

The combined work session/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 twelve people of the public were in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Mrs. Valenti, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mrs. Valenti asked for roll call.

Absent: Mr. Philip Campenni, Vice President
Mr. Peter Butera
Mrs. Erica Gazda

Also present were: Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, Jarrett J. Ferentino, Solicitor, Mr. Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jason Jones, Technology Director, Greg Riley, Building Principal of Secondary Center, Doug Piazza, Principal of Discipline, Brian Strazdus, Building Principal of Intermediate Center.

Mr. Alberigi read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their meeting minutes of May 20, 2026.
2. West Side Career & Technology Center Joint Operating Committee submitting their minutes of May 21, 2026.
3. Right to Know Request submitted for summary reports of all district legal fees paid by Wyoming Area School District broken down by law/legal firm or name of attorney for the last three school years.
4. Nikki Milcavage, Wyoming Area Class of 2027, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
5. Anthony Burke, Wyoming Area Football Parents Association, requesting permission to hold a fundraiser.
6. Vannessa Smith, Wyoming Area Wrestling Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
7. Right to Know Request submitted for district issued direct work telephone numbers, direct dial lines or work extensions for employees serving the district's central office/district administrative office.
8. Right to Know Request submitted for feasibility study for the Sarah J. Dymond Elementary School done by KCBA Architects.
9. Employee #6910 submitting a letter of intent to retire.

10. Employee #9650 requesting permission to extend a medical leave of absence.

Summary of Applications Received
Special Education Teacher – 10

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Valenti asked for approval of the minutes of June 23, 2026. All board members present voted aye.

At this time, Mr. Carl Hogan, a CPA partner with Clifton Larson Allen, LLP gave a presentation on the June 30, 2025 single audit.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pollard read his report.

- 1. Dante Herrera has completed his Eagle Scout Project. He has installed a flag pole at the Primary Center. Great job Dante!**





2. **William VanAuken has attended West Side CTC through Wyoming Area since his 9th grade year. As a student in the Electrical Construction program, has been provided many opportunities and excelled throughout his time at West Side CTC. His greatest achievements with the school include his attendance with the Skills USA technical competition in Telecommunications. In 2025, he placed 3rd in the state during his competition. In 2026, he placed first place in the state, and advanced to Nationals.**

During the National competition for Skills USA, held in Georgia, William placed 5th in the nation in his category of Telecommunications Cabling. Along with these achievements, William has also obtained a certification in Customer Service Specialist, as well as OSHA 30 certification. William was part of the National Honor Society, he graduated with many honors and was presented with several awards and recognitions. After graduation, he was presented with several job offers and plans to obtain his CDL Licensing and join the IBEW Lineman Union. Congratulations William!

Mrs. Valenti presented William with a Wyoming Area t-shirt and water bottle.

3. **Gwendoline Keezer was awarded a rating of Excellent at the International Thespian Festival held at Indiana University the last week of June. Gwendoline's rating was for her solo dance performance.**

She now qualifies to perform her dance at the State Thespian Conference in Altoona this Fall. Congratulations Gwen!!!!

- 4. Compliments of the Wyoming Area Foundation, there will be an all class reunion scheduled for Saturday, October 24th. More information will be coming forth.**
- 5. The parent portal for Impact Campus will be up and running for parents hopefully by the end of the week.**

Solicitors Report

Attorney Ferentino reported the board met for executive session on July 22nd and tonight regarding on-going personnel litigation matters.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer’s Report.

Peoples Security Bank & Trust	General Fund	5,208,509.91
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Payroll Account	7,496.86
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Cafeteria Account	1,616.41
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Student Activities Account	148,935.48
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Athletic Fund Account	950.98
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Purchasing Account	500.86
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	157,029.15
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Series 2022 GON Account	307,804.14
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Money Market Account	2,085,604.89
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Facilities Grant Account	750,984.10

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

Finance Report

Mr. Burke read the Finance Report in the absence of Mrs. Gazda.

