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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 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. Three people of the public were in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Ms. Best, President of the Board, asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Best called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Ms. Lara Best, President
 Mrs. Toni Valenti, Vice President
 Mr. David Alberigi, Secretary
 Mr. Joseph Kopko, Treasurer
 Mr. Philip Campenni – via zoom
 Mr. Leonard Pribula
 Mr. Gerald Stofko
 Mr. Michael Supey

Absent: Mr. Paul Porfirio

Also present were: Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Eric Speece, Secondary Center Building Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Center Building Principal, Brian Stradzus, Intermediate Center Building Principal, David Pacchioni, Primary Center Building Principal, Shaun Rohland, Assistant Principal of Discipline, Stephanie Anuzewski, Director of Special Education, Mike Bugelholl, Director of Facilities, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Dallas Woodruff and Milanna Bocchiaro, Student Representatives.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Best asked for approval of the minutes of the combined board meeting of December 13, 2022. All board members present voted aye.

Communications Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their regular meeting minutes of November 16, 2022.
2. West Side Career & Technology Center minutes of Joint Operating Committee of November 17, 2022.
3. Ballots sent to board members by the West Side Career & Technology Center to elect board members to serve on the WSC&TC Joint Operating Committee.
4. Ballots sent to board members by the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 to elect officers to serve on the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors.
5. Margaret Robbins submitting her letter of resignation as a Kindergarten Aide.
6. Ruth Corcoran, Fork Over Love, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center back parking lot for meal distribution.
7. Rebecca Holl, Paraprofessional, requesting permission to take an unpaid leave.
8. Ken Bryden, Dive Coach, requesting permission for the Wyoming Area Swim Team to hold fundraisers.

9. Rob Lemoncelli, Wyoming Area Baseball Team, along with The Diamond Club requesting permission to sell sponsorship signs.
10. Paul Porfirio submitting his letter of resignation as a school board member.

Summary of Applications Received

Special Education – 4

Cleaners – 1

Social Worker – 1

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pollard read his report.

1. **January is School Director Recognition Month honoring those who volunteer their time and talents for the betterment of public education in our community. Ms. Holmes has placed the certificates in their binders recognizing our board members for their commitment to education.**
2. **Mr. Pizano, our athletic director entered our school in Jersey Mike's School Sprit. Our school displayed the most school spirit and it was shared via social media. Once again, we are one of the top 10 winning schools! Jersey Mike's will be sending a \$500 check donation to be used for athletic or educational purposes. Congratulations to our cheerleaders and student section!**
3. **Congratulations to Kayden Dructor for being chosen to represent her logo for the PA Governor's STEM Competition. There were more than 50 logos submitted, and Kayden's design is one of three being used in the statewide competition. In addition, Kayden and her staff advisor, Ms. Collura, are invited to attend the PA Governor's STEM competition closing ceremony at PaTTAN Harrisburg on April 19 to be honored for the hard work and creativity Kayden produced. Please see below the logo that Kayden submitted.**



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4. **The Primary Center would like to send a special thank you to the Miss Nina Foundation for providing each third grade child a Burlington voucher to purchase a winter coat or children's pair of shoes. The Miss Nine Foundation also sponsored Magician Brent Kessler to come and perform his magic show at the Primary Center.**



5. **On January 17th, the members of FBLA traveled to the Woodlands to attend the Region 16 Lunch/Meeting. While there, the students were able to communicate with FBLA members from other schools. The students who qualified for the state leadership conference in Hershey Park were announced. 16 members of our FBLA chapter qualified! We are very proud of their hard work and wish them luck at states!**



6. **Congratulations to our 4th grade students and their teachers. Our students participated and excelled in the Luzerne County Sumdog Contest. Great job!**

The Luzerne County Sumdog Contest is a fun free online math contest that motivates students as they compete against other classes and schools.

68 classes; 857 students locally participated answering **239,181** questions!

It was a great opportunity for our students to practice math, have fun, and boost their confidence!

