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Wyoming Area School District
Virtual Regular Meeting
Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

A virtual regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening. A virtual executive session preceded the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for Mr. John LaNunziata and his wife. Mr. LaNunziata is a former school board member. Mr. Campenni, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Mr. Philip Campenni, President
- Mrs. Kimberly Yochem, Vice President
- Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary
- Mr. Carman Bolin, Treasurer
- Ms. Lara Best
- Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo
- Mr. Leonard Pribula
- Mr. Gerald Stofko
- Mrs. Toni Valenti

Also present were: Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Secondary Center Assistant Building Principal, Shaun Rohland, Assistant Principal of Discipline, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Vanessa Nee, Director of Special Education, JoAnn Pepsin, Building Principal of Kindergarten Center/Assistant Director of Special Education, Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum, Kristi Naylor, School Psychologist.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their regular meeting minutes of December 15, 2020.
2. Carol Tabit, Title I Reading Teacher, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
3. Right to Know Request submitted for current provider contacts for website and/or content management system, alerts and/or emergency notification, mobile app and learning management system.
4. Right to Know Request submitted for cost of items purchased, work performed, etc. for all unbudgeted expenditures made by the district between September 1, 2020 to January 21, 2021.
5. Right to Know Request submitted for teacher payroll total salary for years 2016 to the current year.
6. Annette Falzone, Title I Clerical Aide, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
7. Alexandra Hughes, Special Education Teacher, requesting permission to take a maternity leave of absence.

8. Right to Know Request submitted for financial records pertaining to the money received and spent from the Cares Act and copy of emails between board members regarding bringing students back to school.
9. Right to Know Request submitted for financial information regarding stimulus money, copy of continuity of education plans and copy of letter sent to Department of Education requesting the closure of the Wyoming Area School District for in person learning.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Campenni asked for approval of the virtual regular meeting of January 26, 2021. All board members voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Attorney Ferentino read the Superintendent's Report in the absence of Mrs. Serino.

1. *As your Superintendent, I have been keeping in touch with the needs of the district. I have been battling COVID for several weeks and I am on the mend. Mr. Galella, our Curriculum Director, has been working very closely with me to handle daily central office matters. Our administrators have been handling daily activities. My goal is to return to school next week. I thank you for all the support you have given me.*

The Science Olympiad team competed in the Philadelphia High School for Girls Invitational competition. It was a virtual competition given the current situation. We received our results and I wanted to share them with you.

We won medals in the following events:

2nd place Detector Building (Karina Soto and Gabby Vogel)

2nd place Forensics (Karina Soto, Hailey Patts)

2nd place Geologic Mapping (Grace Washney, Maddie Kuharchik)

3rd place Fossils (Maddie Kuharchik, Emily Lewis)

3rd place Water Quality (Halle Kranson, Madison Day)

3rd place Dynamic Planet (Gabbie Supey, Emily Nelson)

3rd place Anatomy and Physiology (Maddie Kuharchik, Abby Hoyt)

Teachers in the science department have been meeting with the students virtually for the last few weeks. We plan to compete in the regional competition in March. On the day of the competition, we were able to monitor their progress in the competition on the science olympiad platform and check in with them using Google meet throughout the day.

It was certainly different from the science olympiad we are used to, but I think the students and teachers were happy to compete academically again. We were pleased with their results. Congratulations Mrs. Kearns.

Solicitor's Report

Attorney Ferentino reported that an executive session was held this evening to discuss ongoing negotiations and personnel issues.

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Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bolin read the Treasurer's Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	9,748,355.44
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,914.28
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	43,636.68
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	103,612.51
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	24,178.73
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	1,132,442.61
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	263,570.92

The Treasurer's Report will be kept on file for audit.

Finance Report

Mr. Bolin read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	87,385.21
Local Services Tax	845.56
Per Capita Tax	1,137.20
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>2,024.46</u>
Total:	91,392.43

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Title I – Improving Basic Programs	48,970.43
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	7,159.79
Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment	3,095.00
Medicaid Admin Claims	6,193.65
School District Special Education	244,517.00
Cares Act-ESSER Fund	<u>24,698.05</u>
Total:	334,633.92

In Lieu of Taxes

Luzerne County Housing Authority	10,048.52
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Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	23,004.82
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2. Approve the February payment of \$146,562.97 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for special education services and other related services for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Approve the February payment of \$56,528.00 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Approve the February payment of \$20,000.00 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Liberty Academy dual Diagnosis Services for the 2020-2021 school year.
5. Approve the 2021-2022 Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 General Operating Budget.
6. Approve the appointment of Dehey McAndrew to provide continued professional services including consulting and support services for benefit plan entitled IRC Section 125, at a cost of \$4,462.00 for the 2021-2022 year. Services include all administration, plan documentation and IRS filings.
7. Approve the appointment of Dehey McAndrew to provide continued professional services related to the administration common remitted and compliance aspects of the district's 403(b) Salary Reduction Agreement Plan. These services will help ensure compliance with the Internal Revenue Service and the United States Department of Labor regulation and are for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

The fee for these services are as follows:

Professional Fixed Annual Fee 3,548.50
 Monthly fee of \$1.59 per contributor per payroll period

