

WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
AGENDA
REGULAR JANUARY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024
MIDDLE SCHOOL, KINGSTON
In Person and Zoom Meeting
AMENDED AGENDA

*** Amended Item to Agenda:**

Motion made by McGinley seconded by Cussatt to:

- Table #11 under Staff Recommended Action.

Roll Call: Wilson, Dubaskas, Hardwick, Keating, McGinley, Perfetto, Kobusky, Cussatt, and Kamus voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOLLOWED BY SALUTE TO THE FLAG
3. PRESIDENT KAMUS (ANNOUNCE EXECUTIVE SESSION)
4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES – Lilian Mahoney and Simona Debru
5. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS – MR. TOSH
6. STATEMENTS FROM INTERESTED CITIZENS: **Citizens wishing to address the Board must sign in five (5) minutes prior to the start of each meeting.** Citizens addressing the Board are asked to state their name and town of residence in accordance with Board Policy #903 (copy available) Statements are limited to three minutes.
7. APPROVE MINUTES: **Reorganization Meeting**, December 13, 2023 and the Regular **December 13, 2023** Board Meeting.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - ❖ Athletic Committee – *Brian Dubaskas*, Chairman
 - ❖ Technology & Communications Committee – *Brian Dubaskas*, Chairman
 - ❖ Contracts & Personnel Committee – *Paul Keating*, Chairman
 - ❖ Finance Committee – *Paul Keating*, Chairman
 - ❖ Education/Policy Committee – *Tim McGinley*, Chairman
 - ❖ ESSERS/American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant Committee – *Bill Hardwick*, Chairman
 - ❖ Special Education Committee – *Bill Hardwick*, Chairman
 - ❖ Safety Committee – *Anthony Diction*, Chairman
 - ❖ Buildings & Grounds Committee – *Rick Kamus*, Chairman
9. **GENERAL RECOMMENDED ACTION**
 - A. RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR ACTION:
 1. Approve **Real Estate Property Tax Exemption** through the Pennsylvania State Veterans’ Commission to the following, as presented:
 - ❖ Joseph Kubicki
 - ❖ Armin Schmalz
 2. Adopt **Policy 100**, Comprehensive Planning. (Second Reading)
 3. Adopt **Policy 101**, Mission Statement. (Second Reading)
 4. Adopt **Policy 102**, Academic Standards. (Second Reading)
 5. Adopt **Policy 103**, Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students. (Second Reading)
 6. Adopt **Policy 103.1**, Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students with Disabilities. (Second Reading)

7. Adopt **Policy 104**, Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff. (Second Reading)
8. Adopt **Policy 105**, Curriculum. (Second Reading)
9. Adopt **Policy 105.1**, Review of Instructional Materials by Parents/Guardians and Students. (Second Reading)
10. Adopt **Policy 105.2**, Exemption From Instruction. (Second Reading)
11. Adopt **Policy 106**, Guides for Planned Instruction. (Second Reading)
12. Adopt **Policy 107**, Adoption of Planned Instruction. (Second Reading)
13. Adopt **Policy 108**, Adoption of Textbooks. (Second Reading)
14. Adopt **Policy 109**, Resource Materials. (Second Reading)
15. Adopt **Policy 110**, Instructional Supplies. (Second Reading)
16. Adopt **Policy 111**, Lesson Plans. (Second Reading)
17. Adopt **Policy 112**, Guidance Counseling. (Second Reading)
18. Adopt **Policy 113**, Special Education. (Second Reading)
19. Adopt **Policy 113.1**, Discipline of Students With Disabilities. (Second Reading)
20. Adopt **Policy 113.2**, Behavior Support. (Second Reading)
21. Adopt **Policy 113.3**, Screening and Evaluations for Students With Disabilities. (Second Reading)
22. Adopt **Policy 113.4**, Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information. (Second Reading)
23. Adopt **Policy 114**, Gifted Education. (Second Reading)
24. Adopt **Policy 115**, Career and Technical Education. (Second Reading)
25. Adopt **Policy 116**, Tutoring. (Second Reading)
26. Adopt **Policy 117**, Homebound Instruction. (Second Reading)
27. Adopt **Policy 118**, Independent Instruction. (Second Reading)
28. Adopt **Policy 119**, Current Events. (Second Reading)
29. Adopt **Policy 121**, Field Trips. (Second Reading)
30. Adopt **Policy 123.1**, Concussion Management. (Second Reading)
31. Adopt **Policy 123.2**, Sudden Cardiac Arrest. (Second Reading)
32. Adopt **Policy 124**, Alternative Instruction. (Second Reading)
33. Adopt **Policy 127**, Assessment System. (Second Reading)
34. Adopt **Policy 130**, Homework. (Second Reading)
35. Adopt **Policy 137**, Home Education Programs. (Second Reading)
36. Adopt **Policy 137.1**, Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students. (Second Reading)
37. Adopt **Policy 137.2**, Participation in Cocurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students. (Second Reading)
38. Adopt **Policy 137.3**, Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students. (Second Reading)
39. Adopt **Policy 138**, Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners. (Second Reading)
40. Adopt **Policy 140**, Charter Schools. (Second Reading)
41. Adopt **Policy 140.1**, Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students. (Second Reading)
42. Adopt **Policy 142**, Migrant Students. (Second Reading)
43. Adopt **Policy 143**, Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools. (Second Reading)
44. Adopt **Policy 144**, Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes. (Second Reading)
45. Adopt **Policy 146**, Student Services. (Second Reading)
46. Adopt **Policy 146.1**, Trauma-Informed Approach. (Second Reading)
47. Adopt **Policy 150**, Title I - Comparability of Services. (Second Reading)

