DVSD Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026 6:00 PM
Dingman Delaware Elementary School Library, 1355 Route 739, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328

1.	**CALL TO ORDER**	**Speaker(s):** Board President, Jessica Decker
1.A.	Pledge of Allegiance	**Speaker(s):** Board President, Jessica Decker
1.B.	Roll Call	
1.C.	Mission Statement	
2.	**PRESENTATIONS**	
2.A.	DDES Trash Band Club - Brian Krauss	
2.B.	Student Representatives - Nat Carso and Rhyanne Rettinger	
2.C.	1DV Staff Spotlight - Lisa Matarazzo, District Coordinator/Coordinator of School Board Activities	
3.	**PUBLIC COMMENT - Agenda Items**	
4.	**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**	
5.	**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**	
6.	**REPORTS**	
6.A.	Administrative	
6.B.	Financial	
6.C.	Superintendent	
7.	**TREASURER'S REPORT**	
8.	**BILLS FOR PAYMENT**	
9.	**PERSONNEL ITEMS**	
9.A.	Resignations - September 17, 2026	
9.B.	Appointments - September 17, 2026	
9.C.	Request for Child-Rearing Leave - September 17, 2026	
9.D.	Change of Status - September 17, 2026	
9.E.	Change of Salary - September 17, 2026	
9.F.	Change of Effective Date	

9.G. Uncompensated Leave

9.H. Administrative Transfers

9.I. Request for Sabbatical

10. **ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

10.A. Approval of additional volunteers - Attachment

10.B. Approval of Board Policy 213, Technology Device Insurance - Attachment

10.C. Recommendation for tenure for Bonna Mai

10.D. Approval of the 2026-2027 Emergency Operations Plan

10.E. Approval of the Delaware Valley High School Career and Technical Education Approved Technical Evaluation CAP for 2025-2026

10.F. Approval of Murphy, Dougherty and Company, Certified Public Accountants as the Local Independent Auditor for 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029, for a fee of $30,500, $31,275, and $32,050 per annum, respectively

10.G. Approval of the new contract with Superintendent Dr. Brian Blaum from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029

10.H. Approval of Matt Vannoy, as the Delaware Valley School District's vote for the 2027 Pennsylvania School Boards Association President-elect (one-year term)

10.I. Approval of Kristy Bolte, as the Delaware Valley School District's vote for the 2027 Pennsylvania School Boards Association Vice President (one-year term)

10.J. Approval of David Hein, as the Delaware Valley School District's vote for the 2027 Pennsylvania School Boards Association 2027-2029 Treasurer (three-year term)

10.K. Approval of Jason Melt, as the Delaware Valley School District's vote for the 2027 Pennsylvania School Boards Association Eastern Zone Representative (one-year term)

10.L. Approval of Christina Cosmello, as the Delaware Valley School District's vote for the 2027 Pennsylvania School Boards Association E-1 Sectional Advisor (one year term)

10.M. Approval of Marianne L. Neel and Dr. Michael Faccinetto, as the Delaware Valley School District's vote for the 2027 Pennsylvania School Boards Association Insurance Trustees (three year term)

10.N.	Expulsion of student 2026-2027-10012884 for 45 school days	
11.	**ANNOUNCEMENTS**	
11.A.	September 22, 2026 - 8:00am - Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee Meeting - Delaware Valley Administrative Offices	
11.B.	October 8, 2026 - 6:00pm - Work Session - Delaware Valley Administrative Offices	
11.C.	October 15, 2026 - 6:00pm - Regular Board Meeting - Shohola Elementary School Library	
12.	**PUBLIC COMMENT - Any School Business**	
13.	**CLOSING COMMENTS FROM BOARD**	
14.	**ADJOURNMENT**	**Speaker(s):** Board President, Jessica Decker

DVSD Regular Board Meeting
August 13, 2026, 6:00 PM

Delaware Valley Administrative Offices
236 209 US-6
Milford, PA 18773

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Board President, Jessica Decker
   For the public watching the meeting via YouTube, if you have any comments, please direct them to schoolboard@dvsd.org - they will be addressed at a later date.

   A. Pledge of Allegiance
      President Jessica Decker opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

   B. Roll Call

Christine Agron:	Present
Jessica Decker:	Present
Brian Fells:	Present
Jack Fisher:	Absent
Pam Lutfy:	Present
Felicia Sheehan:	Present
Dorit Smith:	Present
Rosemary Walsh:	Present
Carl Will:	Absent

   C. Mission Statement
      Delaware Valley School District, in partnership with our community, stands committed to maximizing student potential, fostering life-long learning and promoting responsible citizenship.
      Felicia Sheehan read the District Mission Statement.

2. **PRESENTATIONS**
   There were no presentations.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT — AGENDA ITEMS**
   Please state your name and municipality for the record, you will have one opportunity to address the Board for three minutes.
   There were no public comments on the agenda.

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
   Motion to accept the August 13, 2026 agenda. This motion, made by Felicia Sheehan and seconded by Christine Agron, Carried.

Christine Agron:	Yea
Jessica Decker:	Yea
Brian Fells:	Yea
Jack Fisher:	Absent
Pam Lutfy:	Yea

Felicia Sheehan:	Yea
Dorit Smith:	Yea
Rosemary Walsh:	Yea
Carl Will:	Absent

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on June 18, 2026. This motion, made by Christine Agron and seconded by Felicia Sheehan, Carried.

Christine Agron:	Yea
Jessica Decker:	Yea
Brian Fells:	Yea
Jack Fisher:	Absent
Pam Lutfy:	Yea
Felicia Sheehan:	Yea
Dorit Smith:	Yea
Rosemary Walsh:	Yea
Carl Will:	Absent

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6. **REPORTS**

A. Financial Reports
No comments on the Financial Reports.

B. Superintendent's Report
Dr. Brian Blaum
Dr. Blaum discussed the many administrative and support staff behind the scenes summer tasks, the new as well as returning teacher schedules, and the student's first day of school. Additionally, Dr. Blaum reviewed the Board handouts, which included a list of frequently used acronyms in education, a chart that compared local school district budgets and expenses, Pennsylvania State Budget comparisons, and article from Senator Lisa Baker regarding cost of living adjustments for retired teachers, information from the August Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee Meeting, and information from the county commissioners regarding the 2028 reassessment.
No comments on the Superintendent's Reports.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. This motion, made by Felicia Sheehan and seconded by Rosemary Walsh, Carried.

Christine Agron:	Yea
Jessica Decker:	Yea
Brian Fells:	Yea
Jack Fisher:	Absent
Pam Lutfy:	Yea
Felicia Sheehan:	Yea
Dorit Smith:	Yea
Rosemary Walsh:	Yea

Carl Will: Absent

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8. **BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Includes the General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, and Capital Reserve Fund

Motion to accept the Bills For Payment. This motion, made by Christine Agron and seconded by Rosemary Walsh, Carried.

Christine Agron: Yea

Jessica Decker: Yea

Brian Fells: Yea

Jack Fisher: Absent

Pam Lutfy: Yea

Felicia Sheehan: Yea

Dorit Smith: Yea

Rosemary Walsh: Yea

Carl Will: Absent

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

9. **PERSONNEL ITEMS**

Motion to approve Personnel Items 9A through 9F as listed which includes Resignations, Appointments, Requests for Child-rearing Leave, Change of Status, and Change of Effective Dates. This motion, made by Felicia Sheehan and seconded by Rosemary Walsh, Carried.

Christine Agron: Yea

Jessica Decker: Yea

Brian Fells: Yea

Jack Fisher: Absent

Pam Lutfy: Yea

Felicia Sheehan: Yea

Dorit Smith: Yea

Rosemary Walsh: Yea

Carl Will: Absent

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

BOARD DISCUSSION

Rosemary Walsh: Instructional Assistants

A. Resignations - August 13, 2026
B. Appointments - August 13, 2026
C. Request for Child-Rearing Leave - August 13, 2026
D. Change of Status - August 13, 2026
E. Change of Salary
F. Change of Effective Date - August 13, 2026
G. Uncompensated Leave - August 13, 2026
H. Administrative Transfers
I. Request for Sabbatical

9A. RESIGNATIONS – AUGUST 13, 2026 (A-E)

A. GARCIA, BRIANNA

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Dingman Delaware Elementary School
Effective: June 5, 2026
Reason: Personal

B. GOLDSTEIN, RACHEL

Position: Lighting Director
Dingman Delaware Middle School
Effective: June 5, 2026
Reason: Personal

C. MARRONE, BRITTANY

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Dingman Delaware Middle School
Effective: June 5, 2026
Reason: Personal

D. MARZAN, LACEY

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Dingman Delaware Primary School
Effective: July 15, 2026
Reason: Personal

E. MAS, DAWN

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Dingman Delaware Elementary School
Effective: July 20, 2026
Reason: Personal

9B. APPOINTMENTS – AUGUST 13, 2026 (A-P)

Appointments are based on the candidate providing necessary documents as per law.

