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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Pennsylvania, 18643
Thursday, September 25, 2025, 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. Approximately thirty people of the public were in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Mr. Philip Campenni, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Mr. Philip Campenni, President
Mr. Peter Butera, Vice President
Mr. David Alberigi, Secretary
Mr. Joseph Kopko, Treasurer
Mrs. Erica Gazda
Mrs. Kirby Kunkle
Mr. Michael Supey
Mrs. Mara Valenti

Absent:

Mr. Michael Kachmarsky

Also present were: Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, District Solicitor, Mr. Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Doug Piazza, Principal of Discipline, Dave Pacchioni, Kindergarten Center Building Principal, Ella Keefer and Kennedy Debo, Student Representatives.

At this time, Mr. Campenni, President, informed everyone that on Tuesday morning, September 23, 2025, there was a note containing a threat in one of the girl's restrooms at the Secondary Center which prompted the district to evacuate. Mr. Campenni informed everyone the protocol that was taken regarding this situation and thanked everyone for the great job done.

Communications Report

Mr. Alberigi read additions to the Communications Report.

1. West Side Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee submitting their meeting minutes of July 28, 2025.
2. Employee #20704 submitting a letter of resignation.
3. Kim Gittens, Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO, requesting permission to hold a fundraiser.
4. Cheri Snyder, Wyoming Area Senior Parents Association, requesting permission to hold a fundraiser.
5. Carmel Kratz, Wyoming Area Tennis Booster Club, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
6. Employee #13456 requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
7. Employee #20738 submitting a letter of resignation.
8. Employee #15420 requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
9. Employee #9650 requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
10. Employee #20548 submitting a letter of resignation.

11. Employee #20435 submitting a letter of resignation.
12. Mike Miller, President of Greater Wyoming Area Football, requesting permission to rent the stadium for a Jr. Warriors Football Game.
13. April Warke, Wyoming Area Kindergarten/Primary Center PTO, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.

Summary of Applications Received

Custodian – 9
Hall Monitor – 1
Food Service – 4
Math – 2
LPN – 1
Social Worker - 3
Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach - 4

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Campenni asked for approval of the meeting minutes of August 19, 2025. All members present voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pollard read his report.

1. Thank you to our Teachers, Administration, Administrative Assistants, Paraprofessionals, Buildings and Grounds, Food Service, Bus Drivers, Staff at transportation companies on a successful school opening!
2. I would like to recognize the donation of some memorabilia associated with Wyoming Area. Paul Sunday, a member of the Class of 1972, has owned a 1974 Barricuda with a custom paint job by a renowned artist, Hank Z. The car has been featured in many trade magazines associated with car collecting and restoration. One of the pictures includes the Jake Sobeski Stadium as a backdrop. Paul's son JJ has donated several items and they will be displayed in the case across from the office. Please take some time to view these items when you have some time.
3. The Times Leader Best of Greater Pittston Awards goes to Jennifer Hines who was voted as Best High School Teacher and Coach Randy Spencer who was voted as Best High School Athletic Coach. Congratulations Mrs. Hines and Coach Spencer
4. The students at the Primary Center were welcomed back to school on the first day by hundreds of self-portraits in front of the building. Each incoming student in grades first through third completed this project during STEAM classes in the spring.

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The artwork is now displayed in the hallways throughout the Primary Center along with other projects completed at the end of last school year.



5. Thank you to Mrs. Pentka and Miss Wagner for working on the improvement of the Primary Center playground in conjunction with Evercor. Play equipment was fixed and adjusted so that all can be utilized by students. Added to the playground will be interactive panels and swing seats. Students have play equipment that is accessible during all recess times. Pavement activities that are now available are: hop scotch, bean bag toss, kickball field (outline) and new basketball nets were installed.



6. I would like to welcome Kennedy Debo as the Senior Class Student Representative and Ella Keefer as the Junior Class Student Representative to serve the Wyoming Area School Board. Congratulations Kennedy and Ella!

