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Wyoming Area School District
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

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. Twenty people of the public were in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Mr. Supey, President of the Board, asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Supey called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Michael Supey, President
 Mr. Philip Campenni, Vice President
 Mr. David Alberigi, Secretary
 Mr. Joseph Kopko, Treasurer
 Ms. Laura Best – Attended by telephone
 Mr. Paul Porfirio
 Mr. Leonard Pribula
 Mrs. Toni Valenti

Absent: Mr. Gerald Stofko was excused.

Also present were: Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Eric Speece, Secondary Center Building Principal, Brian Stradzus, Intermediate Center Building Principal, David Pacchioni, Primary Center Building Principal, Stephanie Anuszewski, Director of Special Education, Angelo Falzone, Director of Attendance/Transportation, Mike Bugelholl, Director of Facilities, Jason Jones, Network Engineer.

Communications Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their meeting minutes of September 28, 2022.
2. West Side Career & Technology Center Joint Operating Committee submitting their meeting minutes of September 26, 2022.
3. Tracy Petrosky, Health Care Tech, requesting permission to extend her medical leave of absence.
4. Kristi Wilk, School Psychologist, requesting permission to extend her maternity leave of absence.
5. Christine Campenni, Wyoming Area Swim Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
6. Rita Mauriello, Carol Tabit, Linda McDermott and Carolyn Flickinger requesting permission to attend the 2023 Title I Improving School Performance Conference in Pittsburgh.
7. Scott Skesavage, Custodian, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
8. Michelle Bolton, Cleaner, submitting her letter of resignation.
9. Amy Huntington, Level I Secretary, submitting her letter of resignation.

Summary of Applications Received

Personal Care Aide – 2
Paraprofessional Aide – 7
Cleaner – 3
Cafeteria - 4

Approval of Minutes

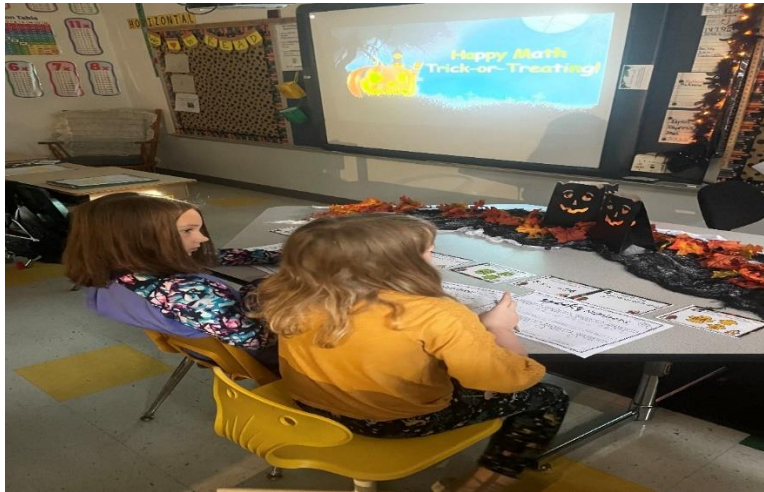
Mr. Supey asked for approval of the regular meeting minutes of October 25, 2022. All members present voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pollard read his report.

1. **Our Veteran's Day Program has returned and was held on Thursday, November 10, 2022. Lunch was provided with a program that followed in the gymnasium. There was also a presentation of Tom Flannery's one-act play, "The Last Thoughts of Gino Merli". All Veterans were invited to attend.**
2. **Mrs. McDermott's math class at the Intermediate Center had a "spooktacular" time "Math Trick or Treating". Students traveled station to station solving problems to collect treats for their hard work. This summative lesson included: Not so Frightening Factors, Monster Multiples, Spooky Task Cards, Fact Families and Candy Corn Comparisons to name a few.**





3. A special thank you from the teachers, staff and students from the Kindergarten Center to the Exeter Lions Club for passing out candy bags for the students during the Halloween Parade.
4. The Friends of Rachel Club in the Secondary Center held a food drive, Oct 31 - Nov 4th, to support our community for the coming holiday seasons. A total of 868 pounds of food was collected and donated to the Weinberg Food Bank. Two homerooms that collected the most canned goods will be recognized with a Pizza Party courtesy of the FoR Club.
5. These wonderfully creative works of art found in the World Language Hallway were part of "Dia de Los Muertos" holyday/holiday celebrated throughout Mexico and the World during October 31st through November 2nd. Senora Marianacci's Spanish classes enjoyed some outstanding competition while being exposed to authentic Hispanic Culture.