A. BARTON, MIYA

Position: Gifted Teacher
Dingman Delaware Elementary School/Dingman Delaware

Middle School
Effective: August 17, 2026
Salary: $64,000 per annum
Replaces: Heather Haupt

B. BABCOCK, PAIGE

Position: Part-time Bus Driver
Delaware Valley Middle School/Transportation
Effective: August 24, 2026
Salary: $21.02 per hour
Replaces: Eileen Coyle

C. CARROLL, DECLAN

Position: Mathematics Teacher
Delaware Valley High School
Effective: August 17, 2026, to on or about November 13, 2026
Salary: $64,000 per annum, prorated
Replaces: Employee 2026-2027-03925
This is a long-term substitute position

D. DEJAGER, MICHELE

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Delaware Valley Elementary School
Effective: August 19, 2026
Salary: $20.92 per hour
Replaces: Diane Fornoff

E. ELLIOT, ASHLEY

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Delaware Valley High School
Effective: August 19, 2026
Salary: $20.92 per hour
Replaces: Leslie Heller

F. HUDSON, RICHARD

Position: Special Education Teacher
Delaware Valley High School
Effective: On or about September 11, 2026
through on or about January 8, 2027
Salary: $64,000 per annum prorated Replaces:
Employee 2026-2027-03402
This is a long-term substitute position

G. PANTONI, MICHAEL

Position: Night Custodian
Delaware Valley High School/District Office
Effective: August 14, 2026
Salary: $25.61 per hour entry rate, $26.61 per hour job rate
Replaces: Adam Tidridge

H. RAUSCHENDORFER, CATHERINE

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Dingman Delaware Primary School
Effective: August 19, 2026
Salary: $20.92 per hour
Replaces: Jordan Rodriguez

I. ROMANO, JENIENE

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Dingman Delaware Primary School
Effective: August 19, 2026
Salary: $20.92 per hour
Replaces: Lacey Marzan

J. SANTIAGO, CARMEL

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Shohola Elementary School
Effective: August 31, 2026
Salary: $20.92 per hour
Replaces: Stephanie Malone

K. SCHWEITZER, FRANCESCA

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Dingman Delaware Elementary School
Effective: August 19, 2026
Salary: $20.92 per hour
Replaces: Dawn Mas

L. STANLEY, NICOLE

Position: Part-time Bus Monitor
Delaware Valley Middle School/Transportation
Effective: August 24, 2026
Salary: $19.43 per hour
Replaces: Janice Moon

M. TOMPKINS, JAZMINE

Position: Full-time Instructional Assistant
Delaware Valley High School
Effective: August 24, 2026
Salary: $20.92 per hour
Replaces: Cindy Luna

N. CO- CURRICULAR PERSONNEL/RATES 2026-2027 – Attachment
The attached appointments are based upon an entire traditional school year. In the event of lesser than an entire traditional school year, payments will be prorated by a portion of athleticseason, event, school days, etc., depending upon the student activities, unless legislated to pay differently.

O. SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS FOR THE2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR - Attachment

P. SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR – Attachment

9C. REQUEST FOR CHILD-REARING LEAVE – AUGUST 13, 2026 (A-D)

A. EMPLOYEE 2026-2027-03108

Position: Classified Employee
Effective: July 27, 2026, through on or about October 9, 2026

B. EMPLOYEE 2026-2027-03925

Position: Professional Employee
Effective: August 19, 2026, through on or about November 16, 2026

C. EMPLOYEE 2026-2027-03402

Position: Professional Employee
Effective: September 11, 2026, through on or about January 8, 2027

D. EMPLOYEE 2026-2027-04054

Position: Professional Employee
Effective: August 19, 2026, through on or about October 30, 2026

9D. CHANGE OF STATUS – AUGUST 13, 2026 (A-D)

A. COYLE, EILEEN

Position:	Full-time Bus Monitor Delaware Valley Middle School/Transportation
Effective:	August 24, 2026
Salary:	$19.43 per hour
Replaces:	Wanda Miranda Change from Part-time Bus Driver to Full-time Bus Monitor

B. LINDSELL, TANYA

Position:	Full-time Instructional Assistant Shohola Elementary School
Effective:	August 19, 2026
Salary:	$20.92 per hour
Replaces:	New position Change from Part-time Instructional Assistant to Full-time Instructional Assistant

C. MIRANDA, WANDA

Position:	Full-time Bus Driver Delaware Valley Middle School/Transportation
Effective:	August 24, 2026
Salary:	$21.02 per hour
Replaces:	Susan Stroup Change from Full-time Bus Monitor to Full-time Bus Driver * This is a correction to the Change of Statuses from the June 18, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

D. MOON, JANICE

Position:	Full-time Bus Monitor Delaware Valley Middle School/Transportation
Effective:	August 24, 2026
Salary:	$19.43 per hour
Replaces:	Christine McKnight Change from Part-time Bus Monitor to Full-time Bus Monitor

9F. CHANGE OF EFFECTIVE DATE – AUGUST 13, 2026 (A-C)

F. EMPLOYEE 2025-2026-03320

Position:	Professional Delaware Valley Middle School
Effective:	July 7, 2026

Change: From on or about August 27, 2026, through on or about December 23, 2026, to August 19, 2026, through on or about December 23, 2026

G. EMPLOYEE 2025-2026-03426

Position: Professional
Dingman Delaware Primary School
Effective: July 22, 2026
Change: From on or about April 7, 2026, through on or about September 18, 2026, to on or about April 7, 2026, through on or about February 19, 2027

H. ROBERT, ADAMS

Position: Part-time Maintenance/Auto Mechanic
Delaware Valley Middle School
Effective: July 1, 2026
Change: From on or about June 15, 2026, to on or about July 6, 2026

9G. REQUEST FOR UNCOMPENSATED LEAVE – AUGUST 13, 2026 (A)

A. EMPLOYEE 2026-2027-04080

Position: Classified Staff
Dingman Delaware Primary School
Effective: August 19, 2026, through on or about December 11, 2026
Reason: Educational

10. **ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

A. Approval of the 2026-2027 school year volunteers - Attached
Motion for the approval of the 2026-2027 volunteers as per the attachment. This motion, made by Felicia Sheehan and seconded by Christine Agron, Carried.

Christine Agron:	Yea
Jessica Decker:	Yea
Brian Fells:	Yea
Jack Fisher:	Absent
Pam Lutfy:	Yea
Felicia Sheehan:	Yea
Dorit Smith:	Yea
Rosemary Walsh:	Yea

Carl Will:	Absent

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

B. First review of Board Policy 213 Technology Device Insurance - Attached
Motion to approve First review of policy 213. This motion, made by Christine Agron and seconded by Rosemary Walsh, Carried.

Christine Agron:	Yea
Jessica Decker:	Yea
Brian Fells:	Yea
Jack Fisher:	Absent
Pam Lutfy:	Yea
Felicia Sheehan:	Yea
Dorit Smith:	Yea
Rosemary Walsh:	Yea
Carl Will:	Absent

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

BOARD DISCUSSION

Christine Agron: Insurance options
Rosemary Walsh: Insurance options
Jessica Decker: Insurance options/communication

C. Approval of the school physicians and dentists for the 2026-2027 school year - Attachment
Motion to approve the school physicians and dentists for the 2026-2027 school year as per the attachment. This motion, made by Felicia Sheehan and seconded by Rosemary Walsh, Carried.

Christine Agron:	Yea
Jessica Decker:	Yea
Brian Fells:	Yea
Jack Fisher:	Absent
Pam Lutfy:	Yea
Felicia Sheehan:	Yea
Dorit Smith:	Yea
Rosemary Walsh:	Yea
Carl Will:	Absent

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

D. Approval of the bus/van drivers and corresponding routes for the 2026-2027 school year - Attachment
Motion to approve the bus/van drivers and corresponding routes for the 2026-2027 school year as per the attachment. This motion, made by Christine Agron and seconded by Rosemary Walsh, Carried.