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At this time, Dr. Pollard reported on the investigation of the threat that took place on September 23, 2025 and also thanked everyone for their cooperation and assistance throughout the process. Students will now be able to carry their back packs in school.

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino reported that an executive session took place this evening, September 25th and also last week, September 18th. Discussions were about ongoing and continued labor negotiations with the teacher’s union which are progressing. They also met on some litigation matters, special education matters and some ongoing personnel issues.

Student Representative’s Report

Ella Keefer, Jr., reported they are planning to hold a basket raffle during the Homecoming football game on October 3rd, to raise funds for their class for the upcoming Winter Formal. They are seeking donations of themed baskets such as an ice cream sundae basket, campfire basket, a spa basket, movie basket, really any of the sorts. They are also working to design a shirt for the annual football game.

Kennedy Debo, Sr., reported the senior class is excited to share upcoming events and initiatives. Homecoming is scheduled for Friday, October 3rd, with the Homecoming dance following on Saturday, October 4th. This year’s Homecoming theme is “Wicked”. The Homecoming Court is: Lucia Campenni, Taylor Gashi, Emma Kratz, Sofia Menta, Sarah Willison. The Homecoming Court will be introduced to the student body at the Pep Rally on October 3rd. The Senior Class officers and advisors will soon meet with Mr. Pacchioni, Kindergarten Principal, to develop a partnership between the kindergarten Class of 2038, to create opportunities for the district’s oldest and youngest students to interact at several events throughout the year. After Homecoming, the Class of 2026 will collaborate with Student Council to plan Rivalry Week in October. This includes banner making, student competitions and games, building togetherness and energizing the entire campus.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer’s Report.

Peoples Security Bank & Trust	General Fund	1,021,012.54
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Payroll Account	7,153.53
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Cafeteria Account	46,381.13
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Student Activities Account	145,931.07
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Athletic Fund Account	16,967.20
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	152,349.80
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Series 2022 GON Account	645,753.62

Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Money Market Account	2,051,289.07
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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:

<u>Berkheimer Income Tax</u>		
Earned Income Tax		473,238.71
Local Services Tax		5,249.08
Per Capita Tax		2,625.54
Delinquent Per Capita		<u>2,451.37</u>
	Total:	483,564.70
<u>Local Realty Transfer Tax</u>		
Luzerne County		12,955.11
Wyoming County		<u>1,470.00</u>
	Total:	14,425.11
<u>2025 Real Estate Taxes</u>		
Thomas Pizano, Exeter Borough		1,485,927.33
George Miller, West Pittston Borough		748,318.84
Robert Connors, West Wyoming Borough		640,320.69
Carol Bardzel, Exeter Twp., Wyo. County		70,278.59
Paul Konopka, Wyoming Borough		515,097.59
Wayman Smith, Exeter Twp., Luzerne County		<u>265,130.76</u>
	Total:	3,725,073.80
<u>State & Federal Subsidy Payments</u>		
PCCD Safety & Mental Health Grant		13,221.00
Property Tax Relief Payment		<u>410,248.00</u>
	Total:	423,469.00

- 2. Approve the September 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 the credit amount of \$11,598.00 from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for an adjustment of the approved contract for Special Education Services for the months of July and August 2025.
- 4. Approve the payment in the amount of \$89,323.82 due to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for other related services to Behavior Health and PAL Programs. This amount represents an advance for services for the months of July and August 2025.
- 5. Approve to ratify the September payment of \$68,161.62 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2025-2026 school year.