Luzerne Math Contest - Nov 4 to Nov 10		
Sumdog TOP 10 CLASSES		
Overall class scores are the average number of correct answers out of the students in that class. At least 5 students from the class must have played in order to get an average score.		
Position	Class name	Score
★ 1st	Mrs. McKenna, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	
2nd	22-23 Palfey Math 1, Dallas Intermediate School	
3rd	Mrs.DeLayo's Class, Wyoming Area Catholic	
★ 4th	Broda, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	
5th	Mihalka 220 - 2022, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	
★ 6th	Campenni, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	
★ 7th	Mrs. Conflitti, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	
8th	PAIC 216 2022-2023, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	
9th	22-23 Palfey Math 2, Dallas Intermediate School	
★ 10th	Ms. Coolbaugh, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	434
★ 19th	Mrs. McDermott's Math Class, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	280

6 WAIC 4th grade classes participated & **ALL** 6 Made Top 20. 5 of them made Top 10!

Student leaderboard			
Position	Name	Class name	Score
1st	Jia P	Tombasco Gifted, Drums E/MS	997
2nd	Jordan R	Mr. Viglone Homeroom 2022-2023, Dallas Intermediate School	989
3rd	Emanuel S	PAIC 216 2022-2023, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	988
4th	Melanie R	Mrs. McKenna, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	982
5th	Brentley N	Miss Chajko 22-23, Chester Elementary	976
6th	Renina L		970
7th	Ryan S	PAIC 216 2022-2023, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	969
8th	Bradley S	Broda, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	968
9th	Connor R	Broda, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	967
10th	Avery D	Mihalka 220 - 2022, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	966
11th	Emily H	Campenni, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	965
12th	Sarah K	Mrs. McKenna, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	964
13th	Soren G	Campenni, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	963
14th	Madison M	Mihalka 220 - 2022, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	962
15th	Aidan S	Cosimo 206-22, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	961
16th	Michael L	Mihalka 220 - 2022, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	960
17th	Sloane T	Mihalka 220 - 2022, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	959
18th	Avery P	Mihalka 202 - 2022, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	933
19th	Karlyn B	Broda, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	933
20th	Kellan B	Campenni, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	933
21st	Michael K	Mrs. Conflitti, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	932
22nd	Ella A	Mihalka 220 - 2022, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	930
23rd	Kendall B	Mrs. McKenna, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	930
24th	James W	PAIC 216 2022-2023, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	928
25th	Nathan O	Miss Chajko 22-23, Chester Elementary	926
26th	Adrian G	Miss Chajko 22-23, Chester Elementary	925
27th	Jace O	PAIC 216 2022-2023, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	925
28th	Connor K	PAIC 216 2022-2023, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	923
29th	Matias F	PAIC 217 2022-2023, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	920
30th	Natalie G	Mihalka 220 - 2022, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	920
31st	Heaven H	Mrs. McKenna, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	919
32nd	Mason O	PAIC 216 2022-2023, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	917
33rd	Jackson E	Mrs. McKenna, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	914
34th	Edie A	Campenni, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	911
35th	Wyatt E	Mihalka 221 - 2022, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	910
36th	Gabriella R	Mihalka 220 - 2022, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	908
39th	Abby N	Mr. Viglone Group B 2022-2023, Dallas Intermediate School	907
40th	Corrina C	Mihalka 220 - 2022, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	907
41st	Abraham Y	Mr. Viglone Group B 2022-2023, Dallas Intermediate School	905
42nd	Eric I	22-23 Palley Math 1, Dallas Intermediate School	905
43rd	Alexandra C	Mrs. McKenna, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	902
44th	Charlotte F	22-23 Palley Math 1, Dallas Intermediate School	900
45th	Daisy D	Mrs. McKenna, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	900
46th	Jordan T	Cosimo 201-22, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	897
47th	Brian R	Campenni, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	894
48th	Hunter N	22-23 Palley Math 1, Dallas Intermediate School	894
49th	Aiden B	Mihalka 220 - 2022, Pittston Area Intermediate Center	891
50th	Abigail C	22-23 Palley Math 1, Dallas Intermediate School	890

Daily winners

Date		Class name	Score
November 10	★	Mrs. Conflitti, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	220.0
November 9	★	Mrs. McKenna, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	166.0
November 8		22-23 Palley Math 1, Dallas Intermediate School	165.0
November 7	★	Broda, Montgomery Avenue Elementary	164.0
November 6		3rd Grade, Holy Rosary School	127.0
November 5		Mr. Viglone Group B 2022-2023, Dallas Intermediate School	148.0
November 4		Mrs. DeLayo's Class, Wyoming Area Catholic	191.0