Christine Agron:	Yea
Jessica Decker:	Yea
Brian Fells:	Yea
Jack Fisher:	Absent
Pam Lutfy:	Yea

Felicia Sheehan:	Yea
Dorit Smith:	Yea
Rosemary Walsh:	Yea
Carl Will:	Absent

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E. Approval of additional Delaware Valley Adult and Community Education (DV-ACE) instructors and substitutes for the Summer 2026 session - Attachment
Motion to approve additional Delaware Valley Adult and Community Education (DV-ACE) instructors and substitutes for Summer 2026 session a per the attachment. This motion, made by Felicia Sheehan and seconded by Christine Agron, Carried.

Christine Agron:	Yea
Jessica Decker:	Yea
Brian Fells:	Yea
Jack Fisher:	Absent
Pam Lutfy:	Yea
Felicia Sheehan:	Yea
Dorit Smith:	Yea
Rosemary Walsh:	Yea
Carl Will:	Absent

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

F. Approval of the Delaware Valley Adult and Community Education (DV-ACE) courses and instructors for the Fall 2026 session - Attachment
Motion to approve Delaware Valley Adult and Community Education (DV-ACE) courses and instructors for the Fall 2026 session as per the attachment. This motion, made by Felicia Sheehan and seconded by Christine Agron, Carried.

Christine Agron:	Yea
Jessica Decker:	Yea
Brian Fells:	Yea
Jack Fisher:	Absent
Pam Lutfy:	Yea
Felicia Sheehan:	Yea
Dorit Smith:	Yea
Rosemary Walsh:	Yea
Carl Will:	Absent

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

G. Approval of the Professional Development Steering Committee for the 2026-2027 school year - Attachment
Motion to approve the Professional Development Steering Committee for the 2026-2027 school year as per the attachment. This motion, made by Christine Agron and seconded by Felicia Sheehan, Carried.

Christine Agron:	Yea
Jessica Decker:	Yea

Brian Fells:	Yea
Jack Fisher:	Absent
Pam Lutfy:	Yea
Felicia Sheehan:	Yea
Dorit Smith:	Yea
Rosemary Walsh:	Yea
Carl Will:	Absent

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

H. Approval of a PSBA Liaison position for the 2026-2027 school year
Motion to approve a PSBA Liaison position for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Brian Fells and seconded by Christine Agron, Carried.

Christine Agron:	Yea
Jessica Decker:	Yea
Brian Fells:	Yea
Jack Fisher:	Absent
Pam Lutfy:	Yea
Felicia Sheehan:	Yea
Dorit Smith:	Yea
Rosemary Walsh:	Yea
Carl Will:	Absent

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
Pam Lutfy and Christine Agron will serve as the 2026-2027 PSBA Liaisons.

I. Approval of the Pre-K Counts Partnership Agreement between Delaware Valley School District and the Center for Developmental Disabilities for the 2026-2027 school year
Motion to approve the Pre-K Counts Partnership Agreement between Delaware Valley School District and the Center for Developmental Disabilities for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Felicia Sheehan and seconded by Christine Agron, Carried.

Christine Agron:	Yea
Jessica Decker:	Yea
Brian Fells:	Yea
Jack Fisher:	Absent
Pam Lutfy:	Yea
Felicia Sheehan:	Yea
Dorit Smith:	Yea
Rosemary Walsh:	Yea
Carl Will:	Absent

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
<u>BOARD DISCUSSION</u>
Christine Agron stated that the partnership between Delaware Valley School District and the Center for Developmental Disabilities is extremely important to our community.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
    A. September 10, 2026 - 6:00pm - Work Session - Delaware Valley Administrative Offices
    B. September 17, 2026 - 6:00pm - Regular Board Meeting - Dingman Delaware Elementary School Library
12. **PUBLIC COMMENT — ANY SCHOOL BUSINESS**
    Please state your name and municipality for the record, you will have one opportunity to address the Board for two minutes.
    Delana Kolstad, Matamoras: School taxes
13. **CLOSING COMMENTS FROM BOARD**
    Dorit Smith: State Representative Jeff Olsommer, Curriculum
    Felicia Sheehan: PA 1000
    Jessica Decker: Assistance information
    Rosemary Walsh: Curriculum
    Christine Agron: 26-27 school year

14. **ADJOURNMENT**
    Board President, Jessica Decker
    Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Felicia Sheehan and seconded by Christine Agron, Carried.

Christine Agron:	Yea
Jessica Decker:	Yea
Brian Fells:	Yea
Jack Fisher:	Absent
Pam Lutfy:	Yea
Felicia Sheehan:	Yea
Dorit Smith:	Yea
Rosemary Walsh:	Yea
Carl Will:	Absent

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Respectfully Submitted.

William Hessling

William Hessling
Board Secretary

ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT – DR. NICOLE COSENTINO

The month of August proved to be extremely busy embedded in activity, preparing us to start the school year.

AIM Institute
The academic members of the cabinet spent the summer investigating, exploring, and selecting the most robust professional development option for our teachers to be the most prepared to write new K-5 curricula for ELA. In addition to the new Reading series, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has two different mandates related to structured literacy which require professional learning. After much research, the AIM Institute for Learning and Research was selected.

We offered a three-hour professional learning session on August 19th to all K-5 teachers, as well as special education teachers, concluding with the opportunity to sign on to participate in a 23-hour professional learning course this year. This was an optional commitment, and we are thrilled to announce that 97 out of the 103 classroom teachers invited, signed up for the course.

This summer, our administrators, K-8, plus the academic Cabinet, started the leadership course from the AIM Institute as well, so we can be prepared to support our staff on their learning journey.

Professional Learning
We conducted an initiative inventory, with the help of IU 20, to narrow our focus for our professional learning menu for the 26-27 school year. We surveyed our teachers, K-12, and used the data to inform the session offerings. With a focus on instructional strategies, 5/7 buildings selected the same top three high impact instructional strategies. The other two buildings had ⅔ same strategies. That was an incredible reveal of data and really guided our plans. Our focus will be differentiation, collaborative, learning, and metacognitive strategies.

On August 19th, we offered targeted professional development offerings, which are directly aligned to the school district's focus for the school year. Since our K-5 teachers were all in the AIM training, we offered 60 other sessions. We brought in Erin from the AIM Institute, Jason ZImmerman from PDE, and Esq. Erin Gilbasch just to mention a few of the high profile outside presenters.

Following the professional learning day, post-session meetings were held with all external trainers to reflect on the effectiveness of the sessions and review teacher feedback. This reflective process has been instrumental in identifying strengths and areas for growth, and it is directly informing the early stages of planning for August professional learning to ensure continued alignment with staff needs and district priorities.

New Teacher Orientation
The week of August 17th was New Teacher Induction Week. We kicked off the week with a presentation and discussion about 1DV, the academic vision for the school year, and an overview of resources for our new staff. That week was filled with activities surrounding support of our new and returning staff members.

LINKIT!
I participated in an updated training for LINKIT!, our data warehouse tool. We uncovered an incredible new tool called NAVI, that will help us analyze the data in order to give teachers direct instructional information.

School Spirit
We kicked off our school spirit event planning with a meeting between necessary stakeholders to plan out the first month of events. We brainstorm ways to engage more students, staff, and the local community. Our mascot visits will start on September 11th in preparation for the back to school football game and the red bandanna themed game. We are providing free tickets to all student students from kindergarten through eighth grade in hopes of increased participation at our first home football game.

Our first initiative is just kicking off and it is #PasstheSpiritDV. The cheerleaders will attend a DV event/game and take a short video or pictures and post about it on Instagram. In the post, they will "challenge" another group/team to go out and do the same. This group will then have 1 week to go out and support another group/team and challenge another group. We are hoping for a chain reaction.

MINI THON
Combo 11 has taken on the responsibility of Mini-THON for Delaware Valley High School. Leslie Lordi and I participated in an informational call on Friday, September 4. We will be kicking off the fundraising season at Warrior Fest. Mini THON is sponsored by the Four Diamonds organization that focuses on raising money for pediatric cancer. We are planning multiple schoolwide events this year to serve as fundraisers.

PDE
I was able to participate in a call with Dr. Megan Clementi, mathematics advisor for the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Dr. Blaum, Ms. Sweller, and I were able to engage in a discussion with Dr. Clementi, focusing on the appropriate utilization of assessments within our mathematics scope and sequence within the district. These types of conversations with individuals who are making statewide decisions are critical to Delaware Valley's academic success and curricular changes.

ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT – DR. JAYSON POPE

- On August 4th, The Pike County District Attorney's Office, Dickson House Children's Advocacy Center, and Victims Intervention Program held the 1st annual National Night Out at the Dingmans Township recreation fields. The event was a celebration of community, public safety, and local partnerships that featured food, giveaways, entertainment, and community resources.

