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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening in the Secondary Center auditorium, 252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643. Approximately twenty-five people of the public were in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Mr. Peter Butera, Vice President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:	Mr. Philip Campenni, President (Virtual)
	Mr. Peter Butera, Vice President
	Mr. David Alberigi, Secretary
	Mr. Joseph Kopko, Treasurer
	Mrs. Erica Gazda
	Mr. Michael Kachmarsky
	Mrs. Kirby Kunkle
	Mr. Michael Supey
	Mrs. Mara Valenti

Also present were: Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, District Solicitor, Mr. Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Eric Speece, Secondary Center Building Principal, Doug Piazza, Principal of Discipline, William Wright, Primary Center Building Principal, Jason Jones, Technology Director.

Communications Report

Mr. Alberigi read additions to the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their meeting minutes of April 23, 2025.
2. West Side Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee submitting their meeting meetings of April 28, 2025.
3. Mark Casper submitting his resignation as head girls basketball coach.
4. Rhonda Pizano, Cheerleading Advisor, requesting permission to hold a Cheerleading Kid Camp.
5. Rhonda Pizano, Field Hockey Parents Association, requesting permission to hold a Field Hockey Kid Camp.
6. Employee #20544 submitting a letter of resignation.
7. Employee #515 requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
8. Mason Byers submitting a letter of resignation as head boy's lacrosse coach.
9. Wyoming Free Library thanking the board for the monetary donation received by the district.
10. April Warke, Wyoming Area Kindergarten/Primary Center PTO, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers for the 2025-2026 school year.
11. Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, requesting permission, on behalf of the Wyoming Area Foundation, for use of the secondary auditorium to hold movie days.

Summary of Applications Received

Special Education – 7
Occupational Therapist – 4
Speech/Language Pathologist – 4
Social Worker – 5
Personal Care Aides – 5
Paraprofessionals – 6
Secondary Principal – 3
Assistant Principal – 1
Head Girls Basketball Coach - 3

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Butera asked for approval of the minutes of combined meeting May 22, 2025. All board members present voted aye.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Pollard read his report.

- 1. Congratulations to our retirees:
Roseann Ankenbrand
Marilyn Bolus
Sheila Murtha
Betsy O’Malley
David Pizano
Marion Pizano
Cathy Ranieli
Brenda Shrieber
- 2. Thank you to all the 2025 Graduates and their families and friends!
- 3. Thank you to Mr. Bugelholl and the building and grounds crew for all their hard work.
- 4. Summer Camps and Summer Rec started June 23, 2025. Summer Camps will run through July 3. The Summer Rec will continue through July 24. These programs are fully funded through the Title IV Building Safe Communities and Stronger Connection Grant.

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Jarrett Ferentino reported that the board met in executive session on June 17th to discuss ongoing personnel matters, received a security update and some litigation. The board met this evening to discuss personnel matters, an update on negotiations with our teachers, special education litigation as well as an evaluation component from our administration.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer’s Report.

Peoples Security Bank & Trust	General Fund	5,267,257.72
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Payroll Account	6,994.38
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Cafeteria Account	28,722.20

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Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Student Activities Account	144,263.32
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Athletic Fund Account	2,538.31
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Purchasing Account	500.32
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	150,776.38
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Series 2022 GON Account	891,572.80
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Money Market Account	5,017,712.43

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

At this time, Mr. Melone gave a presentation on the 2025-2026 budget.

Carl Yorina, Wyoming, Joanna Pechal, Exeter, Steve Hoover, Exeter, and Vannessa Smith, Exeter, asked questions and made comments regarding the budget.

Finance Report

Mr. Butera read additions to the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	522,412.47
Local Services Tax	6,414.37
Per Capita Tax	22.00
Delinquent Per Capita	- 1,923.92
Total:	530,772.76

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security	218,643.01
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	59,507.25
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	27,789.32
Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment	15,084.24
PCCD Safety & Mental Health Grant	38,625.31
PlanCon Bond Projects	20,246.36
Basic Education Funding	2,357,399.75
APS rev SY 20-21, 21-22, & 23-24	(28,878.73)
IU Inst Children’s Program 23-24	(2,731.65)
IU Transp Recovery 23-24	(93,485.40)
PRRI 23-24	(5,100.23)
School District Special Education	539,322.47
Cyber Charter Transition	83,223.96
Stronger Connections Grant	20,841.16
Intermediate Center Remediation	85,000.00
Total:	3,335,486.82