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6. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 and Wyoming Area School District for 2025-2026 IDEA Allocation.
7. Approve Community and School-based Behavioral Health Program (CSBBH) Commitment to Fidelity Implementation Agreement: School District Attestation for the 2025-2026 school year.
8. Approve the request of Carol Bardzel, Exeter Township, Wyoming County Tax Collector, for remittance of payment of \$274.00 for services of auditing, sorting and mailing of 2025 Wyoming Area School Real Estate Tax bills.
9. Approve the appointment of Conrad Siegel Actuaries to provide services regarding compliance with Section 6055 and 6056 Employer Reporting Mandate under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The 2025 fee for the proposed consulting service is \$5,750.00.
10. Approve credit adjustments submitted September 1, 2025.

Wyoming Area School District 2025/2026 Credit Adjustments Submitted 09/02/2025					
Name		From	To	Step	Columnar Increase
AMITIA	AMANDA	M+42	M+54	10	\$3,574.00
BALUCHA	KERIANN	M+18	M+24	7	\$876.00
BEALLA-ALBERIGI	AMI	M+12	M+24	8	\$1,750.00
BUGELHOLL	TERRI	M+54	M+60	10	\$1,482.00
DILEO	NICOLE	B+12	B+24	7	\$2,629.00
DUNN	ASHLEY	M+36	M+48	9	\$4,186.00
FASCIANA	AMANDA	M+12	M+24	7	\$1,750.00
GFELLER	MARC	M+18	M+30	18	\$1,750.00
GRESH	CORDELL	B+12	B+24	6	\$2,629.00
HINES	JENNIFER	M+54	M+60	10	\$1,482.00
HUGHES	ALEXANDRA	M+42	M+54	10	\$3,574.00
JENSEN	MARIAH	M+30	M+42	10	\$3,580.00
KASA	JACQUALYN	B+24	M+06	5	\$5,625.00
LEANDRI	CHRISTINE	M	M+06	5	\$874.00
MACDOUGALL	MARGUERITE	M+24	M+30	7	\$874.00
MALOCESKI	JOSEPH	B	B+12	7	\$3,465.00
MATOSKY	JULIE	M+48	M+60	10	\$2,963.00
MENTA	KATHRYN	M+42	M+48	14	\$2,093.00
MOSCATELLI	CARLA	M+54	M+60	10	\$1,482.00
ROMAN	NANCY	M+06	M+18	10	\$1,750.00
SELENSKI	JENNIFER	M+36	M+48	8	\$4,186.00
SELTZER	MELANIE	M+42	M+54	9	\$3,574.00
SLACK	KAILA	M	M+06	7	\$874.00
SUPEY	JEANINE	M+36	M+48	9	\$4,186.00
TADDEI	KAYLA	B	B+24	6	\$6,094.00
TURNER	JESSICA	M	M+12	10	\$1,750.00
WAGNER	CHRISTINE	B	B+12	7	\$3,465.00
WAGNER	COURTNEY	M+12	M+24	9	\$1,750.00
WEBER	AMY	M+54	M+60	9	\$1,482.00
WHITMAN	KAYLA	B	B+06	5	\$1,582.00
WHITMAN	KEVIN	M	M+06	9	\$874.00
				Total	\$78,205.00

11. Approve Tuition Reimbursements for September 2025.

EMPLOYEE NAME		AMOUNT TO BE REIMBURSED
AMITIA	AMANDA	\$1,200.00
BALUCHA	KERIANN	\$600.00
BEALLA-ALBERIGI	AMI	\$1,200.00
COLLURA	KAYLA	\$1,500.00
DILEO	NICOLE	\$1,200.00
DUNN	ASHLEY	\$1,200.00
FASCIANA	AMANDA	\$1,200.00
GFELLER	MARC	\$827.90
GRESH	CORDELL	\$1,200.00
HINES	JENNIFER	\$600.00
HUGHES	ALEXANDRA	\$600.00
JENSEN	MARIAH	\$1,200.00
KASA	JACQUALYN	\$1,800.00
KLAPROTH	MICHELLE	\$300.00
LEANDRI	CHRISTINE	\$900.00
MACDOUGALL	MARGUERITE	\$600.00
MALOCESKI	JOSEPH	\$1,200.00
MATOSKY	JULIE	\$600.00
MENTA	KATHRYN	\$300.00
MOSCATELLI	CARLA	\$600.00
ROMAN	NANCY	\$900.00
SELTZER	MELANIE	\$1,200.00
SLACK	KAILA	\$600.00
SUPEY	JEANINE	\$1,200.00
TADDEI	KAYLA	\$2,700.00
TURNER	JESSICA	\$1,200.00
WAGNER	CHRISTINE	\$1,200.00
WAGNER	COURTNEY	\$1,500.00
WEBER	AMY	\$300.00
WHITMAN	KAYLA	\$600.00
WHITMAN	KEVIN	\$600.00
YUKENAVAGE	TINA	\$300.00
		<u>\$31,127.90</u>