- On August 20th, the Delaware Valley Cyber Academy hosted its annual orientation/family engagement meeting in the High School Learning Commons. Families had the opportunity to meet with staff, review expectations, and ask questions about the program.

- The Delaware Valley Educational Foundation is pleased to welcome its newest scoreboard sponsor, Eclipse Asphalt Protection. As a silver building block sponsor on the stadium scoreboard, this new partnership will enable the foundation to continue funding programs that directly benefit the school and local community.

- The Delaware Valley School District Pre-K Counts Program is proud to welcome Luann Scardino as its new alignment advisor. Luann has over 30 years experience owning and operating a local childcare center and now partners with educators to further strengthen both the academic and administrative sides of their programming.

- The Delaware Valley Educational Foundation is excited to announce the debut of Battlefield Pro Wrestling at Delaware Valley High School. Warriormania: Battle for Belonging will take place on Saturday, October 24 with all proceeds benefitting the DV Foundation's K-12 Peer Inclusion Fund. Ticket details, as well as the advertised match card, will be released in the near future.

- The Delaware Valley School District and the United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne, and Pike kicked off its annual pledge campaign, running until September 18. Staff members have the opportunity to participate in a payroll deduction program, with contributions going directly to support organizations and families in our local community. The partnership between the school district and the United Way has grown significantly over the past year, as the organization donated over $16,000 to DV-specific initiatives during the 2025-26 school year, as well as funding several non-profit organizations in the community.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES – MR. CHRIS LORDI

- Participated in district-wide interviews for Professional and Classified staff
- Attended weekly Zoom mtgs. with Frontline for the new time clock system
- Participated in PASBO HR Committee meeting
- Held a discipline hearing for three (3) employees
- Recruiting new employees for open positions
- Held a secretary training for the time clock system
- Interviewed Professional and Classified substitute staff
- Worked through Workers Comp cases with our insurance company
- Met with DVEA leadership for new year discussions
- Met with DVESP leadership for new year discussions
- Completed new staff orientation
- Held new teacher orientation
- Attended IU #20 Emergency Preparedness monthly meeting
- Attended the Westfall Sewer Authority meetings
    - USDA financing meeting
    - Act 537 planning
    - Monthly meetings
- Attended IU #20 Human Resources meeting
    - Discussions regarding the need from ALL IU schools for IAs

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR – MR. WILLIAM HESSLING

- Review, approve and assist in compiling the 25 to 35 pages of Financial Reports, Treasurer's Reports, and Bills for Payment that appear as Business Office produced reports on the Board agenda every month. This includes journal entries, reconciliations, budget decisions on purchasing and bills for payments, budgetary monitoring and controls, revenue tracking, etc. for all district funds including the General Fund, Construction Funds, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Funds.

- A $50.8 billion state budget was signed into law by Gov. Josh Shapiro on July 11, 2026. The governor's originally proposed budget in February would have increased spending by $2.7 billion (a 5.4% increase) and taken approximately $4.6 billion from the state's emergency reserves in the Rainy Day Fund, which led to the holding up 12 days on the budget enactment beyond the original deadline. There was speculation of massive tax increases as soon as next year. The final negotiated agreement cut more than $1.1 billion from the governor's spending request and will not require any withdrawals from the Rainy Day Fund, setting the state on a more sustainable path and avoiding potential bond downgrades and higher debt costs.
  For Delaware Valley School District (DVSD), key educational program subsidies increased a modest 1.2% or $273,378. These final 26-27 state budget subsidies ended up approximately $39,000 higher than the DVSD 26-27 Budget.
- The state also continues to fund free breakfast for all students participating in the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and no charge for lunch for reduced eligible students. No student may be charged for breakfast through SBP and students eligible for reduced-price meals may not be charged for lunches though the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). However, all students must be claimed in the appropriate eligibility category on the PEARS claim for reimbursement.
- Congress has approved a short-term funding measure to keep the federal government operating through December 11, avoiding a potential government shutdown ahead of the November midterm elections and giving lawmakers additional time to complete FY 2027 appropriations. The House approved the measure September 1 by a vote of 370-48 after Senate passage in August. President Trump signed the bill on September 2.

DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT SERVICES – MR. MARVIN EVERSDYKE

Activities for the month of August to support facilities, ground maintenance, and student transportation included:

- Scheduled substitute personnel for absences
- Reviewed the ML Building Schedules and Arbiter Sports Schedules each day to assure my staff was informed and had plans to prepare for events in buildings and athletic events
- Cleaned up debris, cut fallen trees, repaired cross-country trail, and repaired property damages related to the storm
- Groomed and painted lines for each sport on our 15 athletic fields
- After student roll-up was completed mid-July, updated all regular education and special education home-to-school routes, bus stops, and buses for all routes
- Held bus driver and bus monitor meeting to kick-off school reopening which includes assigning routes, vehicles, and personnel
- Managed repair service and maintenance for all transportation, SPO, and maintenance vehicles
- Performed building checks to assure every component of operations was ready for teachers and students returning
- Assigned and followed through on all Work Order Requests and special projects to assure we were ready for opening day
- Assigned and followed through on all Preventative Maintenance Work Orders
- Reviewed and processed all invoices for payment
- Reviewed and processed all timesheets for payroll each pay period
- Prepared and submitted all required DEP Wastewater and Domestic Drinking Water Reports

- Managed daily activities for staff and kept our transportation contractor current with requirements needed for home-to-school routing
- Reviewed and approved new student registrations for the new school year
- Saw that all common grounds were mowed, trimmed, weed-wacked, parking lots lined, signs painted, etc. to be ready for teachers return the week before school reopened
- Assigned all athletic sports and field trips for August and September

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DIR. OF MENTAL HEALTH & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES– DR. DIANA BIXBY

Mental Health

- September is Suicide Prevention Month. School Social Worker Amy Letwinksy is working at the High School to honor suicide prevention by observing World Suicide Prevention Day (September 10th) and they are holding our mental health reboot at the end of the month. The topic for the reboot is suicide prevention and how to help someone who is struggling with suicidal thoughts.

- The High school was also honored to have been given several ACT kits. ACT Through Music is a nonprofit that strives to raise awareness and prevent suicide. The kits have a variety of educational materials as well as coping tools such as calming strips and fidgets.

- School Social Worker Gabrielle Winkler has been networking with teachers in all three of the buildings she supports to check on students they've received in their classroom this year that she worked with last year to see how it's going so far and if they have any questions or need any immediate support. She has also started to see students individually, checking in on them to see how the start of the year is going, and reviewing their goals for the year.

- Ms. Winkler is also working to create the September initiative "Start With Hello(the Sandy Hook Promise)" which focuses on spotting social isolation/when a peer is left out, taking action/reaching out, and building community/ a safe kind school. She is also working on a new group and custom curriculum for Journaling called "Think, Ink & Reflect," that she is looking to trial this Fall at DDES

- A few staff members at DDES have engaged in some trainings with Ms. Winkler with Girls On the Run (GOTR) and they will be starting an after-school club that will run September-November, ending with a 5k at Keystone College. GOTR is a national non-profit after-school program designed to inspire third to eighth grade girls through a curriculum that blends physical activity with life skill development.

- Over at DDMS/DVMS, School Social Worker, Dr. Vivian Bruno worked as part of a team to roll out the PBIS initiative. Dr. Bruno is also working on a calendar of various initiatives for the 26-27 school year.

- Dr. Bruno has welcomed a new Social Worker intern, and they have been preparing for Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month this month.

Support Services

- Psychologists are attending Transfer IEP meetings and establishing times to provide counseling for special and general education students. They are also collaborating with IEP teams for students that are transitioning to new buildings or for those that may need an

evaluation to be completed for the start of the year.

- From September 1st through September 3rd, the Nursing Department had the opportunity to work alongside our Speech-Language Pathology Department to complete state-mandated hearing screenings throughout the district. This collaboration helped make the screening process run smoothly and gave both departments the chance to work together in supporting the health and well-being of our students.

- The Nursing Department is also excited to be participating in Warrior Fest on September 19th for the first time! The nurses are looking forward to spending time with students, families, and staff while sharing helpful health and wellness information and supporting the event however we can. It will be a great opportunity to connect with our school community in a fun and relaxed setting. We are excited to be part of a day that brings everyone together and celebrates Warrior pride.

Achieve Academy

- Achieve Academy started the 2026-2027 school year with two students. These were students who carried over into the program from the last school year.

- Dr. Bruno continues to meet with the students weekly for supportive counseling sessions.

