State Street to Autistic Support Aide/High School, \$13.50/hr. effective September 4, 2024.

Approved and accepted retirement agreement, **Emp. #524254**, effective August 23, 2024.

Appointed the recommended candidate, **Amy Petty**, Middle School Learning Support Teacher, effective August 30, 2024, \$66,000.

Appointed the recommended candidate, **Michelle Bankes**, Middle School Mathematics Teacher, effective August 30, 2024, \$46,500.

Appointed the recommended candidate, **Avery Zdancewicz**, State Street 4th Grade Teacher, effective August 30, 2024, \$46,500.

Appointed the recommended candidate, **Irelynd Sullivan**, High School Autistic Support Teacher, effective August 30, 2024, \$46,500.

Appointed the recommended candidate, **Maya Noble**, State Street Emotional Support Teacher, effective August 30, 2024, \$53,000.

Appointed the recommended candidate, **John Sharkus**, English/Language Arts District Department Chairperson, effective August 30, 2024, \$5,953.

Approved the recommendations for the **Fall Coaching Positions:**
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

<u>SPORT/POSITION</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
<u>GIRLS TENNIS</u>		
VARSITY 9-12	Laura Thompson	\$2867
<u>GIRLS VOLLEYBALL</u>		
VARSITY 9-12	Ashley Temarantz	\$2867
<u>FIELD HOCKEY</u>		
VARSITY 10-12	Linda Fithian	\$4155
ASSISTANT 10-12	Diane Webster	\$2893
ASSISTANT 7-9	Lois Krause	\$2893
ASSISTANT 7-9	Ryleigh White	\$2893
<u>CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS & GIRLS)</u>		
VARSITY 10-12	Elizabeth Kane	\$2893
ASSISTANT 7-9	Mallory Urbanski	\$2006
ASSISTANT 7-9	Laura Thompson	\$2006
<u>SOCCER</u>		
BOYS VARSITY 9-12	Charlie Whited	\$3601
BOYS ASSISTANT VARSITY 9-12	Gerry Kasuda	\$2014
GIRLS VARSITY 9-12	Stephanie Gover	\$3601
GIRLS ASSISTANT VARSITY 9-12	Kennedi Josefowicz	\$2014
ASSISTANT (BOYS) 7-9	JJ Prutzman	\$2014
ASSISTANT (GIRLS) 7-9	Harley Krause	\$2014
<u>GOLF</u>		
VARSITY 9-12	Nick Kuscavage	\$2866
<u>FOOTBALL</u>		
VARSITY 10-12	Bob Stelma	\$8892
ASSISTANT 10-12	Jansen Wilborn II	\$4577
ASSISTANT 10-12	John Karazia	\$4577
ASSISTANT 10-12	John Malloy	\$4577
ASSISTANT 10-12	Bill Halenda	\$4577
ASSISTANT 9 (HEAD)	Matt Yekel	\$4010
ASSISTANT 9	Jim Smith	\$3560
ASSISTANT 7-8	Kiandre Moses	\$3560
ASSISTANT 7-8	PJ Piskorik	\$3560
<u>WEIGHT LIFTING</u>		
9-12	Bob Stelma	\$7609
<u>CHEERLEADER</u>		
VARSITY 10-12	Julia Jonalunas	\$3341
JR. VARSITY 9-12	Morgan Sullivan	\$2443
JR. HIGH 7-9	Avery Zdancewicz	\$1909

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

September Work Session - Wednesday, September 4, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Regular September Meeting - Wednesday, September 11, 2024 - 7:00 PM