12. Approve the following payments:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Invoice #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>
CM3 Building Solutions	App#12	\$256,360.00	Sec. Ctr.	RTU/Security Doors
CM3 Building Solutions	App#13	<u>196,912.00</u>	Sec. Ctr.	RTU/Security Doors
Total:		453,272.00		

13. Approve the agreement with Berkheimer One Source to assist in the printing and mailing of the annual Homestead/Farmstead invitation letters to eligible residents that reside within the Luzerne County of the District.

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14. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: September 2025	1,028,014.28	
Prepays: August 2025	<u>109,103.03</u>	1,137,117.31
Cafeteria Account:	15,548.39	
Athletic Account:	<u>11,146.00</u>	<u>26,694.39</u>
		Total: 1,163,811.70

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

On the Question: Walter Stevens, West Wyoming, asked the cost of item #13. Mr. Tom Melone responded last year’s cost was \$1,800.00.

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

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mrs. Gazda read additions to the Education Report.

1. Reporting as per Federal Regulations Requirement that the District’s Federal Programs (Title I, Title II, Title III and Title IV) have been planned for the 2025-2026 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, at the District’s Business Office.
2. Approve the Lackawanna College Dual Enrollment Program for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Approve the appointment of Chris Hizynski as FBLA Co-advisor for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Approve the following teachers for tenure having completed three years of satisfactory service as a temporary professional employee:

Employee #20546
Employee #20553
Employee #20552
Employee #20473
Employee #20550
Employee #20548
5. Approve the agreement regarding waiver of expulsion hearing and free appropriate public education stipulation for student #3000857, pending final review and approval by the school solicitor.
6. Approve the following school plans for 2025-2026 school year:

Kindergarten Center – Schoolwide Title I School Plan 2025-2026
Primary Center – TSI Schoolwide Title I School Plan 2025-2026
Secondary Center – A-TSI Non-Title I School Plan 2025-2026
7. Approve the request of employee #15420 to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to August 25, 2025 through October 31, 2025.

8. Approve the request of employee #9650 to take a medical leave of absence effective November 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
9. Approve a resignation agreement for employee #20548 retroactive to September 12, 2025, pending final approval by the school solicitor.
10. Approve the step placement of temporary professional employee, Robert Vanness, at Bachelors, Step 4, \$41,838.00.
11. Approve the appointment of Dr. Jon Pollard as Trustee for the Northeast Pennsylvania School Districts Health Trust. Mara Valenti will serve as the alternate.
12. Approve the appointment of Peter Butera as Luzerne Intermediate Unit Representative.
13. Approve the appointment of Elisabeth Mead as Math Teacher.
14. Approve the appointment of Jessica Cupano as Social Worker/Skills for Student Success.
15. Approve the following candidates to serve as officers for the PSBA 2026 elections:

President (1 yr. term)	Holly Arnold
Vice President (1 yr. term)	Matt Vannoy
Insurance Trustee (3 yr. term)	Kathy Swope
Insurance Trustee (3 yr. term)	Roberta Marcus
School Board Secretaries Forum (2 yr. term)	Christina DeAngelis
School Board Secretaries Forum (2 yr. term)	Tricia Cousino
School Board Secretaries Forum (2 yr. term)	Jamie Zimeofsky

16. Approve the agreement regarding waiver of expulsion hearing and free appropriate public education stipulation for student #3001124, pending final review and approval by the school solicitor.
17. Approve the appointment of Siwar Abdo as a long term substitute math teacher pending final completion of necessary paperwork.