- Dr. Bruno attended a virtual training called Teen Intervene in mid-August. This program is an evidence-based, low-intensity early intervention program designed for adolescents aged 12 to 19 who exhibit mild-to-moderate substance use or vaping behaviors. The program intercepts early-stage substance use to prevent progression to dependency, academic disruption, or legal involvement.

SUPERVISORS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION – MRS. CHERYL NIELSEN & MRS. ASHLEY TURS

Welcome back! We had a very busy summer. This year we held summer programs at all four elementary schools. We had over 40 elementary students participate in our summer programs. Students participated in social skills activities, academic activities, gross motor skill and fine motor skill development.

We also hosted programs at DDMS and DVHS. Those programs hosted over 30 students at the secondary level. Students participated in academic activities, life skills activities, and social skills activities. We are always grateful to our teachers, IA's, and nurses for their dedication over the summer.

Our DVMS Science Resource Room students worked together to figure out how to "Save Fred!" During this hands-on STEM activity, students used their creativity, problem-solving skills, and collaboration to successfully complete the challenge. They communicated their ideas, worked together to develop solutions, and encouraged one another throughout the activity. The students worked so well as a team and were actively engaged from beginning to end!

During our first few days back from summer break, first and second grade students in the elementary emotional support program participated in several welcome back activities focused on building relationships and social-emotional skills. Students completed "All About Me" activities, shared some of their favorite summer memories, practiced important social skills, and participated in a Zones of Regulation game to help identify emotions and discuss healthy ways to manage their feelings. It was

a great way to reconnect, learn about one another, and start the school year on a positive note! Students had a great first week!

In the 3rd-5th grade life skills room, we decided to make a list of classroom promises instead of class rules. We spoke about the importance of trusting each other, respecting each other, and what we needed to do to be successful as a class. The students then worked together to make a list of things we can promise each other. We promised to listen to each other, be kind, be respectful, use our manners, and to talk about our feelings. This allowed us to present typical rules in a positive light that would benefit ourselves, our classmates, and our teacher.

SUPERVISOR OF ACADEMIC SERVICES – MS. JOY SWELLER

School Year Launch & Instructional Readiness

- Ensured district educational software and instructional platforms were successfully rolled over, updated, and ready for staff and students on the first day of school.
- Visited all district buildings during the first week of school to connect with administrators, teachers, and principals, address immediate needs, and support a successful start to the school year.
- Ensured classes were properly rostered and prepared for the first round of CDT testing.

Professional Learning & Instructional Support

- Supported planning for the district's first professional learning day of the new school year, with an emphasis on differentiation and collaboration as key instructional practices.
- Continued to support the district's new Gifted Support Teacher as she begins working directly with students on goal setting, project planning, and individualized learning opportunities.
- Met with gifted case managers to clarify roles and responsibilities within the GIEP process and promote consistency in gifted programming and communication.

Curriculum, Assessment & Instruction

- Finalized benchmark assessment plans for grades K–12 in collaboration with district administration and department chairs, establishing a clear assessment schedule and expectations for the upcoming school year.
- Worked collaboratively with the Special Education Department to ensure greater equity and consistency in district assessment practices and access to appropriate assessment opportunities.
- Met with Amplify representatives to prepare for the successful launch of the new middle school ELA resource and ensure teachers have the necessary support as implementation begins.

Title I & Schoolwide Planning

- Finalized the Schoolwide Plans for Title I programming at each elementary school, ensuring plans are aligned with identified student needs and district priorities.

SUPERVISOR OF TECHNOLOGY – MR. DYLAN SATURNO

- From 8/1/26 to 8/31/26 620 work orders were created by the staff
- From 8/1/26 to 8/31/26 452 work orders were completed and closed by the technology department
- As of 8/31/26 there were 138 work orders still in process by the technology department in various buildings
- Set-up new iPads in DDMS and DVMS for E-Hall pass

- Set-up new iPads in DDES and SES for the new time clock app
- Set-up new tablets in DVHS for E-Hall pass
- Installed ethernet cables in buildings for the new phone system
- Installed, set-up and ported telephone numbers for the new phone system
- Set-up fax machines and PA system and ported numbers
- Set-up voicemails, district phone menu and group call pickup
- Redistributed newer Chromebooks to secondary students and provided repurposed Chromebooks to the elementary students
- Set-up camera tv's in 2 buildings
- Replaced several classroom switches
- Performed annual rollover for PowerSchool, Classlink, Schoology etc.
- Installed 20 Newline Boards in the district
- Replaced DVHS C-Wing printer
- Set-up projector and screen for the Quilters Guild
- Added new staff to active directory and PowerSchool
- Build-out of cache server for bandwidth reduction
- Finalize 10G handoff from IU20
- Configure secondary ISP for Internet Failover Use

DELAWARE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – MR. LOU DELAURO

Administrative Retreat – The high school administration team participated in an administrative retreat at Sky Top Lodge from July 26th-28th. The retreat included a reflection of 1DV from the previous school year as well as the vision for this upcoming school year. Sessions included district-wide data analysis, accountability, new teacher orientation, professional development focus, handling a potential cell phone ban, evaluation process, and other useful topics to prepare for the 2026-2027 school year.

Freshman Orientation – On August 18th, Delaware Valley High School held another successful Freshman Orientation for all incoming 9th-grade students and new students in the district. Students received their schedules, locker information, club and sport information, and a map of the school, and participated in a scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt was a fun, interactive experience for the students that helped them become familiar with the building and their individual schedules.

A "One Team, One Purpose" Welcome Back to Staff – On August 20th, DV teachers and staff kicked off the 2026-2027 school year with Teacher Workday. After a morning of meetings and an afternoon spent preparing for the start of school, high school administrators delivered T-shirts (One Team. One Purpose.) and smiles to an appreciative staff. Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

Bagel Breakfast on the First day of school- High school administration purchased bagels (Naked Bagel) for all staff Members from Monday- Wednesday the first week of school.

Class Meetings – On Wednesday, August 26th and Thursday, August 27th, students in grades 9-12 attended their annual class meeting. These meetings familiarized students with the academic and behavioral expectations outlined in the DVHS Student Handbook, helping to prepare them for a successful school year.

Fire Drill (9/31) - During 6th period, we held our state-mandated monthly fire drill.

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION – DR. CHRIS ROSS

- **Automotive:** The Automotive Technology program reflects robust student participation for the current academic year, with 41 total students enrolled across three proficiency tiers:

  Level 1: 20 students
  Level 2: 8 students
  Level 3: 13 students

  All students are actively completing required workplace safety and operational compliance modules to establish foundational laboratory protocols. Level 2 students are performing essential routine maintenance and mechanical preparation on the Marching Band trucks and transportation trailers in support of the upcoming football season. Students are also servicing and preparing the vehicle designated for the upcoming Warrior Fest event.

- **Early Childhood Education:** The Early Childhood Education Level I program is pleased to welcome **13 enthusiastic students** this school year who are preparing to begin their clinical rotations at local early learning centers. Students are currently progressing through the first chapter of the curriculum while diligently completing the required clearances and professional training necessary for their clinical experiences, including **CPR/AED and First Aid certification**. These experiences will provide students with valuable opportunities to apply classroom knowledge in authentic early childhood education settings and further develop the skills necessary for success in the field.

  The on-site Early Childhood Education Preschool Program will open on September 15th.

- **Business and Marketing**: This year, our Business & Marketing students have established a collaborative partnership with the Journalism Program and *The Del-Aware* to transform the school's morning announcements into a live-streamed broadcast. This initiative provides students with valuable, hands-on experience in broadcast technology, camera operation, scripting, production, and the various behind-the-scenes responsibilities associated with producing a professional live news broadcast. Through this interdisciplinary collaboration, students are developing an understanding of how multiple programs can work together to create engaging, high-quality content that effectively communicates with and serves the school community.

  In addition, Business & Marketing students are actively developing and producing scoreboard content featuring our student-athletes for upcoming fall home athletic events at the stadium. This project provides students with practical experience in video production, content planning, editing, branding, and sports marketing. The resulting professional-quality content will be showcased during athletic events, providing students with an authentic opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge while promoting school spirit and highlighting the accomplishments of our student-athletes.

- **Cooperative Education / Diversified Occupations:** The DVHS Cooperative Education program is starting off the school year with eleven students. The students include five Diversified Occupation students and six Capstone students. The Capstone program numbers by trade are three electrical, two auto, and one culinary.

- **Building Trades:** Level III students have completed their NOCTI assessments and are currently awaiting results from the performance exam. As they prepare to conclude their time at Delaware Valley, seniors are engaged in personal and shop projects that allow them to further refine their skills while showcasing the knowledge and craftsmanship they have developed throughout the program.

