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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Amended Minutes – November 13, 2026

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 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 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mrs. Valenti asked everyone to remain standing in memory of George Miller, Tax Collector, and Scott Skesavage, Custodian, of Wyoming Area. Mrs. Valenti asked for roll call.

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

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, Dave Pacchioni, Building Principal of Kindergarten Center.

Communications Report
Mr. Alberigi read additions to the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their meeting minutes of April 22, 2026.

2. West Side Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee submitting their meeting minutes of April 27, 2026.

3. Erin Burns, Director of Development, Allied Services Integrated Health System, requesting permission, on behalf of one of their Team Allied runners, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria and kitchen for a fundraising event.

4. Tiffani Little, Wyoming Area Boys Soccer Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.

5. Employee #20224 requesting permission to take a sabbatical leave then a medical leave of absence.

6. Employee #7300 requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.

7. Attorney Thomas J. Campenni, Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers and activities.

8. Right to Know Request submitted for a copy of the general fund budget for 2026-2027 and end of year annual financial report for 2024-2025.

9. Right to Know Request submitted for collective bargaining agreement for the Wyoming Area Education Association.

10. John Roberts, Executive Director of Wyoming Free Library, thanking the board for the monetary donation.

11. Employee #20445 submitting a letter of resignation.

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Summary of Applications Received
Cleaners – 2
Maintenance – 4
Custodian - 4

Approval of Minutes
Mrs. Valenti asked for approval of the combined meeting of May 20, 2026. All board members voted aye.

At this time, Mrs. Valenti, Board President, responded to repetitive questions on social media: Are we audited? Why does Pittston Area never raise taxes? Make teachers pay for healthcare and What has the board done to cut costs?

Mr. Tom Melone, Business Consultant, gave a presentation on the budget for 2026-2027 and answered questions from the Board and audience.

Anthony Burke, Board Member, commented that the district is almost at three million dollars for 150 students in charter schools. Directed at the audience Mr. Burke stated that they are paying for private education. Mr. Burke asked Dr. Pollard where is the money actually going? Dr. Pollard responded that if you follow advocacy groups, they have proof that cyber charters are using tuition money that we're providing to them. For private softball lessons and these may not necessarily be these benefits for students within Wyoming Areas residing within our district, but baseball and hockey game tickets. They advertise, if you watch, advertisements for trampoline park. They have memberships that private cigar clubs and hotels and Harrisburg or their CEOs and members of their Administration tickets to water parks and snow tubing venues. They give out gift cards and they provide large fleets of cars for their employees. Mr. Burke stated, so, this is where your tuition is going and we have to find and figure out ways around it and ask parents to contact us to find out what is going on that drives students away from our cyber. Mr. Burk stated he contacted board members, state reps and Mr. Melone on how to make this better. Mr. Burk urged everyone to do the same. Mr. Campenni stated that the House of Representatives passed the Cyber Reform Bill which would curtail the amount that these Cyber Schools could charge per student. It was shot down.

Vannessa Smith, Exeter, What is the district's stance with the 29 families that have not complied with the residency requirements for March. Dr. Pollard responded there's a process to go through. He has to sit on a webinar to file the appropriate things. Mr. Melone responded that in June about $600,000 of bills not related to that, so we did slow down the payment process. That was dictated by a later budget being passed by the commonwealth and were trying to get our arms around the accuracy of the submissions to us.

Superintendent's Report
Dr. Pollard read his report.