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1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	46,732.50
Local Services Tax	1,398.04
Per Capita Tax	42.80
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>947.95</u>
Total:	49,121.29

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Retirement	864,142.71
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	57,262.07
Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment	3,864.64
Section 1305 & 1306	92,403.61
PlanCon Bond Projects	160,345.83
Medical Assistance Access	350,000.00
Basic Education Funding	2,427,883.64
Bond Intercept Act 85	(254,919.00)
APS SY 21-22, 22-23, 23-24, 24-25	(63,670.40)
IU Transp Recovery 24-25	(125,593.99)
School District Special Education	565,570.71
School District Transportation	606,965.83
Non Public Transportation	<u>36,575.00</u>
Total:	4,720,830.65

2025 Supplemental Taxes

Heather Santee -Exeter Township, Luzerne County	5,023.34
Robert Connors-West Wyoming Boro.	2,510.79
Paul Argenio – West Pittston Boro.	<u>1,808.62</u>
Total:	9,342.75

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	29, 240.39
Wyoming County	<u>1,751.69</u>
Total:	30,992.08

Delinquent Real Estate Tax

Wyoming County	11,444.35
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2. Approve the July payment of \$47,409.46 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for Special Education Services for the 2026-2027 school year.
3. Approve to ratify the July payment of \$65,668.09 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2026-2027 school year.
4. Approve the West Side Career and Technology Center final budget for the 2026-2027 school year.
5. Approve 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, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The contract cost is at an amount of \$123,873.48 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.
6. 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 for the 2026-2027 school year.

7. Approve the Substitute Staff Placement Agreement between ESS Northeast, LLC and Wyoming Area School District for the 2026-2027 school year.

8. Approve the following refunds for 2025 Real Estate:

#16-E11NW4-10A-014-000	979.05
#67-E11SW4-001-002-000	64.06

9. Approve to authorize the secretary to advertise for the following RFPs:

- Refuse collection
- Emergency snow removal
- Athletic field fertilizer and weed control services

10. Approve to rescind memorandum of understanding for nursing services between Wyoming Area Catholic School and PSEA Support Staff.

11. Approve to ratify the acceptance of the June 20, 2025 single audit prepared by Clifton Larson Allen, LLP.

12. Approve to ratify the contract between the Wyoming Area School District and UGI Energy Services, LLC (UGIES) for the period, July 2026 to June 2027 for securing the purchase of natural gas.

13. Approve the payment of \$274.00 to Carol Bardzel, Exeter Township, Wyoming County Tax Collector for services rendered for Wyoming Area real estate tax bills.

14. Approve meal prices for the 2026-2027 school year:

Adult Breakfast:	\$3.25
Adult Lunch:	\$5.25

15. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing:	July 2026	502,551.41	
Prepays:	June 2026	<u>165,260.94</u>	667,812.35
Cafeteria Account:		4,726.32	
Athletic Account:		<u>345.20</u>	<u>5,071.52</u>
		Total:	672,883.87

Motion by Mr. Burke, second by Mr. Kopko, to accept the finance report.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Burke, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

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Education Report

Mr. Kachmarsky read the Education Report in the absence of Mrs. Gazda.

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 2026-2027 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve student handbooks for elementary, middle school and high school for the 2026-2027 school year.
3. Approve the appointment of Mary Siejak as Special Education Teacher effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
4. Approve the appointment of Christianna Masher as Special Education Teacher effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
5. Approve the appointment of Frank Pizano as Special Education Teacher effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
6. Approve the appointment of Erin Viglione as cyber teacher for Health/Physical Education for the 2026-2027 school year.
7. Approve to rescind the resignation letter of employee #20545.
8. Approve the following extra-curricular appointments for the 2026-2027 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
Maureen Pikas	National History Day Advisor
Mike Fanti	Director of Intramurals
Joe Pizano	Athletic Director
Angelo Bufalino	Marching Band Director
Angelo Bufalino	Indoor Winds Director

