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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, November 26, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening at the Wyoming Area Secondary Center, 20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, with approximately fifty people in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. John Bolin, President of the Board called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mr. John Bolin, President
Mrs. Deanna Farrell, Vice President
Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary
Dr. Frank Casarella, Treasurer
Dr. Estelle Campenni
Mrs. Mary Louise Degnan
Mr. Gilbert Dominick
Mrs. Elizabeth Gober-Mangan
Mr. Carl Yorina

Also present were: Raymond J. Bernardi, Superintendent, Janet Serino, Assistant Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Vito Quaglia, Secondary Center Building Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Secondary Center Assistant Principal, Robert Kaluzavich, Building Principal of Montgomery Ave./SJD, Jon Pollard, Building Principal of Tenth Street/JFK, Angelo Falzone, Attendance/Transportation Director, Jamie Broda, Special Education Director, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Sam Scarantino, Quad Three Group.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit submitting their minutes of regular meeting of September 25, 2013.
2. Leandra Hosey, Vice President of the Wyoming Area Swim Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors."
3. Jenny Kranson, JFK Elementary PTO, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a bingo fundraiser.
4. Leandra Hosey, President of the Senior Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a Pasta Dinner/Craft Fair.
5. Ellen Silvi submitting her letter of intent to retire as part time cleaning personnel.
6. Right to Know Request submitted for copy of a report required under the State Equity in Interscholastic Athletics Disclosure Act of 2012.
7. Erica Gillespie-Bartoli, Secondary Teacher, requesting a child bearing/child rearing leave.
8. Rosella Fedor, Volunteer Educational Consultant, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center library for Scholarship Information Night.
9. Rosella Fedor, Volunteer Educational Consultant, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for the 5th Annual Scholarship Celebration.

10. Clarise Bandru, Secondary Teacher, requesting permission to take a child bearing/child rearing leave.
11. Marie Marranca, Special Education Aide at Secondary Center, requesting permission to take a leave without pay.
12. Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Club Advisor, requesting permission to attend the annual Pennsylvania State Thespian Conference in Central York, PA. and are asking the board to cover the total or part of the cost of the charter bus.
13. Tom Petroski of Wyoming, thanking Mr. Bernardi, Superintendent, staff and student body for the outstanding Veteran's Day program and wishing Mr. Bernardi good luck and many years of enjoyment in his retirement.
14. Wyoming Recreation Board requesting permission to use the Tenth Street Elementary cafeteria for a children's Christmas party.
15. Jennifer Judge, Third Grade Teacher at SJD Elementary School, requesting permission to take an unpaid leave.
16. Shea Riley, Music Teacher, requesting to attend the Marywood Junior Wind Clinic, along with ten students.
17. Randy Spencer, Football Coach, requesting permission to attend The Glazier Clinic in Atlantic City, along with four assistant coaches, Joe Pizano, Michael Fanti, Jason Speece and Ken Kopetchney.
18. Susan Skursky, Cleaning Personnel, requesting permission to take a medical leave.
19. Shirley Gercak, Cafeteria Worker, requesting permission to take a leave without pay.
20. Bobbie Lynn Tondora, Teacher's Aide, requesting permission to take an unpaid leave.
21. Ann Mazzitelli requesting permission to use the Secondary Center gym and lobby for Meet the Lady Warriors.
22. Jennifer Heck requesting permission to use the gymnasium for a wrestling meet.
23. Received a letter from First United Methodist Church of West Pittston thanking Montgomery Avenue School for their donation of food items for their food pantry.
24. Mrs. Kilbourn, mother of Staff Sgt. Adam Kilbourn, thanking the Montgomery Avenue students who helped fill boxes with snacks for the service men and women in Afghanistan.

Summary of Applications Received

Elementary – 3

Special Education – 3

Math – 1

Science – 2

Social Studies – 3

Cleaning Position - 2

Teacher's Aide – 2

Head Football Coach - 1

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Head Baseball Coach – 8
Head Softball Coach – 4
Head Volleyball Coach – 2
Head Track & Field Coach – 1
Head Boys Tennis Coach – 1

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bolin asked for approval of the regular meeting minutes of September 24, 2013. All board members voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bernardi read his report.