- **CTE Program**: Delaware Valley has received their 339 Review from PDE from the 2025-2026 school year. The program was commended in the report for the following:
    - Strong commitment to organization and structural clarity
    - Strong commitment to student success and industry alignment
    - Comprehensive support systems that foster both student safety and academic success
    - Students earn numerous college credits while also completing the program of study
    - Commendation for attention to safety and accessibility. Compliance and equitable access for all students.
    - Kara Morelli (Diversified / Cooperative) was highly commended for exemplary leadership and dedication to student success.

DINGMAN DELAWARE MIDDLE SCHOOL – MR. BRIAN MCCARTHY

- **August 17th**—Fall Sports started on the DDMS campus.
- **August 17th**—DDMS held New Student Orientation and welcomed 14 new students.
- **August 18th**—DDMS opened their doors for the 6th Grade Student Orientation. 170 students were able to meet with administration and school counselors in the auditorium for a presentation. A question-and-answer session followed the presentation and students had an opportunity to practice opening their lockers. DDMS Warrior Ambassadors helped students with their lockers and to find their classrooms on their schedules. Students finished the morning with a treat and refreshments in the cafeteria.
- **August 19th**—DDMS Teachers participated in the DV In-Service Day on the main campus. Our teachers rotated through various sessions throughout the day. The teachers also spent time in their PLC's discussing student data and how they could improve their instruction to show growth for the new year!
- **August 20th**—DDMS Teachers reported to the middle school to prepare their classrooms for the first day of school. Teachers also attended the First Day Faculty Meeting to discuss the new changes for the 2026-2027 school year!
- **August 24th**—The Dingman-Delaware Middle School opened their doors to 504 students for the First Day of School. The custodial, maintenance, and technology staff did a wonderful job of preparing the building, and making it look outstanding, as we welcomed students and staff back for a great start to the 2026-2027 school year!
- **August 25th**—DDMS held grade level meetings in the auditorium.
- **August 26th**—The DDMS nurse held student hearing screenings.
- **August 31st**—DDMS hosted an early open house, and parents packed the school to discuss expectations with their child's teachers.
- **Fire Drill** – August 28, 2 minutes 9 seconds

  Upcoming Events:
    - **9/10/26**—DDMS will wear Purple/Teal to support Suicide Awareness
    - **9/11/26**—DDMS students can use their free ticket to the DV Football Game vs East Stroudsburg South. All DDMS students received tickets!
    - **9/14-9/18**—DDMS will host their Spirit Week with themes and activities
    - **9/18**—DDMS will host their first Spirit Games to conclude Spirit Week and get the students excited for Warrior Fest!

- **9/19**—Warrior Fest
- **9/23**—DDMS will wear Green to honor the Start with Hello Initiative.
- **9/24**—DDMS Picture Day

DELAWARE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL – MRS. DIANE SCARFALLOTO

June 2026

Delaware Valley Middle School FBLA members had an outstanding showing at the 2026 FBLA National Leadership Conference, earning a 3rd and 5th place finish. Myah Amici earned a 3rd place finish for Career Exploration. The team of Gia Cosentino and Jodie Harrison placed 5th in Exploring Marketing Strategies.

July 2026

Family and Consumer Science Teacher, Leslie Peters, attended a 3-day Educator Institute training in New Kent, Virginia. Mrs. Peters immersed herself into this training to learn how to implement a Kids Feeding Kids program in the Delaware Valley Middle School. This program will provide opportunities for our students to serve others within our community through partnerships with organizations that serve children in need. Food insecurity is something that impacts many families all over the country and in our local community. Kids Feeding Kids provides opportunities for our students to plan and prepare high-volume batch recipes to create meals that will be distributed free to families in our community.

August 2026

August 6, 2026 - DVMS PBIS Team met to prepare for teacher training.
August 10, 2026 - DVMS Community Pantry kickoff for DVMS students in need.
August 14, 2026 - DVMS began self-guided tours of the middle school for any students wishing to walk through their schedules before the first day of school.
August 17, 2026 - DVMS welcomed our new transfer students. Placement testing and tours of the building were conducted.
August 18, 2026 - 6th grade Ice Cream Social was held from 9:00AM - 1:00PM to welcome all the new 6th grade students to DVMS. National Junior Honor Society students provided tours and assistance to families.
August 24, 2026 - First Day of School for all students. PBIS Lessons on Hallway & Cafeteria Expectations were taught.
August 25, 2026 - Class meetings were held. PBIS lessons on Classroom, Bathroom, and School Bus Expectations were taught.
August 26, 2026 - PBIS lesson on Technology and When I am Concerned was taught.
August 31, 2026 - PBIS lesson on Emergency Drill Procedures was taught period 5. Evacuation Drill was conducted period 6.
Open House - 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - approximately 225 parents attended - per staff this was our highest attendance since COVID

September 2026

September 4, 2026 - DVMS Picture Day

DELAWARE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – MRS. MARY ANN OLSOMMER

- On August 17th, Mrs. Olsommer and Mrs. Strattman welcomed new students to Delaware Valley Elementary School for a New Student Orientation. The kindergarten teachers held their

orientation for incoming kindergarten students and their families on August 18th. Students and their families were able to see their classrooms, toured the building, and asked lots of questions.

- School opened on Monday, August 24th. The halls and classrooms of DVES were shining and decorated to greet the students. Smiling faces and excited chatter was plentiful! The students were excited to return from summer vacation.
- Bus arrival and dismissal each day was efficient and successful during the first week. The faculty and staff continued to utilize a card system for the first few days to help students board their buses and teachers to assist at the end of the day. Each day everyone became more comfortable and assured.
- Mrs. Olsommer welcomed students back to school during "Principal Chats" in every classroom during the first week. During the meetings, DVES expectations were reviewed, the students asked questions, some grade levels were read a story, and Mrs. Olsommer was able to relay the role of the principal in a school.
- A fire drill was conducted on 8/31/2026 at 10:00. It was 186 seconds long.
  Upcoming Events:
  - DVES Open House – September 1st at 6:00
  - Warrior Fest – September 19th
  - PTA Meeting – September 22nd at 5:30
  - PTA Family Fun Night – September 25th at 4:30

SHOHOLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – DR. NATHAN KROPTAVICH

- A fire drill was conducted on 8/26/26 and completed in 2 minutes.
- A rear door bus evacuation drill was conducted on 8/27/26.
- Every year, SES chooses a fun theme for the year. This year's theme is "The Lorax."
- Our teachers have started presenting Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) lessons about student behavioral expectations and have introduced a refreshed menu of tangible and experiential incentives.
- This year, as a result of student feedback, specifically from our Superintendent Advisory Committee, we have installed a "Students' Excellent Suggestions (SES)" box in the main office and a sign for our "Buddy Bench" on our playground.
- Nineteen Shohola Elementary School teachers have volunteered to participate in the AIM Foundational Bundle, a professional learning series focused on the Science of Reading and evidence-based literacy instruction. This training will help strengthen a shared understanding of effective foundational reading practices across the school.
  Upcoming Events:
  - September 2 @ 6 PM - SES Open House
  - September 25 @ 5:30 - Back to School BBQ (PTA Event)

DINGMAN DELAWARE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – MRS. JENNIFER MORIARTY

- DDES Fire drill took place on August 28th. The building was cleared in 3 minutes and 54 seconds.
- DDES is excited to welcome several new members to our staff this school year! Please join us in welcoming Miya Baron (Gifted Support), Madison Strickler (Special Education), Rosemarie Skolnik

(Special Education), Rachel Goldstein (Library), and Erika Fierro (Assistant Principal). We are thrilled to have them join the DDES family and look forward to all they will contribute to our students and school community!

- DDES received new playground equipment this summer as a result of recommendations made by students through the Superintendent's Advisory Committee. The new additions include a 10-spin, a climbing structure with a slide, an inclusive sensory board, and an inclusive swing. Students were very excited to see and try out the new equipment when they returned to school this fall! This project was made possible through CAPEX funding.
- DDES welcomed families back to school for our Annual Open House on September 3rd! Families had the opportunity to visit classrooms, meet teachers, and connect with local organizations and community partners. The evening kicked off with our annual PTA meeting, followed by a wonderful night of connection and collaboration between our school, families, and community. We were excited to see so many families join us!
- The DDES PTA hosted its annual Back-to-School Pizza Picnic on September 10th! Participating students enjoyed pizza, a water bottle, and a bag of chips while spending time with friends and classmates. The picnic provided students with a fun and relaxed opportunity to enjoy the playground and fields, meet new friends, and strengthen existing friendships. We appreciate our PTA for creating another wonderful opportunity to bring the DDES community together!
- On September 11, DDES students were excited to welcome some very special visitors! Football players, cheerleaders, a member of the marching band, and the Warrior mascot joined us for a fun and memorable visit. Students had the opportunity to meet the athletes, experience the excitement of Warrior spirit, and cheer alongside our guests. As part of the visit, DDES students received a complimentary ticket to the Back to School game held in the Warrior Stadium.
- Staff and students wore red, white, and blue to honor and remember the lives lost on this day. Our DDES community came together to show our respect and commemorate the lives and sacrifices of those affected by September 11th.

