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Wyoming Area School District  
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education  
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643  
Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 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. Five 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 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Mr. Michael Supey, President
- Mr. Philip Campenni, Vice President
- Mr. David Alberigi, Secretary
- Mr. Joseph Kopko, Treasurer
- Ms. Lara Best - Attended by phone
- Mr. Paul Porfirio
- Mr. Leonard Pribula
- Mr. Gerald Stofko
- Mrs. Toni Valenti

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Secondary Center Assistant Principal, Brian Strazdus, Intermediate Center Building Principal, David Pacchioni, Primary Center Building Principal, Shaun Rohland, Director of Discipline/Kindergarten Principal, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Frank Pugliese, Facilities Director, Vanessa Nee, Special Education Director, Betsy O'Malley, Foodservice Director, Dallas Woodruff, Student Representative.

Communications Report

Mr. Alberigi read additions to Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their regular board meeting minutes of February 23, 2022.
2. West Side Career & Technology Center Joint Operating Committee submitting their meeting minutes of February 28, 2022.
3. Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Soccer Parents Association, requesting permission to hold a three day elementary soccer camp fundraiser.
4. Frank Pugliese, Facilities Director/Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, submitting his letter of intent to retire.
5. Donna Collins, Level I Secretary, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
6. Sharon Yates, Senior Project Manager of PennDOT, requesting permission to rent the Secondary Center auditorium for an open house presentation.
7. Rebecca Holl, Personal Care Aide, submitting her letter of resignation.
8. Karen Switzer, First Grade Teacher, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
9. Catherine Maheady, Second Grade Teacher, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
10. Victoria Peppe, Third Grade Special Education Teacher, submitting her letter of intent to retire.

11. Dennis Hando, Sr., Part Time Cleaner, submitting his letter of intent to retire.
12. Kate Menta, English Teacher, requesting permission to take a family medical leave.
13. Kristi Wilk, School Psychologist, requesting permission to take a maternity leave of absence.
14. Katelyn Moore, School Psychologist, requesting permission to extend her maternity leave of absence.
15. James Zarichak, Part Time Cleaner, submitting his letter of intent to retire.
16. Jacqueline Urban, Part Time Cleaner, submitting her letter of resignation.
17. Denise Evans, Part Time Cleaner, submitting her letter of intent to retire.

Summary of Applications Received

Superintendent – 11  
Elementary (PreK-4) – 2  
Elementary (PreK-6) - 1  
Special Education (PreK-12) – 2  
School Principal – 1  
Health & Physical Ed – 1

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Supey asked for approval of the combined board meeting minutes of March 15, 2022. All board members present voted aye.

Superintendent’s Report

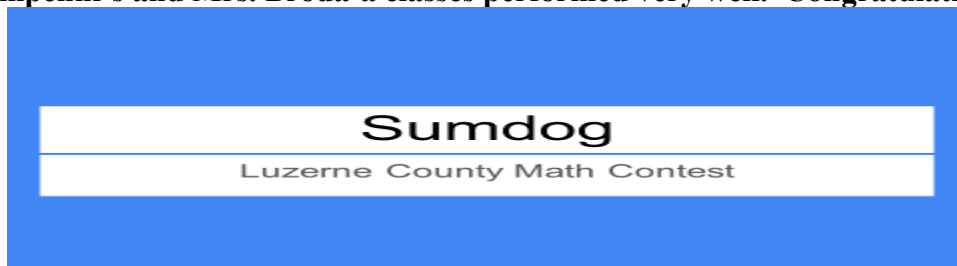
Mrs. Serino read her report.

**1. Congratulations to our Administrative Assistants who will be honored on “Administrative Assistants Day” (April 27)**

**Nancy Alberigi  
Debbie Andiaro  
Gloria Bovani  
Rebecca Boyle  
Erica Campbell  
Donna Chupka  
Donna Collins  
Rachelle Furman  
Michele Hoeffner  
Denise Holmes  
Caroline Kudasik**

**Gladys Lincoln  
Loriann Napkora  
Elizabeth Poor  
Theodora Rabel  
Jean Marie Radle  
Amy Ragantesi  
Lesley Ratchford  
Gina Steve  
Kimberly Thomas  
Jackie Vasquez  
Kathy Youells**

**2. The fourth grade classes participated in a math contest called Sumdog. Mrs. Campenni’s and Mrs. Broda’a classes performed very well. Congratulations to all!**