Winners, "Los Ganadores", included:

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| Premio Grandioso: | Hector Marquez-Soto |
| Primer Premio: | Julian Pieczynski |
| Segundo Premio: | Rebecca Gula |
| Tercer Premio: | Natalee Leibman |
| Mención Honorífica: | Selena Nova |
| | Gianna Colarusso |





6. **Congratulations to the Drama Club and Thespian Society on a successful run of “Little Shop of Horrors”. Congratulations to the cast and crew and to Advisors, Chuck Yarmey and Kate Mangan.**

7. **We have yearbooks dating back to the early 2000’s. We are asking that if you paid for a yearbook or never received a yearbook to contact the school. We are offering discounts to purchase multiple yearbooks at below normal costs. Please contact Miss Collura, our Yearbook Advisor, at yearbook@wyomingarea.org.**

Dr. Pollard also stated that the Field Hockey team is playing tomorrow in the next round of State Playoffs so we’re wishing them luck. We will have a full rundown of all the successes of our Fall sports activities in December.

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino reported the board met in executive session at 5:45 p.m. and discussed on-going personnel issues and some appointments that may occur.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer’s Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	13,730,645.45
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,975.74
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	87,425.33
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	101,427.51
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	8,913.91
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00

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Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	133,547.16
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First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	6,795.75
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The Treasurer’s Report will be kept on file for audit.

Finance Report

Mr. Kopko read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	78,459.06
Local Services Tax	252.75
Per Capita Tax	4,077.94
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>2,063.24</u>
Total:	84,852.99

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Title I – Improving Basic Programs	54,905.84
Basic Education Funding	1,316,067.00
School District Transportation	348,528.00
Cares Act-ESSER II Fund	57,485.52
ARP ESSER III	90,907.04
ARP ESSER 7%	7,065.51
ARP ESSER 2.5%	920.64
Property Tax Relief Payment	<u>294,934.05</u>
Total:	2,170,813.60

2022 Real Estate Taxes

Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough	498,450.38
Wayman Smith – Exeter Twp., Luzerne County	62,964.43
George Miller – West Pittston Borough	113,748.00
Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough	78,717.94
Carol Bardzel – Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	7,689.48
Thomas Pizano – Exeter Borough	<u>344,608.82</u>
Total:	1,106,179.05

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	17,454.67
Wyoming County	<u>2,440.20</u>
Total:	19,894.87

2. Approve the November payment of \$136,428.89 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for Special Education Services and other related services for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Approve the November payment of \$67,705.13 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Approve the November payment of \$4,958.33 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the Lighthouse Academy Dual Diagnosis Services for the 2022-2023 school year.

5. Approve a credit earned from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Special Education Contracted Professional Services provided to the Wyoming Area School District for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$220,226.00.
6. Approve the final payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to the Personalized Academy Learning Programs provided for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$17,336.00.
7. Approve the final payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to Nonpublic Schools Transportation for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$32,777.26.
8. Approve a credit earned from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to the Lighthouse Dual Diagnosis Program for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$116,322.50.
9. Approve the final payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to Lynnwood/Liberty Academy Services for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$19,827.98.
10. Approve the final payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to the Partial Hospitalization Program for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$15,149.71.
11. Approve the request of the Wyoming Area School District Tax Collectors to receive compensation regarding collection of installment payments for 2022 for real estate taxes in the amount of \$1,650.00.
12. Approve the payment of the following invoices:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Invoice #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Location</u>
Grace Industries	App#4	119,456.55	Tennis Courts
Grace Industries	App#5R	15,629.00	Tennis Courts
Grace Industries	App#6	<u>79,040.00</u>	Tennis Courts
		Total:	214,125.55

13. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: November 2022	1,104,151.94	
Prepays: October 2022	<u>325,755.90</u>	1,429,907.84
Cafeteria Account:	45,410.91	
Athletic Account:	<u>12,748.00</u>	<u>58,158.91</u>
		Total: 1,488,066.75

Motion by Mr. Kopko, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the Finance Report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mr. Pribula read the Education Report.