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	24,738.18
Wyoming County	<u>1,568.00</u>
Total:	26,306.18

2024 Real Estate Taxes

Thomas Pizano- Exeter Borough (supplemental)	5,557.80
Robert Connors -West Wyoming Borough (supplemental)	<u>496.03</u>
Total:	6,053.83

2. Approve the June payment of \$82,733.06 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for Special Education Services and other related services for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Approve the June payment of \$4,958.33 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the Lighthouse Academy Dual Diagnosis Services for 2024-2025 school year.
4. Approve to ratify the June payment of \$69,742.73 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2024-2025 school year.
5. Approve the Substitute Staff Placement Agreement between ESS Northeast, LLC and Wyoming Area School District.
6. Approve the Guest Teacher Agreement with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for the 2025-2026 school year.
7. Approve an agreement with Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 to provide Wyoming Area School District 1 FTE Board Certified Behavior Analyst and 1 FTE Behavior Health Technician/ABA for students needing ABA services.
8. Approve to the Management Advisory Services Agreement between Albert B. Melone Co., Certified Public Accountants and the Wyoming Area School District. The contract is for a (1) year period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The contract cost is at an amount of \$121,444.52. It should be noted this contract amount is all inclusive and the District is not responsible for any costs related to fringe benefits. The agreement is subject to the review of the District's Superintendent and the District's Solicitor.
9. Approve 100 summer hours for Nicole Biago, School Nurse.
10. Approve to ratify the contract between Wyoming Area School District and UGI Energy Services LLC, (UGIES) for a 12 month period, June 1, 2025 to June 1, 2026, for securing the purchase of electricity.
11. Approve the Final General Fund Budget for the 2025-2026 school year and authorize the Secretary of the Board to advertise the budget notice of the adoption of the Final General Fund Budget according to law.

The Final General Fund Budget provides for the expenditures of \$47,834,009 and equity and revenues of a like amount and reflects a tax of 21.7890 mills for the Boroughs of Exeter, Exeter Township, Luzerne County, West Pittston, West Wyoming and Wyoming per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation on real estate, and a tax of 108.6909 mills for Exeter Township, Wyoming County per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation on real estate.

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The budget also maintains the following: a per capita tax of \$5.00 on all persons over twenty-one (21) years of age who are residents or inhabitants of the school district under the authority of the Act of March 10, 1949, P.L. 30, Article VI, Section 679 and its amendments an additional per capita tax of \$5.00 per person on all persons over twenty-one (21) years of age who are residents or inhabitants of Exeter, Exeter Township, Luzerne County, Exeter Township, Wyoming County, West Pittston, West Wyoming, and Wyoming under the authority of Act 511 and its amendments, the forgoing being applicable to taxpayers less than sixty-five (65) years of age, and a Local Services Tax for individuals (formerly the occupational privilege tax) within the Wyoming Area school boundaries, real estate transfer tax 1% and wage or earned income tax of 1%.

12. Approve to adopt the attached resolution establishing property tax calendar and installment dates.

Whereas, Act 1 of the Special Session of 2006 requires school districts no later than June 30, 2024 to adopt a resolution for calendar year 2024 and each year thereafter authorizing the collection and payment of school real property taxes in installments, excluding any interim or delinquent school real property taxes.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that taxpayers approved pursuant to Section 341 of Act 1 of the Special Session of 2006 shall be eligible for participation in the installment payment of school property taxes.

The following are excluded from real estate installments payments: interim school property taxes, delinquent school property taxpayers, and all other taxpayers except eligible homestead/farmstead property owners and small business owner property as mandated by 53 P.S. §6926.1502 and that qualifies as small business owner property.

And be it further resolved, that the tax duplicates shall provide for payment of school real property taxes in a single payment or installments at the option of eligible taxpayers as follows:

- a. Full Payment- Full payment of the real estate tax shall be due and payable by the close of business on November 24, 2025 with a two percent (2%) discount provided for full payment prior to September 24, 2025. All taxpayers, except as indicated below, who fail to make payment of the tax in full by December 31, 2025 by the close of business shall be charged a penalty of ten (10%), which penalty shall be added to the tax by the tax collector and collected by the tax collector. The school real property taxes shall become due and payable and be collected as provided in the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L. 1050 No. 394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, subject to the discounts and penalties provided by that act unless

- b. Installment Payments – Installment payment of taxes shall be due in three (3) equal payments on the following due dates: September 3, 2025, October 15, 2025, and November 24, 2025. The payment of the first installment by a taxpayer eligible for installment payments shall conclusively evidence an intention to pay school real property taxes in installments.