  <u>Upcoming Events:</u>
  - 9/17 DVSD Board Meeting at DDES
  - 9/19 Warrior Fest/Homecoming
  - 9/23 Picture Day

DINGMAN DELAWARE PRIMARY SCHOOL – MS. KIMBERLY BUTAITIS

A Bright New School Year Begins at DDPS!

- DDPS hosted Pre-K orientation on Monday, August 17th and Kindergarten orientation on Tuesday, August 18th. Parents and students were invited to meet their new teacher. Teachers met with parents and explained procedures and expectations for the school year as well as reviewing the schedule of a typical school day.
- The kindergarten team is pleased to report a successful first week of school. Students learned school rules and procedures, practiced using classroom supplies, participated in craft activities, and built relationships with their classmates. It was a productive week focused on learning and adjusting to new routines. The team looks forward to a wonderful year ahead!
- As part of our school-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program, Lacey Batista, school counselor; Amber Collins, librarian; and Kathleen Petti, school police officer, teamed up to teach bus safety expectations through role-playing scenarios. By teaching and reinforcing safe, responsible behaviors, we are helping students make positive choices and stay safe while traveling to and from school

- The Title I Reading Department at DDPS is collaborating with classroom teachers to strengthen literacy instruction and establish consistent routines. Acadience testing is underway to collect baseline data and guide flexible instructional groups. Reading specialists are also supporting teachers with differentiation, instructional strategies, and DVOG implementation to help meet the needs of all students.
- This summer, DDPS created a fun and engaging Summer Reading Bingo Challenge to inspire students to continue reading while school was out. Each student received a Bingo board featuring a variety of reading activities, such as reading to a pet, reading while wearing a hat, or reading with a flashlight. As students completed the activities, they marked their boards with the goal of completing a row—or even the entire board. Students who returned their completed boards to their teachers received a prize.
- DDPS students were challenged to take their Warrior wherever they go and read with their Warrior! Students joined in the fun by reading in their favorite places and sharing pictures of their reading adventures with the school. It was a great way to celebrate reading, build excitement around literacy, and show our Warrior Pride!
- A fire drill was conducted on August 28. The building was evacuated in 3 minutes and 5 seconds.

  <u>Upcoming Events:</u>
  - PTA Meeting: 9/9 at 5:15
  - Open House: 9/9 from 6:00-7:00
  - School Pictures: 9/16
  - Faculty Meeting: 9/22 at 4:00
  - Ice Cream Social: 9/22 at 5:30

9A. RESIGNATIONS – SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 (A-I)

A. BROWN, MARISSA

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Shohola Elementary School
Effective: August 18, 2026
Reason: Personal

B. CONKLIN, VICTORIA

Position: Substitute Bus Coordinator
Delaware Valley Middle School/Transportation
Effective: September 11, 2026
Reason: Personal

C. EHRMAN EMPIRIO, SAMANTHA

Position: 4.5-hour Cafeteria
Dingman Delaware Middle School
Effective: September 18, 2026
Reason: Personal

D. MILLAN CORTES, ARIANA

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Shohola Elementary School
Effective: September 4, 2026
Reason: Personal

E. SCHLENKER, LORI

Position: 12-month Secretary
Dingman Delaware Primary School
Effective: September 18, 2026
Reason: Personal

F. SCHOTSCH, EMMA

Position: Field Hockey Specialist
Delaware Valley High School
Effective: August 13, 2026
Reason: Personal

G. STANLEY, NICOLE

Position: Part-time Bus Monitor
Delaware Valley Middle School/Transportation
Effective: August 21, 2026
Reason: Personal

H. TALBERT BROWN, TANESE

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Shohola Elementary School
Effective: August 17, 2026
Reason: Rescission of Employment Offer – Failure to complete new-hire paperwork

I. WILSON, CASEY

Position: Special Education Teacher
Delaware Valley Elementary School
Effective: On or before October 16, 2026
Reason: Personal

9B. APPOINTMENTS – SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 (A-L)

Appointments are based on the candidate providing necessary documents as per law.

A. ANDERSON, SHANE

Position:	Special Education Teacher Dingman Delaware Primary School
Effective:	August 17, 2026, to on or about October 6, 2026
Salary:	$64,000 per annum, prorated
Replaces:	Employee 2026-2027-04054 This is a long-term substitute position

B. ANDERSON, SHANE

Position:	Special Education Teacher Delaware Valley Elementary School
Effective:	On or about October 7, 2026
Salary:	$64,000 per annum, prorated
Replaces:	Casey Wilson

C. BYRNE, SHERIDAN

Position:	4-hour Instructional Assistant Shohola Elementary School
Effective:	September 14, 2026
Salary:	$20.92 per hour
Replaces:	Marissa Brown

D. CENTANNI, MARYANNE

Position:	4-hour Instructional Assistant Dingman Delaware Middle School
Effective:	September 18, 2026
Salary:	$20.92 per hour, with an additional $.50 per hour self-contained stipend
Replaces:	Brittany Marrone

E. CROLL, SHANNON

Position:	Teacher Dingman Delaware Primary School
Effective:	August 17, 2026, to on or about February 19, 2027
Salary:	$64,000 per annum, prorated
Replaces:	Employee 2026-2027-03426 This is a long-term substitute position

F. FOX, SAMANTHA

Position:	4-hour Instructional Assistant Dingman Delaware Primary School
Effective:	September 18, 2026
Salary:	$20.92 per hour, with an additional $.50

per hour self-contained stipend
Replaces: Tanya Lindsell

G. PIERCE, LISA

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Delaware Valley High School
Effective: On or about October 5, 2026
Salary: $20.92 per hour, with an additional $.50 per hour self-contained stipend
Replaces: Brianna Garcia

H. SAMARTINA, GINA

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Shohola Elementary School
Effective: On or about October 5, 2026
Salary: $20.92 per hour
Replaces: Arianna Milan Cortes

I. SEIBERT, KAREN

Position: 12-month Secretary
Dingman Delaware Primary School
Effective: September 18, 2026
Salary: $24.52 per hour
Replaces: Lori Schlenker

J. URSICH, ABIGAIL

Position: 4-hour Instructional Assistant
Shohola Elementary School
Effective: On or about October 5, 2026
Salary: $20.92 per hour
Replaces: Tanese Talbert Brown

K. CO-CURRICULAR PERSONNEL/RATES 2026-2027 – Attachment

The attached appointments are based upon an entire traditional school year. In the event of lesser than an entire traditional school year, payments will be prorated by a portion of athletic season, event, school days, etc., depending upon the student activities, unless legislated to pay differently.