1. **Congratulations to our 2026 Graduates and their families and friends!**

2. **Thank you to Mr. Bugelholl and the building and grounds crew for all their hard work with our Graduation ceremony.**

3. **Thank you to Brenda Pugh for her support for a grant award to offset the costs of replacing our antiquated SwitchGear at the Secondary Center**

4. **The BrainSTEPS program assists families and school teams in supporting students who have suffered an acquired brain injury. This initiative addresses a critical need, as approximately 4,000 Pennsylvania children sustain moderate-to-severe traumatic brain injuries and over 20,000 experience concussions annually. BrainSTEPS provides consultation and training for all types of acquired brain injuries, including both traumatic events and non-traumatic conditions like strokes or tumors. Ultimately, it supports both immediate school re-entry and long-term monitoring as students' brains mature and new educational challenges surface over time. Wyoming Area is being recognized by LIU 18 as an All Star District Partner for their work with LIU in implementing this program that is so vital to our students and families.**

5. **Sofia Menta, 2026 graduate of Wyoming Area, was named 2nd runner-up for Miss UNICO at the UNICO football game held on May 28th.**
   The Miss UNICO Pageant is a regional scholarship program and competition which rewards high school senior girls for academic excellence, community service, and representation of their schools.

   During the competition, students spoke about their values, goals, activities, and leadership roles in their respective schools related to community service, academics, and issues facing teenagers. Sofia competed against girls from surrounding school districts. She received a $500 scholarship. Congratulations Sophia!







6. **Maverick Fabbri, from the 3rd grade at the Primary Center, placed 1st for out-of-region submissions in the recent Farm to Future Dairy Competition sponsored by the Williamsport LIU. While working closely together with the staff at Hillside Farms in Shavertown, Maverick created a sustainable farm project. He will be receiving his prize this month.**



7. **Sports Wrap -Up from the Coaches**

JH Softball

The Wyoming Area Junior High Softball team finished the 2026 season with an impressive 11-4 record. Many team members earned Honors and High Honors recognition, demonstrating excellence both academically and athletically. Our team ranged from experienced to first year players as well as multi-sport athletes who came together as one, all displaying dedication, accountability and the drive to improve.

Varsity Softball

The softball team ended the season with a winning record of 12-7. There are four athletes that made The Coaches All Star 1st Team, Senior - Alexa Gacek, Junior - Addison Gaylord, Sophomore- Josie Kivak, and Freshman Ashlee Gustitus, and 3 athletes made the 2nd Team, Junior - Sophia Wardell, Junior - Allie Layland, and Freshman - Londyn Sobeck. Our senior Alexa Gacek also ends the season as the MVP of the Wyoming Valley Conference. It was a very successful season for the Lady Warriors!

Baseball

A high school baseball team is often a source of pride for its community; its season runs from March through May, with countless hours of practice and games. The Wyoming Area baseball team started the season on the right foot, remaining steadfast all season. With all home games played at the Atlas, they ended the season 19-5 overall. The Warriors finished the season as the WVC Division II Champions. They also secured the top overall seed in the DII Tournament. The Warriors would go on to win the DII 4A Silver Medal and qualify for the PIAA state tournament for only the third time in school history.

One highlight of their season was beating rival Pittston Area 6-5 to win the Battle of the Bridge. Senior Ryan Nemshick (pitcher) was named MVP and was masterful over 5 innings before handing the ball off to closer Jake Snyder to shut the door on the Patriots.

The team's stats as of 5/30/26: batting average of .393, runs scored 212, hit by pitch 27, 5 homers, and stolen bases 147. The Warriors also led the WVC in "hit by pitches" (HBP) with a whopping 53 on the year. The pitching staff did its job all year long to the tune of a 1.82 team era, only allowing 67 runs scored on the season. The Warriors wish farewell to a group of 5 amazing seniors who have continued to carry on the winning standard that is Warrior Baseball. The team returns 6 starters next year and will look to continue its success and play deep into June!

Tennis
Tough season with a promising end. Not enough players to start and went 0-4, once we filled the team we went 4-5 on the rest of the season, also losing 2 close 3-2 decisions. With a bunch of new players, but good play, next year looks promising as the majority of the team is returning

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Girls Lacrosse
We were the smallest and least experienced team in the conference. We finished with a 3-11 record but got better and more competitive as the season progressed. A couple players hit milestones this season. Addison Byers made her 100th career goal and finished with 65 on the season and 138 total goals in her high school career. Maggie Huang hit 100 single season saves and 119 total in her high school career. Addison was voted 2nd Team All Conference and Maggie was voted All Conference Honorable Mention. Maggie, Brennan Slocum, Stephanie Urena, and Alana Zdaniewicz were all voted PASLA All-Academic Team. We took a fun team field trip to Syracuse University to watch a game vs Notre Dame and took a quick tour of the campus. They really enjoyed the trip. The fresh players really progressed in their skills this season which was a joy to see. Now we just need players.