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Names of Students Who Answered All 1,000 Contest Questions

Natalie Pikes  
Ben Thomas  
Abby Edwards  
Valentina Krupkevich  
Myah Hems  
Zoey Dominick

Chloe Chepalonis  
Anthony Doblavasky  
Kayton Neil  
Antoinette Nardone  
Lucy Dunn  
Lucas Vladdock  
Adrian Kuhte  
Krista Magyar  
Kash Warren  
Braeden Suchocki  
Michael McKernan  
Aubrey Gilpin  
Ava Colarusso  
Micah Bloxham



Names of Students Who Answered More Than 500 Contest Questions

Troy Moss  
Skylee Simon  
Damiana Aregood  
Camryn Smith



Names of Students Who Answered More Than 500 Contest Questions

Noah Day  
Emma Andrews  
Shannan Riley  
Lillian Miscavage  
Sophia Riddle  
Mason Engleman  
Liam Tibel  
Mira Mead  
Gabby Miller  
Jackson Reynolds



Names of Students Who Answered More Than 500 Contest Questions

Left to Right: Emmie Anderson, Janessa Barber, Alessia Randazzo, and Julian Thomas. Absent from photo is Miley Barber



Chloe Chepalonis  
highest ranked student  
from WA - 14th



Mrs. Campenni would like to thank  
Mrs. Broda for promoting Math!



3. Mrs. Supey's Life Skills class at the Intermediate Center had some fun making Easter Rice Crispy Treats. Helping the class is Miss Gail and Miss Jenn.



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4. On Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> the Intermediate Center hosted a school-wide *Minute to Win It Challenge*, hosted by the PBIS Team. Students competed by grade level in head to head competitions against each other and their teachers in ten different activities, from placing cookies on their faces to playing basketball with ping pong balls. Students worked together to complete challenges, cheer each other on, and even help run the event. It was a wonderful moment of our school community coming together and sharing in a memorable experience. Great job!!!!
5. The Primary Center students recently participated in the “Duct Tape the Principal” event. Students were able to earn “Duct Tape the Principal” tickets with their Warrior Way punch cards. Students earned them for being Ready, Responsible and Respectful in the classroom and throughout the building.



6. The students at the Kindergarten Center had a special visitor on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The Easter Bunny visited all the classrooms and students prior to Spring Break.





Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino gave his report.

Negotiations with our professional union continues. They are making some progress. They also met with reps of the union. The board met this evening in executive session at 5:30 and discussed ongoing negotiations, pending litigation and personnel matters.

Student Representative’s Report

Dallas Woodruff, Junior, reported that the junior class solidified plans for their class trip on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to Hershey Park. The junior/senior prom will be May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Woodlands. Officer elections will be held for the upcoming senior year in late May.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer’s Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	7,154,382.13
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,946.27
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	63,100.03

First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	100,641.07
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	24,001.00
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	132,463.25
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	6,795.75

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

Finance Report

Mr. Kopko read the additions to the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	80,481.92
Local Services Tax	572.04
Per Capita Tax	487.60
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>2,467.51</u>
Total:	84,009.07

State & Subsidy Payments

Retirement	782,322.29
Medicaid Admin Claims	7,054.49
School District Special Education	245,423.00
School District Transportation	449,840.00
ARP ESSER 7%	14,131.02
Cares Act-ESSER II Fund	<u>57,485.44</u>
Total:	1,556,256.24

Local Realty Tax

Luzerne County	23,079.48
Wyoming County	<u>759.50</u>
Total:	23,838.98

Delinquent Real Estate Tax

Wyoming County	10,186.13
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2. Approve the April payment of \$152,342.30 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for Special Education Services and other related services for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Approve the April payment of \$61,277.10 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2021-2022 school year.

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4. Approve the April payment of \$14, 875.00 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the Lighthouse Academy Dual Diagnosis Services for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. Approve the following debt service invoice payments to Wilmington Trust Company for May 1, 2022:

Registered Interest Due (19A)	17,256.25	
Registered Interest Due (19B)	<u>113,041.00</u>	
Total:		130,297.25

Registered Interest Due (21A)	116,250.00	
Registered Interest Due (21B)	<u>62,500.00</u>	
Total:		178,750.00