1000 Questions



500+ Questions



Absent from photo: Griffin, Matthew B, Dallis M, Azalea S, Aurora B, Clayton

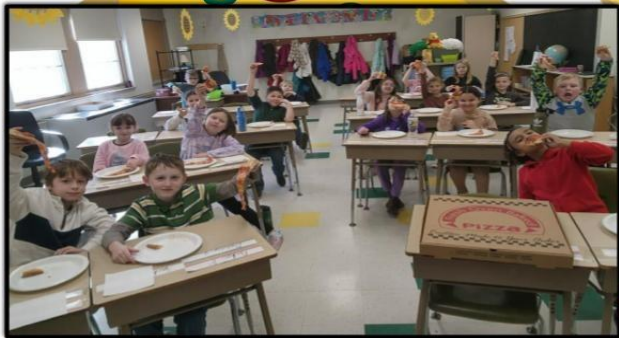


250+ Questions



Absent from photo: Travis, Brooklyn F

The **1st** place **WINNERS**, Mrs. McKenna's class, celebrated with a **Pizza Party!**



7. Mrs. Supey's Life Skills Class at the Intermediate Center decorated gingerbread houses. The kids took turns talking about their holiday plans and traditions while icing their houses and adding their candy decorations. Thank you to Miss Gail and Miss Jen for their assistance.



Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino reported that an Act 88 Compliance Meeting was held with mediator, Carl Granziano, from the State for support contract negotiations on January 17, 2023. This meeting was held with Attorney Ferentino and Dr. Pollard. Also, discussed this evening was a settlement agreement that is on the board agenda tonight.

Student Representative’s Report

Dallas Woodruff reported the seniors had their winter formal on January 21st and are currently planning the prom with the juniors on May 6th at the Mohegan Sun. Fundraisers are also being held to raise money for the dance. Ninth and tenth graders are also fundraising for their semi-formal. Milanna and Dallas are setting up a Google form to have open communication with the Board and Administrators. It should be up next week.

Milanna reported that the junior class is having the semi-formal at the Banks on Friday, February 3rd. The theme is “Red Carpet”. One hundred and five students will be attending. Krispy Kreme fundraiser orders will begin next week.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer’s Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	14,303,042.65
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	6,016.05
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	176,271.97
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	127,460.74
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	4,632.64
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	124,368.28
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	225,848.20

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

Finance Report

Mr. Kopko read additions to the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	156,623.31
Local Services Tax	283.98
Per Capita Tax	1,249.58
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>3,786.11</u>
Total:	161,942.98

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Retirement	787,954.26
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	116,122.00
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	15,464.14
Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment	7,066.26
PlanCon Bond Projects	91,381.94
Medicaid Admin Claims	5,077.76
Basic Education Funding	1,316,067.00
IU Contributions 2022-23	(28,464.59)
School District Transportation	435,660.00
ARP ESSER III	90,907.04
ARP ESSER 7%	7,065.51
ARP ESSER 2.5%	920.64
Non Public Transportation	<u>32,918.00</u>
Total:	2,878,139.96

2022 Real Estate Taxes

Carol Bardzel – Exeter Township, Wyoming County	110,222.96
Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough	109,447.23
Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough	82,332.34
Wayman Smith – Exeter Township, Luzerne County	33,462.48
Thomas Pizano – Exeter Borough	192,581.05
George Miller – West Pittston Borough	<u>84,687.14</u>
Total:	612,733.20

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County 12/2022	17,686.20
Luzerne County 1/2023	14,182.10
Wyoming County	<u>274.40</u>
Total:	32,142.70

In Lieu of Taxes

Exeter Township Housing Project (for year ending December 31, 2021)	494.80
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Delinquent Real Estate Tax

Wyoming County	10,085.97
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2. Approve the January payment of \$136,428.89 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for Special Education Services and other related services for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Approve the January payment of \$67,705.13 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2022-2023 school year.

4. Approve the January payment of \$4,958.33 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the Lighthouse Academy Dual Diagnosis Services for the 2022-2023 school year.

5. Approve the following refunds for paid property taxes for the year 2022:

16-E11NW4-011-007-000	2,784.19
17-A10-00A-14E-000	525.37

6. Approve to adopt a resolution indicating that the Board of School Directors will not raise the rate of any tax for support of public schools for the fiscal year 2023-2024 by more than its index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

7. Approve the motion to ratify Change Order #1 with Grace Industries, Inc., as related to the tennis court renovations at the Wyoming Area Sports Complex as stated below:

- Delete the subbase material defined by alternate deduct (\$25,700.00).
- Delete the over excavation quantity and unit price identified in bid and bidding documents deduct (\$15,000.00).
- Provide excavation backfill and pave for the electrical conduits to replace direct burial cables. Add \$4,805.00. Total net deduct \$35,895.00.

8. Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release for student #3001644, subject to approval by the school solicitor.

9. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: January 2023	1,093,187.81	
Prepays: December 2022	<u>143,985.05</u>	1,237,172.86
Cafeteria Account:	80,739.90	
Athletic Account:	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>86,739.90</u>
Total: 1,323,912.76		

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

On the Questions: Mr. Supey questioned item #7. Where we are financially with the tennis court project. Mr. Tom Melone responded that all the cost paid as of now is \$462,000. We will be able to recover approximately \$180,000 from a grant with Exeter Borough. And, there is another \$7,500 grant from USTA. That brings us somewhere around \$275,000 general fund cost.

Roll Call: Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr Campenni, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Ms. Best read additions to the Education Report.

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 2022-2023 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Jon Pollard, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Approve the appointment of Keriann Balucha as a Special Education teacher.
4. Approve the appointment of Marguerite MacDougall as Skills for Students Success Teacher/Social Worker.
5. Accept, with regret, Paul Porfirio's letter of resignation as a school board member effective immediately.
6. Approve the agreement between Wyoming Area Education Association and Wyoming Area School District to allow any member of the professional staff to voluntarily donate one sick leave to Joseph Malocheski for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Ms. Best, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the education report.

At this time, Ms. Best thanked Mr. Porfirio for his services on the board and he will be missed.

Attorney Ferentino stated that Mr. Porfirio's resignation is due to a health set back.

Roll Call: Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr Campenni, yes, Mr. Supey reluctantly yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mrs. Valenti voted yes and also stated that Mr. Porfirio was an asset to the board and will be missed. Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the appointments of the following head coaches for the 2022-2023 Spring season:

Baseball

Rob Lemoncelli

Boys Lacrosse

Mason Byers

Girls Lacrosse

Carl DeLuca

Softball

John McNeil

Boys Tennis

Bill Roberts

Track

Joe Pizano

2. Approve the appointment of Bruce Guilmette as a volunteer coach for wrestling for the 2022-2023 winter sports season.
3. Approve the request of Ken Bryden, Dive Coach, on behalf of the Wyoming Area Swim Parents Association to hold a Super Bowl block pool fundraiser providing the fundraiser is compliant with directives of policy 915.1 and applicable state and local laws.
4. Approve the request of Ken Bryden, Dive Coach, on behalf of the Wyoming Area Swim Team to hold a Bagging for Gerrity's fundraiser in West Pittston.
5. Approve the request of Rob Lemoncelli, Wyoming Area Baseball Team, along with The Diamond Club to sell sponsorship signs to be displayed at the Atlas Field.
6. Approve retroactively the request of Narda Sperrazza, along with six students, to attend the PMEA District 9 Chorus Festival at Mid Valley High School. The festival was January 11th to January 13, 2023. Total cost for registration and lodging was \$1,080.00.
7. Approve the appointment of Carl Yorina as an assistant volunteer coach for the Science Olympiad.

Motion by Mr. Alberigi, second by Mr. Kopko, to accept the activities report.

Roll Call: Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr Campenni, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Pribula read the Building Report.

1. Accept, with regret, Margaret Robbins' letter of resignation as Kindergarten Aide effective February 10, 2023. She would like to be added to the substitute support list.
2. Approve the request of Ruth Corcoran, Fork Over Love, to use the Secondary Center back parking lot for meal distribution on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., pending approval by the Building Principal.
3. Approve the request of Rebecca Holl, Paraprofessional, to take an unpaid leave of absence retroactive to January 9, 2023 to January 20, 2023.

Mr. Pribula acknowledged Mike Bugelholl, Building and Grounds Supervisor and Athletic Director, Joe Pizano for locating a new scoreboard at the Montgomery Ave School and installing it and getting it working at the Tenth Street School.

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

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Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mrs. Valenti read the additions to the Policy Report.