1. On **November 11th**, our annual **Veterans Recognition Program** was held at the **Secondary Center** to honor all local **Veterans**. A **luncheon** was held at **noon** for approximately **95+** veterans in attendance. Afterwards, an **Assembly** was held with the entire student body in the **Gymnasium** to honor and recognize these special individuals. Congratulations to **Mrs. Pikas, Mr. Quaglia, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Collevchio, Mrs. Agolino and Mrs. Radle** for their assistance.
2. **Scholarship Information Night** will be held on **December 3rd** in the **Secondary Center Auditorium** beginning at **7:00 P.M.** Information on the new scholarships being offered will be outlined along with discussion on all other community scholarships and awards offered to graduating seniors.
3. Congratulations to **Christine Rutledge**, Secondary Center English Teacher, who was the recipient of an Excellence in Teaching Award at College Misericordia on November 20, 2013. Ms. Rutledge was nominated by a former student.
4. Congratulations to **Ariel Vikara, Abigail Barhight and Amarah Scott**, 6th grade students at Tenth Street, who wrote a song for Respect Month, held in October. We look forward to their performing the song this evening.
5. The students at **JFK** participated in Trick-Or-Treat for **UNICEF**, which helped provide children in need with health care, clean water, nutrition, education and emergency relief. Students raised a total of \$592.67 for this organization. Congratulations to Faculty, Staff and Students.
6. Thanks to **Lou Chiampi, Independent Graphics**, for donating new Wyoming Area Football signs to replace the old faded signs on the field house at the football field.
7. I would like to thank **Mae Thomas and Bill Lewis**, who were guest speakers at the fourth grade classes at Tenth Street. Their presentation included their knowledge and experiences of their family on the Titanic. Mrs. Thomas's mother was a passenger on the Titanic and Mr. Lewis is a local historian and member of the Board of Directors of the Luzerne County Historical Society. Mrs. Thomas was very complimentary on how well behaved the students were. I would also like to thank Mrs. Przybyla for coordinating this special presentation.
8. Mr. Bernardi presented plaques to outgoing board members Dr. Frank Casarella and Gil Dominick. Mr. Bernardi stated Dr. Frank Casarella served as his assistant superintendent and Gil Dominick he has known for a number of years and he was on the board for twenty six years. Dr. Casarella thirteen years. Mr. Bernardi congratulated and thanked both of them.

There was no Student Representative's Report.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Casarella read the Treasurer's Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	11,283,759.28
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	4,703.59
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	69,697.49
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	74,042.11
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	16,018.86
Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,951.71
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,752.80
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Construction Account	31,935.43
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	Earned Income Tax Revenue	310,360.32

The Treasurer's Report will be kept on file for audit.

Finance Report

Dr. Casarella read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Tax Administrator

Delinquent Per Capita	4,232.60
Earned Income Tax	115,697.99
Per Capita Tax	4,640.70
Local Service Tax	<u>2,145.01</u>
Total:	126,716.30

Delinquent Real Estate Tax

Wyoming County	32,911.24
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Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	13,113.66
Wyoming County	<u>220.50</u>
Total:	13,334.16

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Medicaid Admin Claims	4,156.30
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2013 Real Estate Taxes (Sept.)

Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough	810,794.00
Carol Bardzel – Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	<u>345,587.08</u>
Total:	1,156,381.08

2013 Real Estate Taxes (Oct.)

Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough	602,602.49
Thomas Polacheck – Exeter Borough	236,205.70
George Miller – West Pittston Borough	139,677.90
Wayman Smith – Exeter Twp., Luzerne County	911,415.66
Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough	541,957.59
Carol Bardzel – Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	<u>27,973.72</u>
Total:	2,459,833.06

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security	45,636.00
PA. Accountability Grants	118,496.00
Basic Education Funding	1,089,598.00
Property Tax Relief Payment	<u>237,679.15</u>
Total:	1,491,409.15

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Capital Project Transfer for Montgomery Avenue (Oct.)	435,103.30
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Wilkes-Barre Area School District

2012-2013 LIU 18 Students Education Services	1,505.33
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Miscellaneous

Credit Card Rewards	26.31
District Court 11-2-01	51.00
Right to Know Request Payment	<u>3.16</u>
Total:	80.47

2. Approve the November payment of \$93,647.93 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2013-2014 school year.
3. Approve the November payment of \$32,160.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2013-2014 school year.
4. Approve the request of the Wyoming Area School District Tax Collectors to receive compensation regarding collection of installment payments for 2013 for real estate taxes in the amount of \$3,097.50.
5. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing Special Education services to the Wyoming Area School District for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$34,759.00.
6. Approve the credit from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing services related to the Alternate Learning Center for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$22,124.00.

7. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Non-public School Speech Services for the 2012-2013 school year at an annual district charge of \$4,919.00.
8. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing Social Work Services for the 2012-2013 school year to the Wyoming Area School District at a charge of \$26,607.21.
9. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing services related to the Partial Hospitalization Program for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$39,994.47.
10. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing services related to the Service Learning Program for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$87,285.00.
11. Approve to ratify 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 Luzerne County of the District.
12. Approve the following payments of invoices from the Capital Projects fund for the Montgomery Avenue project:

Gordon H. Bayer, Inc.	5,265.85	General Construction
TGW Corp.	100,327.40	Roof
Midlantic Engineering	118.00	Handicap Ramp
Midlantic Engineering	22.00	Handicap Ramp
Mark J. Sobeck Roof Consulting	1,050.75	Roof Consulting
ACP, LLC	<u>1,955.00</u>	Chair Feet Glides
Total: 108,739.00		

13. Approve the following change orders for Montgomery Avenue project:

Gordon H. Bayer, Inc.	2,560.36	Rail Extensions Entrance
Gordon H. Bayer, Inc.	2,798.65	West Side Entrance Curb Work
Gordon H. Bayer, Inc.	<u>685.00</u>	Boiler Room Floor Pipe Covers
Total: 6,044.01		

14. Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release in regards to special educational programs with \$2,500.00 in legal fees payable to student's attorney and \$150.00 for psychological reevaluation.
15. Approve the refund of property taxes for the 2013 year as requested by West Wyoming Borough Tax Collector, Robert Connors, in the amount of \$1,046.64 payable to Gerald and Maureen Zaboski. The refund is due to a revised property assessment received subsequent to the payment of the school property tax.
16. Approve the refund of property taxes for the 2013 year as requested by West Pittston Borough Tax Collector, George Miller, in the amount of \$527.40 payable to John and Jane Colwell. The refund is due to a revised property assessment received subsequent to the payment of the school property tax.

17. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing: November 2013	618,402.01	
Prepays: October 2013	<u>148,489.42</u>	766,891.43
Cafeteria Account:	70,826.78	
Athletic Account:	<u>9,492.00</u>	<u>80,318.78</u>
Total: 847,210.21		

Motion by Dr. Casarella, second by Mrs. Farrell, to accept the finance report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gober-Mangan voted yes, Mr. Dominick, yes, Mrs. Degnan, yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Dr. Casarella, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mrs. Gober-Mangan read 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 2013-2014 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Assistant Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve to ratify the following extra-curricular appointments for the 2013-2014 school year as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Christine Rutledge	SAT teacher for verbal classes
Paula Cecil	SAT teacher for math classes
Kelly Carroll	Freshman Class Advisor
Anne Wall	Sophomore Class Advisor
3. Approve the request of Erica Gillespie-Bartoli to take a child bearing/child rearing leave tentatively on or about December 6, 2013 for approximately twelve weeks.
4. Discuss to approve the request of Clarise Bandru to take a child bearing/child rearing leave beginning February 17, 2014 to the end of the 2013-2014 school year with intent to return at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.
5. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2013-2014 school year.
6. Approve the request of Jennifer Judge, Third Grade Teacher at SJD Elementary School, to take an unpaid leave Monday, January 6th to Friday, January 10, 2014.

Mrs. Gober-Mangan approved to remove item #7.

7. Approve the appointment of _____ as Director of Curriculum effective June 30, 2014.

Motion by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, second by Dr. Campenni, to accept the education report.

Dr. Casarella stated on item #7 they didn't come to an agreement on it. Dr. Casarella stated it will cost the district another \$100,000.00 for health care cost.

It would be inappropriate to do this now. Mrs. Degnan questioned items #3 and 4, the child bearing/child rearing leaves. Mr. Bernardi responded it is contractual, they are just sending a letter requesting it.

