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Wyoming Area School District
Virtual Special Meeting
Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643 Thursday,
March 4, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

A virtual special meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening. A virtual executive session preceded the meeting. Mr. Campenni, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Mr. Philip Campenni, President
- Mrs. Kimberly Yochem, Vice President
- Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary
- Mr. Carman Bolin, Treasurer
- Ms. Lara Best
- Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo
- Mr. Leonard Pribula
- Mr. Gerald Stofko
- Mrs. Toni Valenti

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Secondary Center Assistant Building Principal, Shaun Rohland, Assistant Principal of Discipline, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Vanessa Nee, Director of Special Education, JoAnn Pepsin, Building Principal of Kindergarten Center/Assistant Director of Special Education, Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum, Kristi Naylor, School Psychologist, Brian Strazdus, Building Principal of Intermediate Center, David Pacchioni, Building Principal of the Primary Center, Betsey O'Malley, Food Service Director, Angelo Falzone, Director of Attendance/Transportation, Frank Pugliesi, Facilities Director, Chris Alberigi, School Police Officer.

At this time, Mrs. Serino, Superintendent, School Board, Attorney Ferentino, Tom Melone and Administration responded to questions sent in by the public. All questions and responses of the meeting can be reviewed on the website's youtube channel.

Education Report

Mrs. Yochem made two motions:

1. Motion to return to school in a hybrid capacity effective March 22, 2021.
2. Motion to authorize the solicitor to engage in negotiations with our professional union for a full time return to school with additional virtual options.

Mr. Campenni seconded the motions.

Roll call: Ms. Best voted no on item #1 and yes on item #2.
Mr. DeAngelo voted no on item #1 and yes on item #2.
Mr. Pribula voted no on item #1 and yes on item #2.
Mr. Stofko voted yes on item #1 and yes on item #2.
Mrs. Valenti voted no on item #1 and yes on item #2.
Mr. Bolin voted yes on item #1 and yes on item #2.
Mrs. Yochem voted yes on item #1 and yes on item #2.
Mr. Campenni voted yes on item #1 and yes on item #2.
Mr. Marianacci voted yes on item #1 and yes on item #2.

By a vote of 5-4 for item #1 and unanimous vote for item #2, both motions passed.

(Mrs. Valenti wanted the minutes to reflect that the reason Mrs. Valenti, Ms. Best, Mr. Pribula and Mr. DeAngelo, voted no on item #1 was they wanted the students to return 5 days in person or virtual. This was amended in the March 23rd meeting minutes).

Open Discussion: Ms. Best asked what will happen on Monday when teachers and students are home. Are they going to be teaching on Monday or is it going to be a dead day. Dr. Pollard responded for 7-12 grades we will continue the same Monday schedule, teachers will stream live instruction in the morning and have intervention mediation in the afternoon. All faculty and staff will be working from the building as they have been from last week. Ms. Best asked how they were going to clean the rooms. Mr. Pugliese, Facilities Director, responded the rooms will be cleaned on a daily basis and in the afternoon and in the morning before they arrive.

A question from a parent asking why aren't students getting temperatures taken before they get on the bus. Mrs. Serino responded that was in discussion. If they have a fever and the bus driver doesn't allow them to get back on the bus how will they get home. Not all students have their parents with them at that time. If they get tested at school, the nurse will call an emergency number for someone to come pick them up. Ms. Best stated maybe an aide can take temperatures at the bus stop. Mrs. Serino said that can be discussed. No child should walk home without the parent or guardian. Mr. Alberigi and Mr. Falzone can get that discussion going. Responding to Mr. Marianacci, Mrs. Serino stated that hand sanitizer and masks have been distributed to bus drivers.

A parent asked is it possible for a student who is struggling attend school even with the hybrid model. Mrs. Serino responded there will be individual conversations with parents with administration and Mrs. Nee.

Mr. Marianacci asked if bus drivers will be vaccinated through the LIU. Mrs. Serino said no, they weren't included with teachers at the LIU. Although many have already been vaccinated. They will be in the next phase. Mr. Galella, Director of Curriculum, stated that most of the drivers already had their 1st vaccination according to Pace Transportation.

To fall back on what Ms. Best stated in the beginning for parents to decide if students can return 5 days or stay virtual, a parent asked if they can vote on this. If only 50% of parents that chose full time again we would technically still be following social distance guidelines. Ms. Best stated that she is here for the kids only. She does not benefit from this. She has gone to school for education and knows what she is talking about.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:46 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. Marianacci.

Philip Campenni, President

John Marianacci, Secretary

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