8. Approve the appointment of Dehey McAndrew to provide continued professional services related to the administration of IRC 403(b) Post Severance Plan. These services will help ensure compliance with the Internal Revenue Service and the United States Department of Labor regulation and are for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

The fee for these services are as follows:

Professional Fixed Annual Fee 2,103.75
 Variable fee of \$9.75 per associated retiree per year

9. Approve the Tuition Reimbursements for February 2021.

EMPLOYEE NAME		AMOUNT TO BE REIMBURSED
DUNN	BRITTANY	\$600.00
EVANS	ASHLEY	\$600.00
GLATZ	MARJORIE	\$600.00
HUGHES	ALEXANDRA	\$600.00
MAZZITELLI	SARA	\$600.00
PASQUARIELLO	MICHAEL	\$300.00
SELTZER	MELANIE	\$1,800.00
SMITH	JANINE	\$600.00
YATSKO	ROBERT	\$1,200.00
		\$6,900.00

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10. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing:	February 2021	582,520.00	
Prepays:	January 2021	<u>82,560.38</u>	665,080.38
Cafeteria Account:		8,923.07	
Athletic Account:		<u>3,178.50</u>	<u>12,101.57</u>
		Total:	677,181.95

Motion by Mr. Bolin, second by Mr. Stofko, to accept the finance report.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Education Report.

1. Reporting as per Federal Regulations Requirement that the District's Federal Programs (Title I, Title II, and Drugs and Alcohol) have been planned for the 2020-2021 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the request of Carol Tabit, Title I Reading Teacher, to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to February 1, 2021 to March 10, 2021, with a return date of March 11, 2021.
3. Approve to continue the appointment of Kayla Radle as a long term substitute for Carol Tabit, Title I Reading Teacher, through March 10, 2021.
4. Approve the Program of Studies for Secondary and Middle Schools.
5. Approve the request of Alexandra Hughes, Special Education Teacher, to take a maternity leave of absence effective on or about April 30, 2021 with intent to return the first day following the Christmas break of the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Yochem, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the education report.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. DeAngelo read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the appointment of Angelo Bufalino as instructor for the Indoor Winds Program at a salary not to exceed \$4,000.00 for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Approve the following head coaches for the 2020-2021 spring sports season as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Baseball Rob Lemoncelli

Lacrosse (Boys)	Mason Byers
Lacrosse (Girls)	Carl DeLuca
Softball	John McNeil
Tennis	Bill Roberts
Track & Field	Joe Pizano

3. Approve the following assistant coaches and volunteer coaches for the 2020-2021 spring sports season as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Baseball

Sam Parente	Assistant Coach
Joseph DeLuca	Jr. High Coach
Geoff Baumes	7/8 Grade Coach
Robert Lemoncelli, Sr.	Volunteer
Cody Patton	Volunteer
Justin Martinelli	Volunteer

Lacrosse (Girls)

Rob Switzer	Volunteer
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Softball

Dean Carey	Assistant Coach
Nicole Turner	Jr. High Coach
Kayla Taddei	Assistant Jr. High Coach
Ted Kross	Volunteer

Tennis (Boys)

Joe Skrip	Volunteer
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Track & Field

Mike Fanti	Assistant Coach
Ron D'Eliseo	Assistant Coach
Kristen Lombardo	Assistant Coach
Sarah Loughnane	Assistant Jr. High Coach
Jason Speece	Assistant Jr. High Coach
Joe DeMark	Volunteer
Randy Spencer	Volunteer
Ken Stackhouse	Volunteer

Motion by Mr. DeAngelo, second by Mr. Pribula, to accept the activities report.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Stofko read the Building Report.

1. Accept, with regret, Annette Falzone's letter of intent to retire as a Title I Clerical Aide, effective April 9, 2021.

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Motion by Mr. Stofko, second by Mr. DeAngelo, to accept the building report.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Campenni read the Policy Report.

1. Approve the second reading/adoption of Volumn VII revised and new policy:

Policy 103: Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students.

Policy 218.3: Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault (New Policy).

Policy 252: Dating Violence.

2. Approve the first reading of Policy 352: Time Clock Procedures (New Policy).

Motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. DeAngelo, to accept the policy report.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Open Discussion:

Mr. Campenni stated there will be an executive session on March 2nd with administration and Mrs. Serino regarding reopening of schools. An open meeting to discuss reopening of schools will be held on March 4th pending the superintendent's return.

Attorney Ferentino stated questions were received by the public earlier this week. It was a peronnel question by the Primary Center parents. They are being advised to contact Mr. Pacchioni, Principal at the Primary Center. Mr. Pacchioni and administration will meet with them and address the questions.

In addition, questions were received regarding returning to school. These questions will be answered at next week's open meeting. Attorney Ferentino advised Mr. Stevens who asked for prior meeting minutes, that they can be found on our website under board of education or to contact Ms. Holmes. Another inquiry was received asking if certain laws regarding closings were applicable for our district. Attorney Ferentino said they would not be applicable for the 19/20 or this year because this is a pandemic not a closing.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Mr. DeAngelo, second by Mr. Marianacci.

Philip Campenni, President

John Marianacci, Secretary