6. Approve the revised 2021-2022 IDEA contract from the LIU.
7. Approve the refund of \$501.25 for 16-E11NW4-022-005-000 for paid property taxes of year 2021.
8. Approve the refund of \$761.09 for 66-E10SE1-004-027-000 for paid property taxes of year 2021.
9. Approve the Lackawanna College Proposal for Dual Enrollment Agreement with the Wyoming Area School District July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
10. Approve 100 summer hours to Nicole Biago, School Nurse, for the 2022-2023 school year.
11. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: April 2022	1,300,810.03	
Prepays: March 2022	<u>67,494.87</u>	1,368,304.90
Cafeteria Account:	82,065.14	
Athletic Account:	<u>2,162.75</u>	<u>84,227.89</u>
		Total: 1,452,532.79

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. Stofko, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mr. Pribula read additions to the Education Report for Ms. Best.

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 2021-2022 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District’s Business Office.
2. Accept, with regret, Karen Switzer, First Grade Teacher, submitting her letter of intent to retire effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

3. Accept, with regret, Catherine Maheady, Second Grade Teacher, submitting her letter of intent to retire effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
4. Accept, with regret, Victoria Peppe, Third Grade Special Education Teacher, submitting her letter of intent to retire effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
5. Approve the request of Kate Menta, English Teacher, to take a family medical leave April 25, 2022 to the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
6. Approve the request of Kristi Wilk, School Psychologist, to take a maternity leave of absence effective on or about June 20, 2022 with an anticipated return date of February 16, 2023.
7. Approve the request of Katelyn Moore, School Psychologist, to extend her maternity leave of absence to May 16, 2022.
8. Approve the school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.
9. Approve Marla Moses as a full time teacher retroactive to the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period of the 2021-2022 school year.
10. Approve the Educational Staffing Agreement with Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. to provide educational services to Wyoming Area students, subject to written approval by the school solicitor.
11. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2021-2022 school year.

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. Stofko, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

#### Activities Report

Mr. Porfirio read the additions to the Activities Report.

1. Approve to vacate all extra-curricular positions at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
2. Approve the request of Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Soccer Association, to hold a 3 day elementary (grades K to 4 boys and girls) soccer camp fundraiser at the Primary Center soccer field, Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, June 2, 2022, from 4 to 8 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.
3. Approve the following appointments for Indoor Winds Group. Salary to come out of \$4,000 budget approved at last month's meeting.

Kendra Dewey	Indoor Winds Assistant
Madelyn Ross	Indoor Winds Instructor
Zack Houston	Volunteer

4. Approve the appointments of the following head coaches for the 2022-2023 Fall sports season at a salary as per the collective bargaining agreement:

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Cheerleading	Rhonda Pizano
Cross Country	Kristen Lombardo
Field Hockey	Bree Bednarski
Football	Randy Spencer
Golf	Gordon Williams
Boys Soccer	Devin Dougherty
Girls Soccer	Chad Kranson
Girls Tennis	Bill Roberts
Volleyball	Gina Manganiello

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.

#### Building Report

Mr. Campenni read the additions to the Building Report.

1. Accept, with regret, Frank Pugliese's letter of intent to retire as Facilities Director/Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, effective September 30, 2022.
2. Accept, with regret, Donna Collin's letter of intent to retire as Level I Secretary, effective June 8, 2022.
3. Approve the request of Sharon Yates, Senior Project Manager of PennDOT, to rent the Secondary Center auditorium for a PennDOT presentation for the public regarding the initial findings of PennDOT's study of the State Route 11 bridge and Water Street bridge, Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 3 pm to 9 pm (actual meeting is 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm), pending approval by the building principal. The organization is also responsible for security.
4. Accept, with regret, Rebecca Holl's letter of resignation as a personal care aide effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Holl would like to be added to the substitute list for 2022-2023 school year.
5. Accept, with regret, Dennis Hando, Sr., Part Time Cleaner, submitting his letter of intent to retire effective August 31, 2022.
6. Approve the appointment of Catherine Tommaselli as a (3 hour) food service employee.
7. Accept, with regret, James Zarichak, Part Time Cleaner, submitting his letter of intent to retire effective June 30, 2022.
8. Accept, with regret, Jacqueline Urban, Part Time Cleaner, submitting her letter of resignation retroactive to April 1, 2022.
9. Approve the following paraprofessional aide appointments:

Deanna Ellsworth  
Abigail Kane  
Nancy LaNunziata



10. Accept, with regret, Denise Evans, Part Time Cleaner, submitting her letter of intent to retire effective June 8, 2022.