- 1. Approve the second reading of revised policy# 808: Food Services.
- 2. Approve the first reading of revised Volume IV policies of 2022:

- Policy# 200 Enrollment of Students
- Policy# 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- Policy# 203 Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
- Policy# 204 Attendance
- Policy# 217 Graduation
- Policy# 221 Dress and Grooming
- Policy# 233 Suspension & Expulsion
- Policy# 251 Students Experiencing Homelessness Foster Care & Other Educational Instability
- Policy# 810 Transportation

- 3. Approve the first reading of revised Volume V policies of 2022:

- Policy# 610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
- Policy# 611 Purchases Budgeted
- Policy# 626 Procurement-Federal Programs Attachment

- 4. Approve the first reading of Policy #701.1 Facilities Naming.

Motion by Mrs. Valenti, second by Ms. Best, to accept the policy report.

Roll Call: Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr Campenni, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

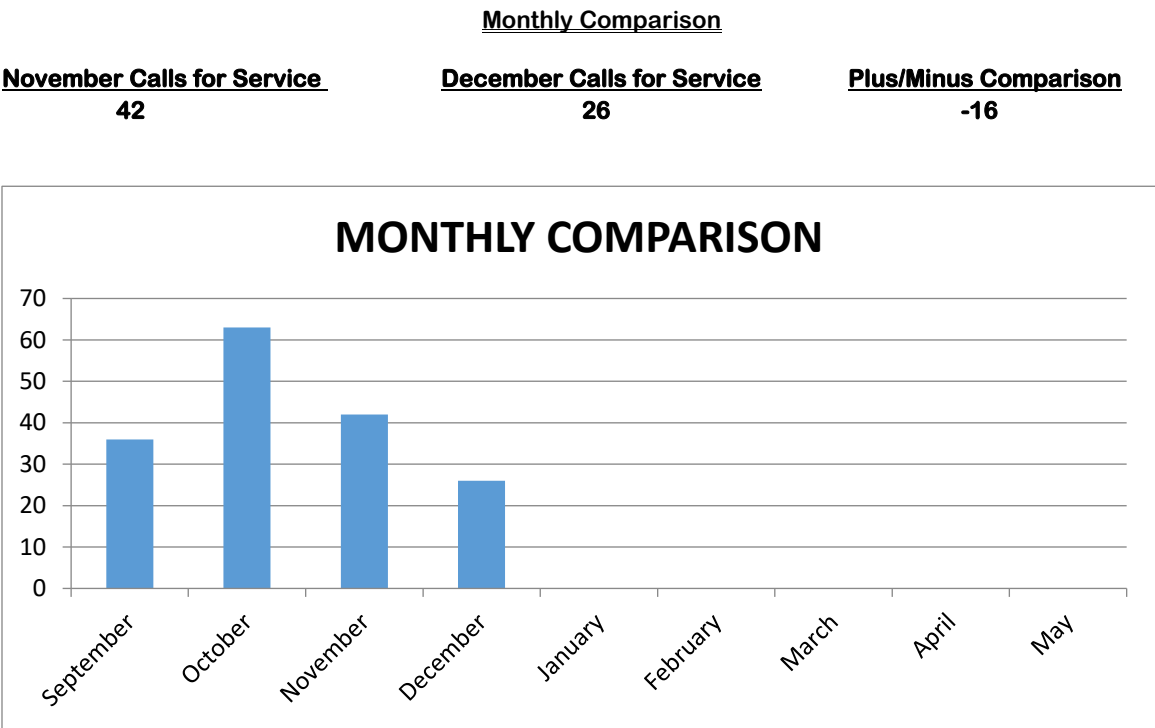
Motion passed.

Police Report

Mr. Kopko read the Police Report.

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

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0690	Theft – Reports	1
2400	Disorderly Conduct	1
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	2
2910	Lost/ Missing Property	5
3610	Disturbances – Juvenile	3
4090	Non-Criminal – Reports	1
7016	Follow Up Information	2
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	11
Total		26



Open Discussion:

Mike Supey asked for information regarding filling Mr. Porfirio’s position on the board. Ms. Best informed everyone that letters of interest to replace Mr. Porfirio on the board will be received on February 1, 2023, by 3:00 p.m. There will be a special meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to vote on a candidate to fill the position and any other business. An executive session will be held at 6:00 p.m. The ad will be in the newspapers and on the website.

With no further questions the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. by Ms. Best, second by Mrs. Valenti.

Lara Best, President

David Alberigi, Secretary