Those eligible taxpayers electing to pay in installment payments must pay the face amount of the school real property tax bill. No discount shall be offered for installment payments. If an installment payment is made after installment date, then a ten percent (10%) penalty shall be assessed on the amount of the installment payment due. Two or more late payments of ten days, or more will render the taxpayer ineligible to participate in installment payments for the following school fiscal year.

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that in the event that a taxpayer fails to evidence an intention to pay school real property taxes in installments, those taxes shall become due and payable and be collected as provided by the Local

Tax Collection Law (P.L. 1050, No. 394) and subject to the discounts and penalties provided in that act and the Taxpayer Relief Act of 2006.

Tax bills not paid in full by December 31, 2025, will be turned over to Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau for residents of Luzerne County and Wyoming County Tax Claim Bureau for residents of Wyoming County on or before the date established by the county in which the school district is located for the turnover of delinquent taxes pursuant to the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L. 1368, No. 542), known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law.

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that the Board hereby directs the collection of installment payment of real estate taxes to be made to Wyoming Area Tax Collector in accordance with rules and regulations that the Board may now or hereafter implement who shall set forth on all notices regarding the payment of school real property taxes in installments and the dates on which such payments are due be set property owners forth on the tax notice sent to approved homestead and farmstead.

13. Approve the attached resolution designed to implement Homestead Farmstead exclusions as mandated by Act I.

Recommended that a resolution be adopted, by the Board of School Directors of Wyoming Area School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2025, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

I. Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction. The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2025:

a. Gambling tax funds. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. §6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$809,405.54.

b. Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds. PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.324 (3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$11,090.81.

- c. Aggregate amount available. Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$820,496.35.
2. Homestead/farmstead numbers, Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:
- a. Homestead property number. The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 4,737.
- b. Farmstead property number. The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 6.
- c. Homestead/farmstead combined number. Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 4,743.
3. Real estate tax reduction calculation. The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1c aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$820,496.35 by the paragraph 2© aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 4,743, the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$172.99.
4. Homestead/farmstead exclusion calculation. Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$172.99 by the School District real estate tax rate of 21.7890 mills .0217890 for Luzerne County, the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead and farmstead exclusion for each approved homestead and farmstead for Luzerne County is \$7,939.
5. Homestead/farmstead exclusion calculation. Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$172.99 by the School District real estate tax rate of 108.6909 mills .1086909 for Wyoming County, the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead and farmstead exclusion for each approved homestead and farmstead for Wyoming County is \$1,592.
6. Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization- July 1 tax bills. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead and farmstead within the School District shall reflect a homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead/farmstead, or

(b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$7,939 for Luzerne County.

For purposes of this resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341 (g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1.

This paragraph 6 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

7. Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization- July 1 tax bills. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead and farmstead within the School District shall reflect a homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead/farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 5 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$1,592 for Wyoming County.

For purposes of this resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341 (g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1.

This paragraph 7 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

14. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Wyoming Area School District and Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18. The LIU will provide in-service School Psychologist Service to students within Wyoming Area School District at a cost of \$60,000.00 for the 108 days of service effective at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.

15. Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release for student #3002140 pending final approval by the school solicitor.

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16. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: June 2025	1,222,138.85	
Prepays: May 2025	<u>124,739.96</u>	1,346,878.81
Cafeteria Account:	93,983.19	
Athletic Account:	<u>6,994.50</u>	<u>100,977.69</u>
	Total:	1,447,856.50

Motion by Mr. Butera, second by Mrs. Kunkle, to accept the finance report.

Mr. Butera made a motion to amend the finance report to include #17 to form a committee to gather information of a merger with an adjacent school district. Mr. Kopko seconded the motion.

On the Question: Joanna Pechal, Exeter – County run school districts, Keri Darby, Exeter Twp., Wyoming County – important to have someone from Exeter Twp., Wyoming County, to be a representative for the taxpayers if a committee is formed.

Roll call to form a committee: Mr. Kachmarsky voted no, Mr. Supey, yes, Mrs. Valenti, no, Mrs. Kunkle, no, Mrs. Gazda, no, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Alberigi, no.

Motion failed.

Roll call for Finance Report: Mr. Kachmarasky, yes, Mr. Supey, no on item #11 and yes on remaining report. Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, no on item #11 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Campenni, yes on item #11 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Alberigi, no on item #11 and yes on remaining report.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mrs. Gazda read additions to Education Report.