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

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

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mrs. Valenti read additions to the Activities Report.

1. Approve the request of Kim Gittens, Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO, to hold an apparel fundraiser starting September 17, 2025.
2. Approve the request of Cheri Snyder, Wyoming Area Senior Parents Association, to hold a Class of 2026 bingo fundraiser on Saturday, November 15, 2025.
3. Approve the request of Carmel Kratz, Wyoming Area Tennis Booster Club, to hold Santa Cash Raffle in September and Gerrity's Bagging fundraiser Saturday, October 18, 2025.

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4. Approve to rescind the appointment of Ava Ward as Head Girls Lacrosse Coach.

5. Approve the head coaches for the 2025-2026 winter sports season:

Anthony Macario	Boys Basketball
Maureen Pikas	Swimming
Joe Pizano	Winter Track
Steve Mytych	Wrestling

6. Approve the appointment of Benjamin Nichol as volunteer coach for Boys Soccer for the 2025-2026 Fall sports season.

7. Approve the appointment of Frank Braccini as volunteer coach for football for the 2025-2026 Fall sports season.

8. Approve the request of Mike Miller, President of Greater Wyoming Area Football, to rent the stadium for a Greater Wyoming Area Jr. Warriors football game on Sunday, September 28, 2025, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., pending approval by the athletic director. The organization will be responsible for stadium rental and other associated costs.

9. Approve the request of April Warke, Wyoming Area Kindergarten/Primary Center PTO, to hold craft fairs:

- LCCC – 10/18/25
- Lake Lehman High School – 11/22/25
- West Wyoming Hose Company – 11/29/25

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

On the Question: Vannessa Smith, Exeter – Do you still need permission if it's an off-site fundraiser. Dr Pollard responded he was almost certain that parent and booster organizations need board approval.

Walter Stevens, West Wyoming – Questioned item#1 that the fundraiser has started. Shouldn't it have been in last month. Response was that it was in the work session.

Joanna Pechal, Exeter – Where are we on the boys lacrosse coach. Dr. Pollard responded we still don't have one. We are actively looking for one for boys and one for girl's program.

Todd Bonning, Harding – Can messages be sent to the female student body now that the program was approved. Dr. Pollard responded we need to get final approval from the board about a coach and then we can move forward.

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

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mrs. Kunkle read additions to Building Report.

At this time, Mrs. Kunkle made a motion to amend item #5 to appoint two custodians. Seconded by Mr. Kopko.

Roll Call to amend Item #5.

Mr. Supey, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

1. Accept, with regret, employee #20704 submitting a letter of resignation retroactive to August 25, 2025.
2. Approve the request of employee #13456 to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to August 25, 2025 through October 31, 2025, with a tentative return date of November 3, 2025.
3. Accept, with regret, employee #20738 submitting a letter of resignation retroactive to September 8, 2025.
4. Approve a resignation agreement for employee #20435 pending final approval by the school solicitor.
5. Approve the appointment of Stephen Seeley and Michael Steinberger as Custodians.
6. Approve the appointment of Fred Marianacci Hall Monitor.
7. Approve the appointment of Frank DeAngelo for 4 hour food service position.
8. Approve the appointment of Anne Liddick for 4 hour food service position.
9. Approve the appointment of Heather Bonanny for 3 hour food service position.
10. Approve the appointment of Denise Lombardo as an LPN.
11. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list.

Motion by Mrs. Kunkle, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the building report.