Bob Trusavage, Wyoming, asked Dr. Casarella why it would cost \$100,000.00 for health care in item #7. Dr. Casarella responded \$100,000.00 plus because some people want to advertise outside the district, we always stay in the district and save taxpayers money. Too advertise outside is inappropriate and it will raise taxpayers money.

Attorney Ferentino advised for the board to take roll call to table item #7. Dr. Campenni motioned and Mrs. Gober-Mangan seconded to table item #7.

Roll call: Mrs. Gober-Mangan voted yes, Mr. Dominick, no, Mrs. Degnan, yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Dr. Casarella, no, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Bolin, no, Mr. Marianacci, no.

Motion passed to table item #7.

Melissa Dolman, Union President, questioned two people that weren't on the agenda that should have been for tenure. She didn't realize it until she saw the agenda.

Roll call for items #1 through #6.

Mrs. Gober-Mangan voted yes, Mr. Dominick, yes, Mrs. Degnan voted yes on item #1,2,5 and abstained on items #3,4,6. Dr. Campenni voted yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Dr. Casarella, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mrs. Farrell read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the winter sports schedule submitted by Joe Pizano, Athletic Director, for the 2013-2014 school year.
2. Approve the following coaches and volunteers for the 2013-2014 winter season:

Ashley Tudgay	Assistant Swim Coach	2,163.00
Ken Bryden	Diving Coach	2,163.00
Maureen Pikas	Volunteer Swim Coach	
James Armillay	Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach	
Cody Roccograndi	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	
Ron Mruk	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach	
Rob Wroblewski	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach	
Mark Poccheschi	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach	
Patrick Hall	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach	

3. Approve to ratify the request of Chris Hizynski to attend the History Bowl/Bee competition at Wyoming Valley West November 16, 2013. The registration fee is \$380.00.
4. Approve the Indoor Percussion Program for the 2013-2014 school year not to exceed \$4,000.00.

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5. Approve the request of Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Club Advisor, to attend the annual Pennsylvania State Thespian Conference in Central York, PA., from Thursday, December 5th through Saturday, December 7, 2013. The district is asked to cover all or part of the total cost of the charter bus \$2,863.40.
6. Approve the request of Shea Riley, Music Teacher, to attend the Marywood Junior Wind Clinic, along with ten students Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7, 2013. The mini bus is also requested. Total cost of registration is \$550.00.
7. Approve the request of Randy Spencer, Football Coach, to attend The Glazier Clinic in Atlantic City with four assistant coaches, Joe Pizano, Michael Fanti, Jason Speece and Ken Kopetchney, Thursday, February 27th and Friday, February 28, 2014. Requesting mileage reimbursement only.
8. Approve the appointment of the following Head Spring Coaches:

Joe Pizano	Track & Field	3,965.00
William Roberts	Boys Tennis	1,340.00
Mike Zurek	Boys Volleyball	1,815.00
Dean Carey	Baseball	3,965.00
_____	Softball	3,965.00

Mrs. Farrell stated the softball position has been tabled.

Mrs. Farrell motioned to approve the activities report. Mr. Bolin stated the softball position needs to be amended first.

Attorney Ferentino stated the Board will amend #8 to withdraw the softball position.

Mrs. Farrell motioned to withdraw the softball position at this time. Second by Mr. Bolin.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gober-Mangan voted yes, Mr. Dominick, no, Mrs. Degnan, yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Dr. Casarella, no, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Bolin, no, Mr. Marianacci, no.

Motion passed to withdraw the softball position.

Mrs. Farrell motioned to accept the activities report. Dr. Casarella seconded the motion.

On the Question: Mrs. Degnan questioned item #7. Mr. Bernardi responded that this was discussed at the work session.

Mr. Yorina questioned item #5. Are we paying for all of this? Mr. Bernardi asked Ms. Holmes if we paid half of this last year. Ms. Holmes responded we paid half.

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell, to amend #5 to pay ½ of the amount from \$2,863.00 to \$1,431.20. Second by Dr. Campenni.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gober-Mangan voted yes, Mr. Dominick, yes, Mrs. Degnan, yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Dr. Casarella, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed to amend item #5.