1. Reporting as per Federal Regulations Requirement that the District’s Federal Programs (Title I, Title II, Title III and Title IV) are currently being planned for the 2025-2026 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, at the District’s Business Office.
2. Approve Dr Jon Pollard, Superintendent, to oversee preparation of submission to PDE for approval: Title I, Title II, Title III and Title IV grant programs and applications for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Approve to rescind the appointment of Janine Kravitsky as BCIT teacher at the Intermediate Center and approve her appointment to her prior position as first grade teacher.
4. Approve to collapse a BCIT class at the Intermediate Center.
5. Approve the appointment of James Chickson as long term substitute retroactive to January 6, 2025 through the end of the 2024-2025 school year, at the step placement of Bachelors, Step 4, \$41,838.00. (Pro-rated according to the duration of assignment)
6. Accept, with regret, employee #20544 letter of resignation.

7. Approve the request of employee #515 to take a medical leave of absence for the 2025-2026 school year.
8. Approve to collapse a kindergarten class for the 2025-2026 school year.
9. Approve an agreement regarding waiver of expulsion hearing and free appropriate public education stipulation for student #3000543 pending final review by the district solicitor
10. Approve the transfer of Brandi Evans from Special Education Teacher to First Grade Teacher effective for the 2025-2026 school year.
11. Approve Settlement Agreement of the Association Grievances #1/23-24, #2/23-24, #3/23-24 and #4/23-24 filed on October 17, 2023, pending approval by the Superintendent and School Solicitor.
12. Approve the appointments of the following extra-curricular positions for the 2025-2026 school year:

Lauren Wiedl	Special Education Chairperson
Maureen Pikas	Social Studies Chairperson
Joe Pizano	Physical Education Chairperson
Robert Lemoncelli	Career Technology Chairperson
Lorraine Jarden	Art Chairperson
Carmen Latona	English Chairperson
Christine Marianacci	World Language Chairperson
Shea Riley	Music Chairperson
Brian Butler	Guidance Chairperson
Damien Rutkoski	Science Chairperson
Nicole Biago	Nurse Chairperson
Antoinette Jones	Family & Consumer Science Chairperson
Leo Lulewicz	Math Chairperson

Leo Lulewicz	Senior Class Co-Advisor
Paula Cecil	Senior Class Co-Advisor
Kristina Anderson	Junior Class Co-Advisor
Ashley Dunn	Junior Class Co-Advisor
Maureen Pikas	Sophomore Class Advisor
Maureen Pikas	Freshman Class Advisor
Leo Lulewicz	Student Council Advisor
Josette Cefalo	Asst. Student Council Advisor
Carmen Latona	Class Day Advisor
Damien Rutkoski	Key Club Advisor
Jackie Kasa	FBLA Co-Advisor
Maureen Pikas	National History Day Advisor
Mike Fanti	Director of Intramurals
Joe Pizano	Athletic Director
Chuck Yarmey	Drama Advisor
Kate Mangan	Asst. Drama Advisor
Angelo Bufalino	Marching Band Director
Angelo Bufalino	Indoor Winds Director
Dennis Hando	Garden Club Co-Advisor
Antoinette Jones	Garden Club Co-Advisor

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Christine Rutledge	National Honor Society Advisor
Michelle Harden	Builders Club Advisor
Kayla Slack	Yearbook Advisor
Lorraine Jarden	National Art Honor Society Co-Advisor
Kayla Collura	National Art Honor Society Co-Advisor

13. Approve the appointment of Kate Sciandra as a Special Education Teacher effective for the 2025-2026 school year.
14. Approve the appointment of Emily Howells as a Special Education Teacher effective for the 2025-2026 school year.
15. Approve the appointment of Jackie Kasa as a Special Education Teacher effective for the 2025-2026 school year.
16. Approve the appointment of Jeanette Elbattah as an Occupational Therapist effective for the 2025-2026 school year.
17. Approve the appointment of Julia Staudenmeier as Speech & Language Pathologist effective for the 2025-2026 school year.
18. Approve the appointments for the 2025 Summer Camp:

Julia Evans
 Jennifer Conflitti
 Michelle McDermott
 Samantha Pisano
 Sarah Connolly
 Narda Sperrazza
 Molly McKenna

19. Approve to collapse a 3rd grade class for the 2025-2026 school year.
20. Approve Dr. Jon Pollard's evaluation at a rating of satisfactory.

Motion by Mrs. Gazda, second by Mr. Kopko, to accept the education report.