On the Question: Vannessa Smith, Exeter – Asked the status of the Girls Wrestling Coach. Dr. Pollard responded it is still being discussed with the Board. To be approved in October.

Daneen Kearns, Exeter – Would like to see an RN at her school as the other three districts.

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

Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Butera stated there were no additions to the Policy Report.

1. Approve the first reading of the following revised or new policies:

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April 2025 - Volume II

Policy #317 – Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures

Policy #317.1- Educator Misconduct

Policy #320 – Freedom of Speech by Employees

Policy #718 – Service Animals in Schools

June 2025 – Volume III

Policy #626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance

Attachments to Policy 626

Policy #626.1 – Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs

Policy #827 – Conflict of Interest

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Policy #102 – Academic Standards

Policy #105 – Curriculum

Policy #122 – Extracurricular Activities

Policy #122.1 – Nonschool-Sponsored Student Groups (new policy)

Policy #123 – Interscholastic Athletics

Policy #209.2 – Diabetes Management (new policy)

Policy #918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement

2. Approve revised Policy #237 Electronic Devices.

Motion by Mr. Butera, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the policy report.

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

Motion passed.

Open Discussion:

Erica Gazda, Board Member – As a parent, I send my own child to Wyoming Area Intermediate Center every day with the trust and respect of our teachers, administrators, and staff. I know they care deeply about the safety of every student. I've been a member of the school board for nine months. Early in my appointment, I was faced with voting regarding the implementation of the Yondr bags. After listening to parents and carefully considering the issue, I ultimately voted against the measure. That said, my vote doesn't necessarily mean it was the right vote. It simply reflects on what I knew at the time. However, the fact remains that this is now a district policy. The pouches have been implemented and from what I understand they were working well until Tuesday. At this point, reversing the policy is not the solution. Instead, we need to focus on addressing the real issue. Ultimately, the person who caused the chaos bears responsibility. While mistakes may have been made during the response, the real blame lies with the individual who set these events in motion. That person chose to create fear and disruption, and they must be held accountable for the consequences of their actions. In high stress, unplanned situations, mistakes can and do happen. As a district, we learn, correct issues, improve, and move forward. While it's easy to criticize from outside looking in, I ask everyone to remember that in those tense moments, every teacher, administrator, officer and even a student were doing their best under incredibly challenging circumstances. Just as a person who caused this incident cannot undo their actions, you cannot undo the hurtful words that have been directed at the people who dedicate their lives to protecting and educating our children. Remember, your children are watching and listening. At this time, we must acknowledge what went right. In this case, a potential threat was identified and taken seriously. It could have been dismissed as a prank or hoax, but it wasn't. And that shows our district's unwavering commitment to safety. Thank you.

