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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, July 26, 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. Fifteen 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 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:                    Mr. Michael Supey, President  
                                  Mr. Philip Campenni, Vice President  
                                  Mr. David Alberigi, Secretary  
                                  Mr. Joseph Kopko, Treasurer  
                                  Ms. Lara Best  
                                  Mr. Paul Porfirio  
                                  Mr. Leonard Pribula  
                                  Mr. Gerald Stofko  
                                  Mrs. Toni Valenti

Also present were: Dr. Jon Pollard, Acting Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Center Principal, Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum/Assistant Director Special Education, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Eric Speece, Secondary Center Building Principal, David Pacchioni, Primary Center Building Principal, Brian Stradzus, Intermediate Center Building Principal, Shaun Rohland, Director of Discipline/Kindergarten Principal.

Communications Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their regular meeting minutes of May 25, 2022.
2. West Side Career & Technology Center submitting regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2022 and May 23, 2022.
3. Wyoming Area Field Hockey Parents Association, requesting permission to hold a fundraiser.
4. Mike Branley, Wyoming Area Cross Country Parents Association, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers.
5. Lesley Ratchford, Wyoming Area Girls Volleyball Parents Association, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers.
6. Sharon Hollister, Wyoming Area Music Sponsors, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers.
7. Anne Wall, Science Teacher, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
8. Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum/Assistant Special Education Director and Elizabeth Poor, Secretary to the Director of Curriculum, requesting permission to attend the Mid Atlantic Symposium Conference in Philadelphia.
9. Rachel Hain, Learning Support Teacher, submitting her letter of resignation.

10. Donna Kostik, Wyoming Area Boys Soccer Parents Association, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers.

Summary of Applications Received

Director of Special Education – 5

Music - 2

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Supey asked for approval of the minutes of regular meeting June 28, 2022. All board members voted aye.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Jon Pollard read the report.

1. Thank you to Chuck Yarmey and the carpentry students at The West Side Career and Technical Center for our baseball benches at the baseball field.

Dr. Pollard gave a presentation regarding coming back to school.

School Solicitors Report

Attorney Ferentino reported personnel issues and administrative issues were discussed, some changes that may be acted on this evening and some security changes as well.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer’s Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	4,927,177.03
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,952.41
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	81,625.55
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	100,318.53
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	2,020.12
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	132,620.93
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	6,795.75

The treasurer’s report will be kept on file for audit.

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## 1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	55,033.96
Local Services Tax	1,815.10
Per Capita Tax	29.40
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>3,602.14</u>
Total:	60,480.60

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Retirement	905,326.33
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	56,302.46
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	7,569.23
Title IV- Student Support & Academic Enrichment	3,870.00
Safe Schools Initiative Targeted Grants-Equipment	23,499.14
Section 1305 & 1306	111,179.92
Basic Education Funding	2,250,100.64
IU Inst Children’s Program 2020-2021	(1,204.37)
APS 2021-2022	(28,313.72)
IU Transportation Recovery SY 2020-2021	(198,181.79)
School District Special Education	402,968.02
School District Transportation	303,153.74
ARP ESSER III	181,814.08
ARP ESSER 7%	7,065.51
Cares Act-ESSER II Fund	57,485.44
ARP ESSER Homeless Children & Youth	356.33
Non Public Transportation	<u>32,917.00</u>
Total:	4,115,907.96

2021 Real Estate Tax (Supplemental)

Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough	321.88
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Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	42,830.78
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- Approve the July payment of \$97,367.39 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.
- Approve the July payment of \$67,705.13 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Approve the Guest Teacher Agreement with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for the 2022-2023 school year at an annual membership fee of \$325.00.
- Approve the payment of \$12,672.58 to McAndrews Law Offices, P.C. for professional services provided for a settlement agreement.
- Approve the resolution to authorize Jon William Pollard, Ed.D, to sign any and all contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses with the Pennsylvania Department of Education electronically.
- Approve a remittance payment of \$279.50 to Carol Bardzel, Exeter Township/Wyoming County Tax Collector, for her services of auditing, sorting and mailing of the Wyoming Area School Real Estate Tax Bills for the year 2022.

8. Approve the step placements for the following temporary professional employees:

Amanda Fasciana	Bachelors+24	Step 4	\$47,031.00
Laura Rogan	Bachelors+24	Step 4	\$47,031.00

9. Approve the step placements for the following professional employee:

John Warnek	Masters+6	Step 5	\$54,156.00
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10. Approve to renew the Management Advisory Service Agreement between the Albert B. Melone Co., Certified Public Accountants and the Wyoming Area School District. The contract is for a (1) year period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The contract cost is at an amount of \$117,303.71. The agreement is subject to the review of the District Superintendent and the Solicitor.

11. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: July 2022	340,759.59	
Prepays: June 2022	<u>56,713.71</u>	397,473.30
Cafeteria Account:	52,982.64	
Athletic Account:	<u>1,225.68</u>	<u>52,208.32</u>
	Total:	449,681.62

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

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

Motion passed.

Education Report

Ms. Best 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) are currently being planned for the 2022-2023 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Jon Pollard, Acting Superintendent, at the District’s Business Office.
2. Approve Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum/Assistant Special Education Director and Elizabeth Poor, Secretary to the Director of Curriculum, to attend the Mid Atlantic Symposium Conference in Philadelphia October 27<sup>th</sup> and October 28, 2022. Cost of \$2,210 to come out of Title II funds.
3. Approve the request of Anne Wall, Science Teacher, to take a medical leave of absence from September 1, 2022 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Approve to rescind the appointment of Abigail Burge as special education teacher.

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5. Accept, with regret, Rachel Hain's letter of resignation as Learning Support Teacher effective July 20, 2022.
6. Approve the appointment of Stephanie Anuszewski as Director of Special Education effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
7. Approve the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as special education teacher effective for the 2022-2023 school year. (This item was tabled)
8. Approve the appointment of Matthew Pehala as music teacher effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
9. Approve the appointment of Robert Galella as Director of Curriculum and Instruction/Assistant Elementary Principal.
10. Approve the appointment of Shaun Rohland as Assistant Principal of Discipline.
11. Approve the Special Education Plan pending approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
12. Approve the revised 2022-2023 school calendar:
  - June 5, 2023 will be an early dismissal/Act 80 day
  - June 6, 2023 will be an early dismissal/Act 80 day

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

On the Question: Anthony Rosati, West Pittston, questioned if the director of discipline is something we need. Mr. Supey responded we shuffled some positions around. Mr. Galella will be at the assistant elementary principal at JFK and Mr. Rohland will be back at the Secondary Center solely. Dr. Pollard stated Mr. Rohland worked with a variety of discipline problems throughout the day. Dr. Pollard assured Daneen Kearns, Teacher, that Mr. Galella will be at the Kindergarten Center the majority of the time. Amy Huntington, Secretary, stated Mr. Rohland is essential at the Secondary Center. Melissa Dolman, Teacher, questioned Mr. Rohland's Position. This will be a 12 month position with additional duties.

Roll Call: Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best abstained on item #6 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Pribula abstained on item #6 and voted yes on remaining report. Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, Yes.

Motion passed.

#### Activities Report

1. Approve the request of Wyoming Area Field Hockey Parents Association to hold Bagging for Gerrity's fundraiser on September 2, 2022.
2. Approve the request of Mike Branley, Wyoming Area Cross Country Parents Association, to hold various fundraisers:
  - Krispy Kreme Donut stand at all home football games
  - Car wash at A&A Auto on August 27<sup>th</sup>
  - An apparel sale

3. Approve the request of Sharon Hollister, Wyoming Area Music Sponsors, to hold the following fundraisers:
  - Designer Purse Bingo - Sunday, February 5, 2023, 8 am to 8 pm in the Secondary Center cafeteria/kitchen
  - Country Meats meat stick fundraiser
  - Gertrude Hawk candy sale
4. Approve the request of Lesley Ratchford, Wyoming Area Girls Volleyball Parents Association, to hold various fundraisers:
  - Wagon of Cheer
  - Raffle/lottery
  - Pierogi sale
  - Krispy Kreme
  - Team apparel sale
5. Approve the request of Donna Kostik, Wyoming Area Boys Soccer Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers:
  - Bagging for Charity at Gerrity's
  - Mum Sale
  - Apparel Sale
  - Window Clings/Magnets
  - Purse Raffle
6. Approve the appointment of Alexis Crossley as assistant field hockey coach for the 2022-2023 Fall sports season.
7. Approve the appointment of Kaylee Rodgers as junior high field hockey coach for the 2022-2023 Fall sports season.
8. Approve the appointment of Janine Smith as junior high cross country coach for the 2022-2023 Fall 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. Stofko, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, Yes.

Motion passed.

Open Discussion:

Mr. Campenni gave an update on the tennis courts renovations which started today and should be done in late October. The ionization units in all schools are 75% complete and the deteriorated sidewalks at the Intermediate Center were poured this week.

- Joan Solano Romanowski, Harding – Wyoming Area going school wide- title I program
- Abby Scene, West Pittston – Thanked Dr. Pollard for the presentation
- John Disinferdinand, West Pittston – Excited for the football team this year

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With no further questions the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Best, second by Mr. Kopko.

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Michael Supey, President

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David Alberigi, Secretary