Boys Lacrosse
The 2026 season for Boys Lacrosse was a building year. With only one returning starter and many first year athletes, the program focused on fundamentals and creating a foundation for future years to come. The young men worked hard to learn the sport and adjust to a change in culture that comes with a new head coach. Though the record was not what we wanted it to be, the team came together through the adversity and have worked hard to create a program that will be competitive and live up to the standard of Wyoming Area Athletics. I am very proud of this team both on and off the field.

Boys and Girls Track and Field
Boys record 6-1

Girls Record 7-0
Girls Won the WVC Division 2 Championship for the 4th consecutive year.

Individual Champions at the Wyoming Valley Conference Championships May 4th 2026:

First Place Champions
Janessa Sancho- 100 Meter Hurdles and 300 Meter Hurdles
Taylor Gashi- Discus
Luke Kopetchny- Long Jump
Nick Kondrosky- Triple Jump
Josh Mruk- Shot Put

Individual Medalists at the PIAA District 2 Championships May 11,12th 2026:

Janessa Sancho-300 Hurdles- 1st Place and 100 Hurdles- 2nd Place and State Qualifier
Josh Mruk- Shot Put- 1st Place and State Qualifier, Javelin- 5th
Luke Kopetchny- Long Jump-1st , Triple Jump 3rd and State Qualifier
Isabella Costa- 400 Meters- 5th Place Metal
Lucia Campenni- 300 Hurdles- 2nd Place and 100 Hurdles- 4th Place
Taylor Gashi- Triple Jump-2nd, Long Jump-3rd, Discus- 3rd
Ben Gravine- Discus- 3rd Place and State Qualifier
Nick Kondrosky- Triple Jump- 4th Place

District Relay Team Medalists:

1600 Meter Relay- 4th (Shannon Kearns,Bella Costa, Lucia Campenni,Janessa Sancho)
400 Meter Relay- 5th Place- (Talia Pizano, Janessa Sancho, Kinley Park, Julianne Potter)
3200 Meter Relay- 6th Place-(Ella Campenni, Sofia Menta, Bella Costa, Briella Wallace)

Individual Accomplishments at the PIAA State Championships in Shippensburg May 22 & 23:

Ben Gravine- Discus- 5th Place Medal and Recognized as ALL State finishing in the Top 8.

Luke Kopetchny- Long Jump-11th Place and Competed in the Triple Jump.
Janessa Sancho competed in Both Hurdle events.
Josh Mruk- Competed in the Shot put.

Solicitor's Report
Attorney Ferentino reported an executive session was held on June 16th and tonight to discuss upcoming litigation, support negotiations and personnel issues.

Treasurer's Report
Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer's Report.

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Peoples Security Bank & Trust	General Fund	5,210,778.53
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Payroll Account	7,462.88
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Cafeteria Account	146,330.39
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Student Activities Account	162,904.32
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Athletic Fund Account	1,128.76
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Purchasing Account	500.82
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	156,583.10
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Series 2022 GON Account	307,516.00
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Money Market Account	2,082,301.73
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Facilities Grant Account	750,281.10

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

Finance Report

Mr. Butera read additions to the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax		516,581.08
Local Services Tax		4,517.95
Per Capita Tax		130.80
Delinquent Per Capita		1,194.42
	Total:	522,424.25

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security		189,086.55
Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment		3,864.64
Medicaid Admin Claims		2,567.16
PCCD School Mental Health & Safety Grant 25/26		46,056.88
DCED Facilities Grant		750,000.00
	Total:	991,575.23

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	32,087.43

2. Approve the June payment of $89,723.85 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for Special Education Services and other related services for the 2025-2026 school year.