- Walter Stevens, West Wyoming – Glad everyone was safe, is there a specific policy that says students cannot carry their backpacks. Dr. Pollard responded no. For many, many years we had that as a procedure. A call will go out today that the students will be able to carry their backpacks. It will be communicated to the entire student body here.
- Maureen O'Reilly, West Pittston – We can do better. We find gaps, we learn lessons and work them out. Asked that announcements be made for students to take their Yondr Bags with them and to take any necessities with them. Fix the all call problems and parents should have a list of secure locations. Teacher's contract.
- Denai Dymond, a student – There were issues with getting in contact with parents and students not having their keys to get back into their houses. Buses were sitting too long.
- Joanna Pechal, Exeter – What if you couldn't contact your kids in this situation? Yondr Bags at home or in their locker is an issue. Scanners are not be focused on when backpacks are going through. Teachers blaming students for not knowing their address. Parents need to reach their children and speak to them. The district should also be rotating locations. Dr. Pollard responded that they have already discussed looking for other venues.
- Melissa Dolman, Teacher – Regarding a teacher on Facebook, Mrs. Dolman stated she was suggesting that parents and their children should talk about a plan in a crisis situation, where to meet, where to go, what is your phone number. Mrs. Dolman commended the students of the change regarding cell phones. They are paying attention. They transitioned beautifully.
- Vanessa Smith, Exeter – Non-title I Behavior Plan, the attendance on Tuesday at the Secondary Center. Dr. Pollard responded he'd have to go back and pull the records. Improving attendance?
- Heather Williams, Wyoming – Regarding an issue with bus numbers, is the district also aware of the issue on the district site and CSIU portal. They show different bus numbers. Employees of the district cussing at students on Tuesday and making fun of kids that are stressed out. Mr. Pacchioni was the highlight for a lot of these kids by making them feel safe. Dr. Pollard responded regarding the different bus numbers, Pace Transportation rallied the busses that were available because the students normal bus may have been out on a job.
- Sarah Rawles, Wyoming – Are students able to walk around school with their Yondr Bags physically on them? Dr. Pollard responded his vision was that students are to lock phone, headphones and their watch in the pouch and carry it around with them. They don't need to carry them if their phone is left in their car. As of today students can carry around their backpacks? How is this going to make a difference? Mr. Campenni responded that every bag will go through scanner every morning. Mrs. Kunkle responded that the kids will be able to take their books, calculator, phones all at once. It will be easier.
- Joviane Francois, Exeter – Are we not honoring doctor's and 504s IEPs? Dr. Pollard stated he will follow up with her.
- Althea Edwards, West Wyoming – Students were sitting ducks for 90 minutes. They should have been put on a bus to another location. A phone call should have come back later that the kids were safe. Dr. Pollard responded that if there were an active shooter, the kids never would have been put on a bus.
- Kaylene Chaump, Wyoming – What are we doing to support the kids through the traumatic experience that they had? Dr. Pollard responded we have a mental health support system here including a Skills for Student Success Social Worker from K-6, we have SPDH teams, we have a crisis worker from Children's Service Center and guidance staff. We also have emotional support teachers, paraprofessionals and PCAs that all kind of provide that support as well as classroom teachers that are well aware of students with anxiety diagnosis.

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- Meghan Mead, West Pittston – Asked how many board members were affected by the Yondr Bags in this building? Not one. No one will have to wonder if their kid will have to grab for their phone in an emergency. In an emergency why weren't the bags opened? Dr. Pollard responded there was a concern for misinformation. She also wanted to know when every teacher is going to have a magnet in their classroom to open them. Dr. Pollard stated he will talk with administration and bring it to the board regarding the cost.
- Russ Herron, Wyoming - Stated he is fine with the Yondr Bags but doesn't like that he cannot get in touch with his child in an emergency. The kids sat in school for two hours with a possible threat. Dr. Pollard responded they had to investigate, assess the level of threat, how imminent it is, how you know, is it credible. We were making decisions about what actions to take. The all call system was delayed so the decision to evacuate started much later before the call was finally sent out. Mr. Herron asked if the phones were working, that there was nobody answering. Dr. Pollard responded people were calling simultaneously. Also, portable phones are used that are part of our overall phone system.
- Walter Stevens, West Wyoming – Chromebooks list of repair costs.
- Joviane Francois, Exeter – Afraid to send child to school since the threat was for the following week. Dr. Pollard responded they know what the situation was and who is probably responsible for it. He didn't feel that there are any credible threats at this time.
- Giada DePrimo, a student – Phone was stolen after going through metal detector. Why do phones have to be on airplane mode? Dr. Pollard responded that the phone can't ring and it can't vibrate. There can be no notifications.
- John Disenferdinand, West Pittston – Everyone did a great job. This was a great meeting.
- Joanna Pechal, Exeter – Acknowledged Mr. Pacchioni going above and beyond regarding a program for her son. Her son is working ahead and has scored ahead. Mr. Pacchioni and Mr. Wright are trying to get him what he needs. It was a great thing.

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With no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. Alberigi.

Philip Campenni, President

David Alberigi, Secretary of the Board