On the Question: Vannessa Smith, Exeter – Chairperson positions, if they get a stipend. Dr. Pollard responded they are paid stipends and some are compensated through comp time. Carl Yorina, Wyoming – If special ed (the teachers) stay in that position for a certain period of time. Dr. Pollard respond it was in the collective bargaining agreement. It's two years. Steve Hoover, Exeter – questioned the Garden Club. Dr. Pollard responded that the kids plant a garden after school with everything being donated. It is a very important life skill.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mrs. Valenti abstained on item #13 and voted yes on remaining report. Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mrs. Valenti read additions to Activities Report.

1. Accept, with regret, Mark Casper's letter of resignation as head girl's basketball coach.

2. Approve the request of Rhonda Pizano, Cheerleading Coach, to hold a Cheerleading Kid Camp fundraiser on Monday, July 14th to Thursday, July 17, 2025 in the Secondary Center gym, 5 pm to 8 pm, pending approval by the athletic director and building principal.
3. Approve the request of Rhonda Pizano, Field Hockey Parents Association, to hold a Field Hockey Kid Camp fundraiser at the field hockey field on Monday, July 28th to Wednesday, July 30, 2025, 5 pm to 7 pm, pending approval by the athletic director.
4. Accept, with regret, Mason Byer’s letter of resignation as head boy’s lacrosse coach.
5. Approve the request of April Warke, Wyoming Area Kindergarten/Primary Center PTO, to hold the following fundraisers:
 - Appeal Fundraiser - 1st week of September
 - Cookie Dough Fundraiser in October
 - Wreath & Poinsettia’s in November
 - Santa’s Workshop – 1st week in December
 - Bingo Fundraiser – 1/24/26
 - Book Fair – 2/9/26
 - Penny Wars & VIP & Me – March
 - Snack in the USA – April
 - Smencils – Every other Thursday for the entire school year starting 9/4/25
6. Approve the appointments of the following assistant coaches and volunteer coaches for the 2025-2026 Fall sports season:

CHEERLEADING

Roslyn Leo – Asst. Coach

CROSS COUNTRY

Nicholas Sciandra- JH Coach

John Kearns-Volunteer Coach

FIELD HOCKEY

Christina Granteed – Asst. Coach

Joe Bednarski-Volunteer Coach

Lexi Crossley-Volunteer Coach

Kara Rehill-JH Coach

Chris Comiskey- Asst. JH Coach

GOLF

Robert Yatsko-Asst. Coach

Matthew Finn-Volunteer Coach

SOCCER, BOYS

Brian Shandra-Asst. Coach

SOCCER, GIRLS

Ashley Dunn-Asst. Coach

Aleah Kranson-Volunteer Coach

Eric Fairchild-Volunteer Coach

Nicholas Evans-Volunteer Coach

SOCCER

Allison Klus - JH Coach

Elizabeth Poor-JH Volunteer Coach

VOLLEYBALL

Lacy Gashi-Asst. Coach

Jean Marie Argenio-Volunteer Coach

Alan Hanczyc – Volunteer Coach

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FOOTBALL

Michael Fanti-Asst. Coach
Rich Musinski-Asst. Coach
Ken Kopetchny-Asst. Coach
Jason Speece-Asst. Coach
Tom Loftus-Asst. Coach
*Don Hindmarsh-Asst. Coach (these 3 coaches will be sharing 2 asst. coach salaries)
*Corey Popovich-Asst. Coach
*John Hindmarsh-Asst. Coach
Kim Pace-Volunteer Coach
Corey Mruk-Volunteer Strength Coach
Stephen Sokach-Minnick-Volunteer Coach-(new) pending clearances
Tom Campenni-Volunteer Coach
Jim Pizano-Volunteer Coach
Paul Angeli-Volunteer Coach
Paul J. Angeli-Volunteer Coach
Joe Karcutskie-Volunteer Coach
Bryce Hinkle-Volunteer Coach
Rocco Pizano-Volunteer Coach
Eric Speece-Volunteer Coach
Mike Laffey-Volunteer Strength Coach
David Pacchioni-Volunteer Strength Coach
Charles Medico-Statistician

7. Approve the following revised coaches salaries:

Cassidy Graham	Jr. High Asst. Softball Coach	\$2,677.00
Dean Carey	Asst. Varsity Softball Coach	5,520.00
Kayla Taddei	Jr. High Softball Coach	3,011.00

8. Approve the 2025 Summer Recreation Program appointments. This program is funded by Title IV Building Safe Communities and Stronger Connection Grant.