Christine Rutledge	National Honor Society Advisor
Michelle Harden	Builders Club Advisor
Chuck Yarmey	Drama Advisor
Kate Mangan	Asst. Drama Advisor
Kaila Slack	Yearbook Advisor
Jackie Kasa	FBLA Co-Advisor
Chris Hyzinski	FBLA Co-Advisor
Kory Lyn Angeli	Building Coordinator for Intermediate Center
Lisa DeMichele	Building Coordinator for Primary Center
Daneen Kearns	Building Coordinator for Kindergarten Center

9. Approve the request of employee #9650 to extend a medical leave of absence for the 2026-2027 school year effective August 17, 2026.

Mrs. Kunkle made a motion to table portions of item #8. From Senior Class Co-Advisor down to Director of Intramurals, as well as from National Honor Society Advisor down to FBLA Co-advisor. Second by Mrs. Valenti.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Burke, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Kachmarsky, second by Mr. Burke to accept the education report.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Burke, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mrs. Kunkle read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the request of A.J. Burke, Secretary of Wyoming Area Football Parents Association, to sell tickets at home football games in September and October for a Sportman's Raffle fundraiser.
2. Approve the request of Nikki Milcavage, Wyoming Area Class of 2027 to hold fundraisers:
 - Sr. Parking Spot Painting – throughout August
 - Senior Parents Stand at football home games to sell items
 - Cowabunga Raffle – 9/1/26 to 12/13/26
 - Sweetheart Bingo – Jan or Feb 2027
 - Basket Raffles
 - Class of 2027 Vacation Raffle
3. Approve the request of Vannessa Smith, Wyoming Area Wrestling Parents Association, to hold fundraisers:
 - 3rd Annual Candy Crunch Tournament – 12/6/26
 - Bagging at Gerrity's – Dec 2026 or Jan 2027
 - Calendar Fundraiser – January 2027

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4. Approve the appointment of Brett Kostik as a volunteer coach for boys soccer for the 2026-2027 Fall sports season.
5. Approve the request of Carmel Krata, Tennis Booster Club, to hold the following fundraisers:
 - Apparel Store – Mid August through 9/7/26
 - Tennis Yard Signs – mid August through 9/2026
 - Santa Cash Raffle – 8/18/26 through 11/18/26
 - Gerrity's Bagging – 10/2026
 - Lottery Ticket Raffle – 3/1/27 through 4/15/27

Motion by Mrs. Kunkle, second by Mr. Kachmarsky, to accept the activities report.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Burke, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Building Report.

1. Approve employee #6910 letter of intent to retire effective June 30, 2027.

Motion by Mr. Alberigi, second by Mr. Kachmarsky to accept the building report.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Burke, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Kachmarsky read the Policy Report.

1. Approve first reading of revised policy:

Policy #707 Use of Facilities and attachment rates.

Motion by Mr. Kachmarsky, second by Mr. Alberigi, to accept the policy report.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Burke, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Bids Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Bids Report.

Request for Proposals for Medical Services for Mandated School Physicals were advertised on the following dates:

Times Leader/Citizens Voice/Wyoming Area Website
Friday, April 17, 2026
Friday, April 24, 2026
Friday, May 1, 2026

The deadline for proposals was May 14, 2026, 10:30 a.m. at which time they were opened.

Approve Rural Health Corporation of Northeastern Pennsylvania to provide mandated school physicals to Wyoming Area School District pending approval by the Superintendent, Solicitor and Business Manager.

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

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Burke, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Open Discussion:

- Vannessa Smith, Exeter – Federal Funding, free student lunches, 6th to 12th grades attending the Secondary Center.

Mrs. Valenti stated the next meeting will be combined on August 25th.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Alberigi, seconded by Mr. Kopko.

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

Mara Valenti, President

David Alberigi, Secretary