3. Approve to ratify the June payment of $68,161.62 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2025-2026 school year.

4. Approve the Partial Agreement with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for Partial Hospitalization Therapeutic services for the 2026-2027 school year.

5. Approve a Managed Service Provider Agreement with BlazerWorks, LLC for the 2026-2027 school year.

6. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Children's Service Center for the 2026-2027 school year.

7. Approve a Service Agreement with Pocono Vision Services, LLC, for the 2026-2027 school year.

8. Approve electric service agreement with SmartestEnergy US, LLC., effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028.

9. Approve electric service agreement with Dynegy effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028.

10. Approve the contract with CM3 for completion of Switch Gear Main and Substation C project, at a cost not to exceed $1,107,000.00 pending approval by the Superintendent, Solicitor and Business Manager.

11. Approve the Final General Fund Budget for the 2026-2027 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 $49,534,905 and equity and revenues of a like amount and reflects a tax of 22.6469 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 119.4070 mills for Exeter Township, Wyoming County per $1,000.00 of assessed valuation on real estate. 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 an 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, 2025 to adopt a resolution for calendar year 2025 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 23, 2026 with a two percent (2%) discount provided for full payment prior to September 23, 2026. All taxpayers, except as indicated below, who fail to make payment of the tax in full by December 31, 2026 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 2, 2026, October 14, 2026, and November 23, 2026.

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, 2026, 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, 2026 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, 2026:

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 $6,840.99.

c. Aggregate amount available. Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is $816,246.53.

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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 4,684.

b. Farmstead property number. The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 5.

c. Homestead/farmstead combined number. Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 4,689.

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 $816,246.53 by the paragraph 2© aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 4,689, the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is $174.09.

4. Homestead/farmstead exclusion calculation. Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of $174.09 by the School District real estate tax rate of 22.6469 mills .0226469 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 $7,687.

5. Homestead/farmstead exclusion calculation. Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of $174.09 by the School District real estate tax rate of 119.4070 mills .1194070 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 $1,458.

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 $7,687 for Luzerne County.

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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 he 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 $1,458 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 he issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

14. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing:	June 2026	1,410,680.50	
Prepaids:	May 2026	94,012.23	1,504,692.73
Cafeteria Account:		74,973.66	
Athletic Account:		9,560.00	84,533.66
			Total: 1,589,226.39

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

On the Question: Vannessa Smith, Exeter, questioned item #10. If it is entirely covered by the grant. Dr. Pollard responded ¾ is covered by the grant and we have the remaining capitals contributed fund balance that we've kind of held money back anticipating this cost. Mrs. Smith asked what the percentage was for item #11. Mrs. Valenti responded 4.8% notably to Luzerne County and 9.8% for Wyoming County due to real estate tax.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Burke, yes, Mr. Campenni, no on item 11 and yes to remaining report, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, no on item 11 and yes on remaining report, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 school year.

3. Approve the request of employee #20224 to take a sabbatical leave for the first semester of 2026-2027 school year and then a medical leave for the second semester of the year.

4. Approve the request of employee #7300 requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence for the 2026-2027 school year.

5. Approve Dual Enrollment Agreements with Wilkes University, University of Scranton, Kings College and Misericordia University for the 2026-2027 academic year.

6. Accept, with regret, employee #20445 letter of resignation.

7. Accept, with regret, employee #20545 letter of resignation.

8. Approve to eliminate one teaching position (English 7-12) at the Secondary Center.

9. Approve the transfer of Michelle McDermott from Special Education teacher to 4th grade elementary teacher for the 2026- 2027 school year.

10. The Wyoming Area School District is requesting an Ed-Flex waiver under Title IV to increase flexibility in the use of federal funds in order to better meet local instructional and technology needs. This waiver is intended to allow the district to strategically allocate Title IV resources toward the purchase and replacement of Chromebook devices, ensuring sustained and equitable student access to reliable instructional technology across all grade levels and subject areas.