Stadium/Weight Room Supervisor

Joe Pizano

Stadium/Weight Room Monitors (Faculty/Staff)

Mike Fanti
Ken Kopetchny
Tom Loftus
Randy Spencer
Dennis Hando

Stadium/Weight Room Monitors (Students)

Adriana Fanti
Rocco Pizano
Nina Angeli
Brady Kearns

Pool Supervisor

Erin Viglione

Pool Monitors (Faculty/Staff)

Matt Finn
Kayla Taddei

Pool Lifeguards (Students)

Ella Campenni
Ella McKernan
Talia Pizano
Brianna Harry
Brianna Dragwa
Michael Colarusso
Jenna Ragantesi
Francene Graham

Non-Pool Monitors (Students)

Anthony DeLucca
Maggie Hallman
Angelina Trasciatti
Erica Gilligan

Yoga Sessions

Christine Campenni

9. Approve the request of Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, on behalf of the Wyoming Area Foundation, to hold movie days on Thursday, July 17, 2025 and Thursday, July 24, 2025, in the left alcove of the secondary auditorium, 2:45 pm to 6:45 pm.

Motion by Mrs. Valenti, second by Mr. Butera, to accept the activities report.

ON the Question: Todd Bonning, Harding – Fair distribution of PIAA points for girl's wrestling. A virtual question from Mark Chapman asked what the status was for girl's wrestling. Dr. Pollard responded we are still reviewing our options and information. Mr. Butera also stated he hoped they could make a decision soon.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. Kunkle abstained on volunteer football coaches and voted yes on the remaining report. Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mrs. Kunkle read additions to Building Report.

1. Approve the appointment of Nicole Griglock as a Paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 school year.
2. Approve the appointment of Amy Callahan as a Personal Care Aide for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Approve the appointment of Christina Miscavage as a Personal Care Aide for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Approve the appointment of Melinda Gillow as a Personal Care Aide for the 2025-2026 school year.
5. Approve the appointment of Jennifer Coyne as a Personal Care Aide for the 2025-2026 school year.

Exeter, PA.
June 24, 2025

Motion by Mrs. Kunkle, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the building report.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Bids Report

Mr. Alberigi announced there were no additions to the bids report.

Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Bids Report

Approve the Request for Proposals for Athletic Training Services. The RFP's were advertised on the dates listed:

Times Leader

Friday, 3/28/25

Friday, 4/4/25

Friday, 4/11/25

Citizens Voice

Tuesday, 4/8/25

Tuesday, 4/15/25

Tuesday, 4/22/25

The proposals were due and opened on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

There was only one proposal received:

Geisinger Wyoming Valley Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine

Athletic Training Services:

- August 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026: \$80,496.00 - 25% reduction= \$60,372.00
- 3% annual increase for year 2 and 3
- August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027: \$82,910.88 - 25% reduction = \$62,183.16
- August 1, 2027 to June 30, 2028: \$85,396.06 - 25% reduction = \$64,047.05
- Total School District Cost from August 2025 to June 2028: \$186,602.21

Physician Services:

Total cost: \$4,085.00 - 25% = \$3,063.75 per year (for 3 years)

Pending final approval by the District Solicitor and Business Consultant.

Motion by Mr. Alberigi, second by Mr. Kopko, to accept the bids report.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Police Report

Mr. Kopko read the Police Report.

Wyoming Area Police Department
Monthly Report for May/June 2025
Total Calls for Service

CODE		COUNT
0690	Theft – Reports	2
2400	Disorderly Conduct	1
2450	Harassment	4
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	4
3501	Suspicious Persons, Autos, Circumstances	1
3620	Disturbances – Other (Fights, Disputes, Etc)	2
3900	Traffic & Parking Problems	1
4022	Non-Criminal – Reports	6
7016	Follow Up Information	4
7501	EMS Assist	1
7505	Assist Other Agencies – WARP	1
9997	Child Custody	1
S2S	Safe-2-Say Reports	3
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	2
Total		33

Open Discussion:

- Brenda Yurchak, Exeter – Job status with Ms. O’Malley retiring from food service and a food service management company coming in. School merge.
- Vannessa Smith, Exeter – Collapsing of Classes.
- Adrienne Panuski, West Pittston – Coaches salaries and merging of schools.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Alberigi.

To listen to the meeting in its entirety, log on to the YouTube channel on the Wyoming Area website.

Philip Campenni, President

Dave Alberigi, Secretary