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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 2022-2023 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Jon Pollard, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the request of Rita Mauriello, Carol Tabit, Linda McDermott and Carolyn Flickinger to attend the 2023 Title I Improving School Performance Conference in Pittsburgh, January 29, 2023 to February 1, 2023. Costs to come out of Title I funds.
3. Approve the request of Kristi Wilk, School Psychologist, to extend her maternity leave of absence through May 25, 2023.
4. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2022-2023 school year.
5. Approve the partnership between Wyoming Area School District and Kooth to provide on-line mental health services retroactive to November 1, 2022. This is a state level pilot program at no cost to the district.

Motion by Mr. Pribula, second by Mr. Kopko, to accept the Education Report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. Porfirio read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the request of Christine Campenni, Wyoming Area Swim Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers:
 - Lottery Ticket in November
 - Sabatini's Night in January
2. Approve the appointment of the following volunteer coaches for the 2022-2023 winter sports season:

Winter Track

Michael Fanti
Kristen Lombardo
Olivia Lanza
Ron D'Eliseo

Elementary Wrestling

Stephen Arnold
Todd Bonning
Trevor Dennison
John Lark
Michael Pasquariello
Mark Chapman

3. Approve to rescind the appointment of Daniel Larson as a volunteer wrestling coach for the 2022-2023 winter sports season.

4. Approve the appointment of Daniel Larson as an assistant junior high wrestling coach for the 2022-2023 winter sports season.

Motion by Mr. Porfirio, second by Mr. Campenni, to accept the Activities Report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Campenni read the Building Report.

1. Approve the appointment of Rebecca Holl as a paraprofessional.
2. Approve the appointment of Lauren Ricapito as a personal care aide.
3. Approve the appointment of Marie Bealla as a personal care aide.
4. Approve the appointment of Alaynna Murphy as a 10 month cleaner.
5. Approve the appointment of Jean Manganaro as a 4 hour food service employee.
6. Approve the appointment of Nicole Mooers as a 4 hour food service employee.
7. Approve the appointment of James Stoss as a 5.25 hour food service employee.
8. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list for the 2022-2023 school year.
9. Approve the request of Scott Skesavage, Custodian, to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to November 8, 2022 through approximately February 10, 2023.
10. Approve the request of Tracy Petrosky, Health Care Tech, to extend her medical leave of absence through January 2, 2023.
11. Accept, with regret, Michelle Bolton's letter of resignation as a cleaner retroactive to October 25, 2022.
12. Accept, with regret, Amy Huntington's letter of resignation as Level I Secretary effective December 6, 2022.
13. Approve the appointment of Sheri Bestider as a 10 month cleaner.

Motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. Supey, to accept the Building Report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

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Policy Report

Mr. Supey read the Policy Report.

1. Approve the second reading of revised policies Volume I – 2022 of the policy manual:

- Policy 218 Student Discipline
- Policy 220 Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials
- Policy 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
- Policy 237 Electronic Devices

2. Approve second reading of revised policies Volume II – 2022 of the policy manual:

- Policy 913 Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals

3. Approve the second reading of revised policies Volume III – 2022 of the policy manual:

- Policy 236.1 Threat Assessment
- Policy 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Policy 805.2 School Security Personnel
- Policy 808 Food Services

Mr. Supey motioned to table policy 808 Food Services, second by Mr. Alberigi.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Supey, second by Mr. Porfirio to accept the policy report.