11. Approve cyber teachers for the 2026-2027 school year:

Special Education
Sara Mazzitelli
Lauren Wiedl
Brianna Littzi

English
Carmen Latona
Christine Rutledge
Melissa Dolman

Social Studies
Mike Fanti
Dominick Altavilla
Dennis Hando

Science
Damien Rutkoski
Molly Kearns
Alan Hanczyc

Math
Paula Cecil
Mark Gfeller
Victoria Ziegler

12. Approve Dr. Jon Pollard's evaluation at a rating of satisfactory.

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

On the Question: Vannessa Smith, Exeter, questioned item #8. Dr. Pollard responded they transitioned to a different position. Item #11, do teachers get a stipend for cyber. Dr. Pollard responded yes, $7,000.

Joanne Pechal, Exeter, regarding cyber charter, do teachers see the students in person to ensure safety. Dr. Pollard respond yes, there's check-ins weekly. They know the vast majority of the students. There is no face to face over a camera but there is constant contact.

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

Motion passed.

Activities Report
Mrs. Kunkle read additions to the Activities Report.

1. Approve the request of Tiffani Little, Wyoming Area Boys Soccer Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers:

- Apparel Sale – 7/1/26
- Mum Sale – 8/1/26
- Car Wash – 8/15/26

- Yeti Cooler & Cups Fundraiser – 8/17/26
- Booyah – 9/20/26
- American Grill – 10/23/26
- Gerrity's Bagging – 10/25/26
- Varsity & Jr. Varsity Snack Stand – 11/1/26

2. Approve the request of Attorney Thomas J. Campenni, Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, to hold the following fundraisers and activities:

- Warrior Pride Football Camp – 7/17/26 – Stadium/Boston Avenue Garage
- WAFAA Golf Tournament – 7/18/26 - Four Seasons Golf Club
- Funding Zone Fundraiser – Month of June
- Sell Discount Cards in August
- Use of Stadium at halftime of the Football Team's game against Nanticoke to announce 2026 Ring of Pride inductees – 10/23/26

3. Approve the request of Attorney Thomas J. Campenni, Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, to continue with the 2026 Summer Recreation Program at the stadium and weight-room from June 22, 2026 to July 30, 2026 at no cost to the district.

4. Approve the appointments for the 2026 Summer Recreation Program:

Head Coach Randy Spencer	$931.50
Coach Mike Fanti	931.50
Coach Ken Kopetchny	931.50
Coach Jason Speece	931.50

5. Approve the following assistant coaches and volunteer coaches for the 2026-2027 sports season:

CHEERLEADING
Roslyn Leo – Asst. Coach

CROSS COUNTRY
Nicholas Sciandra- JH Coach

FIELD HOCKEY
Christina Granteed-Asst. Coach
Joe Bednarski-Volunteer Coach
Lexi Crossley-Volunteer Coach
Kayla Kiwak-JH Coach

GOLF
Robert Yatsko-Asst. Coach

SOCCER, BOYS
Brian Shandra-Asst. Coach
Donald Michalisin-JH Coach (pending clearances)

VOLLEYBALL
Lacy Gashi-Asst. Coach
Jean Marie Argenio-Volunteer Coach

SOCCER, GIRLS
Ashley Dunn-Asst. Coach
Eric Fairchild-Volunteer Coach
Hannah Fairchild-Volunteer Coach
Nicholas Evans-Volunteer Coach