11. Approve paid work experience with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

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

On the Question: Mr. Supey asked Mrs. Serino who the state agency would contact for the paid work experience. Mrs. Serino responded they could contact her then Mrs. Vanessa Nee.

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.

Bids Report

Mrs. Valenti read the Bids Report.

1. Approve the motion for awarding of the bids and contracting for the Tennis Court Renovations Project to Grace Industries and Richard Mellow Corporation as awarded at the regular meeting of December 14, 2021.

Motion by Mrs. Valenti, second by Mr. Campenni, to accept the bids 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, no, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Police Report

Mr. Kopko read the Police Report.

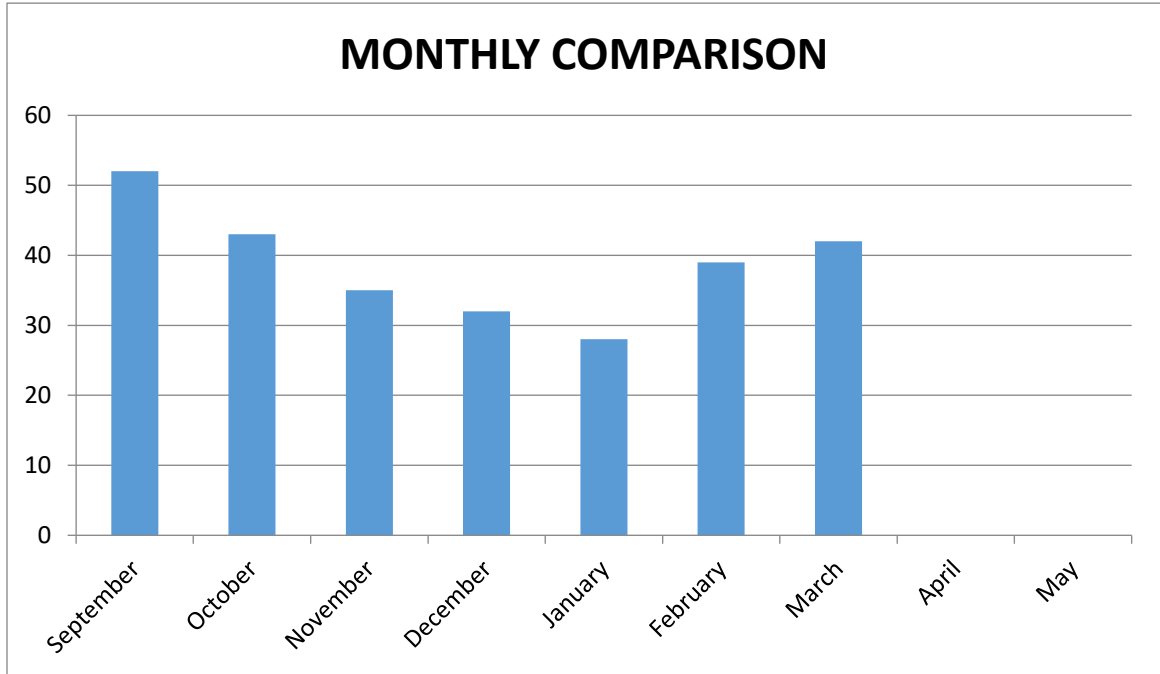
**Wyoming Area Police Department  
Monthly Report for March 2022  
Total Calls for Service**

<u>CODE</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
1410 Criminal Mischief to Automobiles	1
2400 Disorderly Conduct	1
2450 Harassment	1
2601 Use of Tobacco in Schools	7
2660 Trespassing of Real Property	1
2690 All Other Offenses - Reports	3
3610 Disturbances – Juvenile	5
3900 Traffic & Parking Problems	4
4090 Non-Criminal – Reports	2
7016 Follow Up Information	13
TRUA Compulsory School Attendance	4
	42
Total	42

Monthly Comparison

<u>February Calls for Service</u> 39	<u>March Calls for Service</u> 42	<u>Plus/Minus Comparison</u> +3
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Mr. Supey stated regarding the tennis courts that this was something that we actually voted to rescind at a board meeting in March. The vote changed this evening and it's something we're going to pursue as a district. Mr. Supey voted no because of the expense of the project. It's something we're going to do our best to fund appropriately and follow and make sure it's done correctly.

With no more comments or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kopko, second by Mr. Pribula.

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Michael Supey, President

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David Alberigi, Secretary