On the question: Anthony Rosati, West Pittston, asked what changes there were to policy 237 electronics. Attorney Ferentino responded they were small revisions made upon the court case out of the Central PA. When cases come down we revise our policies through the PSBA.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Police Report

Mr. Kopko read the Police Report.

**Wyoming Area Police Department
Monthly Report for October 2022
Total Calls for Service**

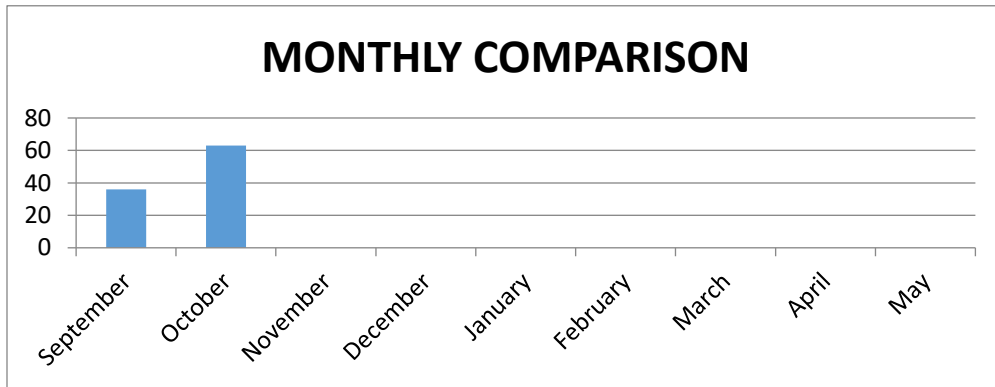
<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0690	Theft – Reports	1
1490	Criminal Mischief – Reports	2
1890	Drug Arrest	1
2400	Disorderly Conduct	8
2450	Harassment	5
2480	Juvenile Petition Filed	1
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	7
2910	Lost/Missing Property	2
3400	Mental Health	2
3501	Suspicious Persons, Auto, Circumstances	1
3610	Disturbances - Juvenile	5
3870	Medical Emergency	2

3900	Traffic & Parking Problems	3
4090	Non-Criminal – Reports	8
7016	Follow Up Information	7
7504	Assist Other Agencies – Other Police	5
9999	Welfare Check	2
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	1

Total 63

Monthly Comparison

<u>September Calls for Service</u>	<u>October Calls for Service</u>	<u>Plus/Minus Comparison</u>
36	63	+27



Open Discussion:

- Robert Smith, Wyoming - Full time police officer needed at Kindergarten Center and asked that the memorial in front of Secondary Center be pressure washed.
- Mr. Campenni, Board Member, stated he was under the impression there would be 3 full time police officers hired. That is why he voted for the police officers. Mr. Profirio also stated he thought there would be a cop in every school.
- John Bonin, West Wyoming – Why weren’t police officers hired for all buildings? What changed?
- Sarah Keeler, Exeter and Brenda Jurchak, Exeter, Asked what is happening with the investigation regarding the color guard situation. Dr. Pollard responded he would discuss it in private if they wanted.
- Patricia Martin, Wilkes-Barre – Constable at Kindergarten Center. She presented all of her credentials to the board and said she felt just as qualified as a police officer.
- Butch Gilligan, West Wyoming – Was at a function at Tenth Street and stated doors were wide open. Had concerns about safety.
- Tom McNeil, Exeter – Acknowledged Patricia Martin as a constable at the Kindergarten Center.
- Anthony Rosati, West Pittston – questioned the police report of more incidences in October than September and what is being done. Dr. Pollard responded it is an increased need for mental health services. It’s a general, societal, cultural thing that is happening in all schools.

Mr. Alberigi thanked the Chris Alberigi and his staff for protecting the building and grounds during spirit/mischief week. There was no damage. Mr. Campenni stated that Mr. Bugelholl had some workers staying all night also.

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To listen to entire comments, questions and responses, log on to the Wyoming Area website.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Supey, second by Mr. Porfirio.

Michael Supey, President

David Alberigi, Secretary