FOOTBALL
Michael Fanti-Asst. Coach

Rich Musinski-Asst. Coach
Ken Kopetchny-Asst. Coach
Jason Speece-Asst. Coach
Tom Loftus-Asst. Coach
Don Hindmarsh- JH Asst. Coach
John Hindmarsh-JH Asst. Coach
Kim Pace-Volunteer Coach
Pat Gilligan-Volunteer Coach
Tom Campenni-Volunteer Coach
Jim Pizano-Volunteer Coach
Paul Angeli-Volunteer Coach
Paul J. Angeli-Volunteer Coach
Bryce Hinkle-Volunteer Coach
Rocco Pizano-Volunteer Coach
Eric Speece-Volunteer Coach
FJ Braccini-Volunteer Coach
Anthony DeLucca-Volunteer Coach
Derek Ambrosino-Volunteer Coach
Mike Laffey-Volunteer Strength Coach
David Pacchioni-Volunteer Strength Coach
Charles Medico-Statistician

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

On the Question: Vannessa Smith, Exeter, questioned item #5, for volunteer coaches when does wrestling have to have theirs in. Dr. Pollard responded they are not hired until August or September.

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

Motion passed.

<u>Building Report</u>
Mr. Campenni read the Building Report.

1. Approve to rescind the appointment of Anna Newton as a summer cleaner.

2. Approve the appointment of Deanna Ellsworth as a summer cleaner.

3. Approve the request of Erin Burns, Director of Development, Allied Services Integrated Health System, on behalf of one of their Team Allied Service runners, to rent the Secondary Center cafeteria and kitchen for a Disney pin trading fundraising event, on Saturday, September 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (includes clean up). They are also asking to set up on Friday evening, September 18th. The organization is also responsible for custodian services, food services and security, pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager.

4. Approve the appointment of Sherri Bestider as custodian.

5. Approve the appointment of David Mizenko as maintenance.

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Motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. Butera, to accept the building report.

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

Motion passed.

Police Report

Mr. Kopko read the Police Report.

Wyoming Area Police Department
Monthly Report for May/June 2026
Total Calls for Service

CODE		COUNT
0452	Threat Assessment	2
0690	Theft – Reports	2
1532	Weapons – Possession - Knife	1
2400	Disorderly Conduct	1
2450	Harassment	6
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	3
2660	Trespassing of Real Property	3
2664	All Other Offenses – All Other (Misc.)	8
2811	Curfew Law (Juvenile) – Male	2
3100	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
3830	Service Call – Assist Other Agency	1
3900	Traffic & Parking Problems	2
7505	Assist Other Agencies – WARP	3
7506	Assisting Other Agencies – All Others	1
9999	Welfare Check	1
S2S	Safe-2-Say Reports	16
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	6
	Total	**59**

Open Discussion:

- Joanna Pechal, Exeter- Financial difficulties in the district is not because of students leaving or lack of money from the state. Papers were served by Mr. and Mrs. Pechal to members sitting on the board regarding litigation issues regarding her son.
- Drew Pechal, Exeter - Charter schools offering hockey tickets. Didn't Wyoming Area do that last Fall? Aren't we bringing your kids to attend schools? Isn't that the same thing? Mrs. Valenti responded no, we had an open house here last year and a generous family donated four tickets to encourage members of outside cyber school to come to Wyoming Area and sit through an open house and take a tour.
- Brenda Yurchak, Exeter – Wyoming Area charter school does not offer life skills curriculum. That is why her daughter is attending Agora Cyber.
- Vannessa Smith, Exeter – Commented IReady is under a lawsuit. Chromebooks owned? Mr. Jones responded we own all of them. Insurance can be purchased for chromebooks at $20.00.
- Maryann Sarti – Regarding approaching representatives, "Did anyone approach Brenda Pugh when she was here for her support and for the grant?" Mrs. Valenti responded that she sent her a letter and sat in front of her and asked "How could I testify in front of the House of Representatives." "We can no longer rely on the backs of the taxpayers." Mrs. Valenti wrote to Jesse Topper, who is the chair of the Education Committee out of Bedford, PA. Dr. Pollard expressed his concerns and asked everyone to keep writing our representatives and senate regarding Cyber Charter reform.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Alberigi, second by Mr. Campenni.

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Mara Valenti, President

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David Alberigi, Secretary

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