L. SUBSTITUTES

NURSE
Jessica Diaz

PROFESSIONAL
Mavie Alario
JoAnn Anderson
Declan Carroll
Kristen Dombroski
Lawrence Doto
Melissa Griffie

Matthew Guadagni
Kaitlyn Hernandez
Rebecca Hurlbert
Regina Mian
Kelly Morris
Joseph Raniero
John Squatrito
Bettina Zidek-Roa

CLASSIFIED
Rachael Castro
Kristen Dombroski
Samantha Ehrman Empirio
Matthew Guadagni
Riley Hazelton
Kaitlyn Hernandez
Regan Moreng
Yesenia Perez
Rylee Reynolds
Karen Seibert
Donald Storms

CO-CURRICULAR PERSONNEL/RATES
2026-2027

	POSITION	NAME	ESTIMATED SALARY
	Odyssey of the Mind Coach SES	Natalie Sweeney	$4,663.75
	Yearbook Advisor SES	Mandy Gruber	$2,100.00
	Spelling Bee Coordinator SES	Amy Ross	$500.00
	Lifeguard	Logan Ryan	$15.00 per hour
	Lifeguard	Lily Oyer	$15.00 per hour
	Lifeguard	Addison Pousley	$15.00 per hour

9C. REQUEST FOR CHILD-REARING LEAVE – SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 (A)

A. EMPLOYEE 2026-2027-03810

Position: Professional Employee
Effective: September 28, 2026, through on or about November 13, 2026

9D. CHANGE OF STATUS – SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 (A-B)

A. BABCOCK, PAIGE

Position:	Part-time Bus Monitor Delaware Valley Middle School/Transportation
Effective:	September 4, 2026
Salary:	$19.43 per hour
Replaces:	Nicole Stanley
	Change from Part-time Bus Driver to Part-time Bus Monitor

B. MORRIS, CAROLINE

Position:	Part-time Bus Driver Delaware Valley Middle School/Transportation
Effective:	September 18, 2026
Salary:	$21.02 per hour
Replaces:	Paige Babcock
	Change from Part-time Bus Monitor to Part-time Bus Driver

9E. CHANGE OF SALARY – SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 (A-D)

A. SANTIAGO, CARMEL

Position:	4-hour Instructional Assistant Shohola Elementary School
Effective:	August 31, 2026
Salary:	$20.92 per hour
Change:	Removal of $.50 per hour self-contained stipend due to assignment change

B. SNOOK, KEILLY

Position:	4-hour Instructional Assistant Dingman Delaware Elementary School
Effective:	October 5, 2026
Salary:	$20.92 per hour
Change:	Removal of $.50 per hour self-contained stipend due to assignment change

C. VIVALDO, AMANDA

Position:	Full-time Instructional Assistant Dingman Delaware Primary School
Effective:	August 19, 2026
Salary:	$20.92 per hour
Change:	Removal of $.50 per hour self-contained stipend due to assignment change

D. CHANGE OF SALARY DUE TO ADDITIONAL CREDITS – First Semester 2026-2027 School Year - Attachment

SALARY INCREASE
First Semester - School Year 2026-2027
September 2026

	From			To	
Employee	Salary	Step		Salary	Step
Bergmann, Ciara	$64,500	5B		$67,500	5B+24
Blaum, Danielle	$91,265	15M+42		$92,160	15M+48
Blaut, Molly	$100,185	17M+18		$101,080	17M+24
Boccio, Margaret	$77,320	10M+18		$78,215	10M+24
Byrne, Mary Louise	$70,695	5M+6		$72,485	5M+18
Casey, Sarah	$99,290	17M+12		$100,185	17M+18
Coello, Kimberly	$72,225	8M		$73,120	8M+6
Cohen, Marielle	$72,225	8M		$73,120	8M+6
Collins, Amber	$76,520	7M+36		$78,310	7M+48
Connell, Anne	$91,265	15M+42		$93,055	15M+54
Dazi, Deanna	$68,750	7B+24		$71,150	7M
Dillinger, Lauren	$83,765	12M+42		$85,555	12M+54
Dowler, Emily	$67,500	3M		$68,395	3M+6
Feese, Jillian	$6,980	8B+24		$72,225	8M
Feiss, Jesse	$78,490	8M+42		$80,280	8M+54
Fratello, Rachael	$74,730	7M+24		$76,520	7M+36
Gallo, Alana	$74,395	9M+6		$76,185	9M+18
Giordano, Danielle	$103,765	17M+42		$104,660	17M+48
Gonzalez, Daniel	$90,370	15M+36		$92,160	15M+48
Grevera, Stephen	$71,795	6M+6		$72,690	6M+12
Howey, Jessica	$88,580	15M+24		$90,370	15M+36
Hunt, Kathrine	$80,005	10M+36		$81,795	10M+48
Hunt, Kayla	$78,060	6M+48		$79,850	6M+60
Hupfer, Kelsey	$72,045	7M+6		$72,940	7M+12
Irons, Joclyn	$64,250	3B		$67,500	3M
Keller, Mary Ellen	$80,660	9M+48		$82,450	9M+60
Kent, Cathleen	$98,395	17M+6		$100,185	17M+18
Kratz, Carmel	$103,765	17M+42		$104,660	17M+48
LaTourette, Victoria	$76,185	9M+18		$77,080	9M+24
Lee, Rachael	$72,940	7M+12		$73,835	7M+18

Lentowski, Jolene	$80,490	13M+12		$81,385	13M+18
Leslie, Theresa	$75,290	9M+12		$77,080	9M+24
Lockwood, Lauren	$87,685	15M+18		$88,580	15M+24
Luhrs, Melinda	$82,870	12M+36		$83,765	12M+42
~~Madsen, Katie~~	~~$85,000~~	~~15M~~		~~$86,790~~	~~15M+12~~
Markowitz, Casey	$64,500	5B		$69,800	5M
Matz, Richard	$71,795	6M+6		$72,690	6M+12
Maurer, Sarah	$85,000	15M		$86,790	15M+12
Mitchell, Jenna	$81,470	11M+36		$83,260	11M+48
Mitchell, Shelby	$76,100	11M		$77,890	11M+12
Navarro, Katelyn	$65,700	8B		$69,800	8B+24
Navistsky, Samantha	$84,660	12M+48		$85,555	12M+54
Nelson, Adrianna	$71,150	7M		$72,045	7M+6
Osborn, Stephanie	$83,685	14M+18		$84,580	14M+24
Paciotti, Danielle	$96,080	16M+24		$96,975	16M+30
Parlier, Matthew	$87,265	14M+42		$89,055	14M+54
Paz, Samantha	$73,500	9M		$75,290	9M+12
Peters, Leslie	$92,160	15M+48		$93,950	15M+60
Poore, Casey	$81,080	12M+24		$82,870	12M+36
Porter, Brittney	$64,375	4B		$68,800	4M
Presto, Morgan	$74,480	6M+24		$76,270	6M+36
Pridham, Mary Beth	$79,110	10M+30		$80,900	10M+42
Quaglia, Nicholas	$97,500	17M		$98,395	17M+6
Quinn, Samantha	$78,215	10M+24		$79,110	10M+30
Ripa, Brandi	$80,575	11M+30		$82,365	11M+42
Ross, Mercena	$85,895	15M+6		$87,685	15M+18
Sabo, Rebecca	$75,290	9M+12		$76,185	9M+18
Salak, Bernadine	$104,660	14M+48		$106,450	17M+60
Salus, James	$103,765	17M+42		$104,660	17M+48
Scibelli, Kyle	$67,250	2M		$68,145	2M+6
Scott, Kaitlin	$79,290	12M+12		$81,080	12M+24
Sloan, Kiley	$72,940	7M+12		$74,730	7M+24
Squatrito, Alexandra	$64,375	4B		$68,800	4M
Stokes, Jessica	$85,895	15M+6		$87,685	15M+18
Sweeney, Brian	$93,055	15M+54		$93,950	15M+60
Taffera, Alexandra	$64,150	2B		$68,145	2M+6

Thompson, Krystine	**$77,890**	**11M+12**		**$78,785**	**11M+18**
Vogel, Hailey	**$84,155**	**11M+54**		**$85,050**	**11M+60**
Waleck, Paulina	**$75,530**	**10M+6**		**$76,425**	**10M+12**
Woods, Veronica	**$82,280**	**13M+24**		**$84,070**	**13M+36**

Volunteers to be Added- September 2026

Barnes, Linda

Biavati-Reich, Ashlee

Callegari, Katharine

Casey, Frank

Casey, Susan

Catalanotto, Talia

Collinsworth, Jason

Devlin, Jerusha

Dorazio, Alexandra

Doyle, Julia Roy

Edgell, Kayle

Ferri, Alexandra

LaRosa, Michael

Lindholm, Teresa

Pike, Bette

Rogers. Lindsay

Scheu, Teri

Schweitzer, Matthew

Smith, Nicole

Tesoriero, Ashley

Torres, Kelly

Book	Policy Manual
Section	200 Pupils
Title	Copy of Technology Device Insurance
Code	213
Status	
Adopted	February 19, 2026
Last Reviewed	August 11, 2026

Purpose

The ~~Board~~District recognizes the possible need for insurance coverage for technology devices that may get damaged.

Authority

The ~~Board~~District shall provide parents/guardians ~~the opportunity~~with information to purchase ~~this~~ optional insurance coverage, at no cost to the district, for damage to technology devices.

Purchase of this insurance constitutes an agreement between the student and/or parents/guardians and the insurance company.

The premium will be paid by the parents/guardians.

The Board does not assume any contractual responsibility for expenses not covered by insurance.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to:

1. Prepare specifications ~~and secure~~for suitable coverage from qualified insurance carriers.
2. Notify all students and parents/guardians of students who may be eligible for insurance.