

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.

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Communications Report

Approval of Minutes: Combined Meeting of May 20, 2026

Superintendent's Report

Solicitor's Report

Treasurer's Report

New Business

Finance Report

Education Report

Activities Report

Building Report

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Open Discussion

Adjournment

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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.
12. Employee #20545 submitting a letter of resignation.

Summary of Applications Received

Cleaners – 2

Maintenance – 4

Custodian - 4

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 Treasurer's Report

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

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1. Received the following checks:

<u>Berkheimer Income Tax</u>	
Earned Income Tax	516,581.08
Local Services Tax	4,517.95
Per Capita Tax	130.80
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>1,194.42</u>
Total:	522,424.25
 <u>State & Federal Subsidy Payments</u>	
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	<u>750,000.00</u>
Total:	991,575.23
 <u>Local Realty Transfer Tax</u>	
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.

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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 \$_____ and equity and revenues of a like amount and reflects a tax of _____ 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 _____ 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%.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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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 _____ mills _____ 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 \$_____.

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 _____ mills _____ 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 \$_____.

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 \$_____ for Luzerne 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.

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

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14. Approve the general ledger sheet:

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

Motion by _____, second by _____, to accept the finance report.
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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 intent to retire.
8. Approve to eliminate one teaching position (English 7-12) at the Secondary Center.
9. Approve the transfer of Michelle McDermott from 4th grade 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.

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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 _____.

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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

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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

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

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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

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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 _____ as custodian.
5. Approve the appointment of _____ as maintenance.

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 Total Calls for Service**

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
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