48. Review and approve the **Health and Safety Plan** for the 2023/2024 school year, as presented. (every six months)
49. Appoint the following Board Members to represent Wyoming Valley West on the **West Side CTC Joint Operating Committee**:
 - Term to Expire 2024 - *Rick Kamus*
 - Term to Expire 2025 - *Janet Cussatt*
 - Term to Expire 2026 – (*Nick Wilson*)
 - Alternates: (1) *John Perfetto* (2) (*Mark Kobusky*)
50. Appoint **2024 PSBA Pride & Promise Contact, Alternate and Regional Representative**:
 - Pride & Promise Contact: *Brian Dubaskas*
 - Alternate: *John Perfetto*
 - PSBA Liaison: *William Hardwick*
51. Appoint (*Tim McGinley*) **Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18** Representative for a three-year term ending June 30, 2027.
52. Appoint *Mark Kobusky*, **Plymouth Public Library** Representative.
53. Appoint *William Hardwick*, **Hoyt Public Library** Representative.
54. Approve Work Session and Regular Monthly School Board **Meeting dates for 2024**.

10. **STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

- A. RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR ACTION:
 1. Approve **excused absences** December 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023.
 2. Accept resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Deborah Castner**, Elementary Teacher, Chester Street, effective last day of the 2023/2024 school year.
 3. Accept resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Denise O’Hara**, Social Studies Teacher, High School, effective last day of the 2023/2024 school year.
 4. Approve stipend of \$1,258 for implementing **GIEP requirements** for the following *Middle School Teachers* for the 2023/2024 school year:
 - Robert Aten
 - Erika Drako
 5. Appoint the following **new hires**:
 - ❖ **Anthony Deitrick** – Cleaner/Middle School, \$13.00/hr. effective December 13, 2023.
 - ❖ **Mary Lou Daley-Button** – General Duty Aide/Rectory, \$11.50/hr. effective December 12, 2023.
 - ❖ **Kim Resetar** – Computer Aide Chester St./Third Ave., \$11.50/hr. effective December 19, 2023.
 - ❖ **Jennifer Romashko** – Clerk/Dana St., \$12.00/hr. effective January 2, 2024.
 - ❖ **Jessica Sepulveda** – Emotional Support Aide/State St., \$13.00/hr. effective January 2, 2024.
 - ❖ **Kiara Kane** – Autistic Support Aide/State St., \$13.00/hr. effective January 9, 2024.
 - ❖ **DaVae Lewis** – Computer Aide Chester St./State St., \$11.50/hr. effective January 8, 2024.
 - ❖ **Susan Dunaj** – Nurse Assistant/Floater, \$150/day, effective January 8, 2024.
 - ❖ **Thelma Chernowsky** – PCA/State St., \$13.00/hr. effective January 8, 2024.
 - ❖ **Idrissa Lampley** – Cleaner/State St., \$13.00/hr. effective January 8, 2024.
 - ❖ **Lisa Bartlow** – Autistic Support Aide/State St., \$13.00/hr. effective December 8, 2023.
 - ❖ **Wanda McAllister** – Emotional Support Aide/High School, \$13.00/hr. effective September 5, 2023.
 - ❖ **Steven Bale** – Life Skills Aide/State St., \$13.00/hr. effective January 8, 2024.

6. Accept the following **resignations**:
 - ❖ **Elena Rivera** –PCA/State St., last day January 10, 2024.
 - ❖ **Vanessa Cintron** – Life Skills Aide/Middle School, last day January 5, 2024.
 - ❖ **Sharon Lewis** – Emotional Support Aide/State St., last day December 18, 2023.
 - ❖ **Mary Lou Daley-Button** – General Duty Aide/Rectory, last day December 21, 2023.
7. Child Rearing Leave, **Emp. #688416**, effective January 17, 2024; returning June 3, 2024.
8. Sabbatical Leave, **Emp. 675163**, effective February 20, 2024; returning the first day of the 2024-2025 school year.
9. Accept resignation, with regret, due retirement, **Linda Bond**, Cleaner/High School, last day, January 19, 2024.
10. Medical Leave, **Emp. #982317**, effective January 31, 2024; approx. return the end of February, 2024.
- (TABLED) 11. Appoint recommended candidate, **Justin Ambrozia**, High School Assistant Principal, \$70,000 effective January 11, 2024.
12. Accept resignation, **Michael Pozzessere**, High School Assistant Principal, last day January 19, 2024.

11. **FINANCE RECOMMENDED ACTION**

A. RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR ACTION:

1. Accept and approve the following as presented: **Bills for Payment, Finance Manager’s Reports, and Treasurer’s Report.**

12. **BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

February Work Session - Wednesday, February 7, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Regular February Meeting - Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - 7:00 PM

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