On the Question: Joe McCabe of Exeter, asked when Mr. Pizano is appointed for track coach, who appoints him? Mr. Bolin responded he has to fill out an application. Mr. McCabe commented that Mr. Pizano has eight or nine other positions as well as athletic director. Mr. Quaglia responded he is a supervisor and Mr. Pizano is the assistant football coach, he's the fall track coach and other positions too but he couldn't think of them all right now. Mr. McCabe's question to the Board is should someone in that position as athletic director, should they be a coach also? Shouldn't he be overseeing the coaches on the floor and on the field? If there is a problem on the field, who is going to recommend to the board this coach is wrong being that he is a coach and that? Attorney Ferentino responded if there is a conflict with Mr. Pizano as a coach that would go to Mr. Quaglia and the Superintendent. There is a chain of command. Mr. McCabe asked if Mr. Pizano is on the field, do you think Mr. Quaglia would go against him and take a stand? Attorney Ferentino responded there is nepotism policy in place in case this did occur.

Roll Call to approve items #1 through 8: Mrs. Gober-Mangan voted yes, Mr. Dominick, yes, Mrs. Degnan voted no on items #2,7,8 and yes on the remaining report. Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Yorina abstained on item #8 and yes on the remaining report. Dr. Casarella, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed to approve items #1 through #8 with exception of softball position.

Building Report

Mr. Yorina read the Building Report.

1. Approve to ratify Nichole Johnson's medical leave effective October 22, 2013 until further notice.
2. Accept, with regret, Ellen Silvi's letter of intent to retire as part time cleaning personnel at Tenth Street Elementary School effective November 29, 2013.
3. Approve the request of Leandra Hosey, Vice President of the Wyoming Area Swim Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors" on Thursday, November 21, 2013, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The program starts at 6:30 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director.
4. Approve the request of Leandra Hosey, President of the Senior Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria and kitchen for a Pasta Dinner/Craft Fair on Sunday, December 8, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with set up on Saturday night 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director.
5. Approve the request of Jenny Kranson, JFK Elementary PTO, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a bingo fundraiser on Sunday, February 23, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director.
6. Approve to ratify the request of Rosella Fedor, Volunteer Educational Consultant, to use the Secondary Center library for Scholarship Information Night for parents and students on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
7. Approve the request of Rosella Fedor, Volunteer Educational Consultant, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for the 5th Annual Scholarship Celebration on Thursday, May 22, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director.

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8. Approve the request of Marie Marranca, Special Education Aide at Secondary Center, to take a leave without pay effective Monday, December 23, 2013 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.
9. Approve the request of the Wyoming Recreation Board to hold a children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 15, 2013, 1:00 p.m. at the Tenth Street Elementary cafeteria, pending approval by the building principal.
10. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list for the 2013-2014 school year.
11. Approve the request of Susan Skursky, Cleaning Personnel, to take a medical leave effective Friday, November 22, 2013 until further notice.
12. Approve the request of Shirley Gercak, Cafeteria Worker, to take a leave without pay effective Thursday, November 21, 2013 for approximately four to six weeks.
13. Approve the request of Bobbie Lynn Tondora, Teacher's Aide, to take an unpaid leave on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays effective January 13, 2014 to May 10, 2014.
14. Approve the request of Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals and Wyoming Area School District to allow any member of the support staff to voluntarily donate one sick leave day during the 2013-2014 school year to be used at the discretion of Susan Skursky.
15. Approve the request of Ann Mazzitelli to use the Secondary Center gym and lobby for Meet the Lady Warriors on Sunday, December 8, 2013, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.
16. Approve the request of Jennifer Heck to use the Secondary Center gymnasium for a wrestling meet on Sunday, December 15, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.

Motion by Mr. Yorina, second by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, to accept the building report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gober-Mangan voted yes, Mr. Dominick, yes, Mrs. Degnan voted no on item #10, abstained on items #11,12 and voted yes on the remaining report. Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Dr. Casarella, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Awarding of Bids Report

Mrs. Degnan read the Awarding of Bids Report.

Bids for refuse for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years were advertised on the following dates listed:

Times Leader/Citizens Voice

Monday, October 28, 2013

Monday, November 4, 2013

Monday, November 11, 2013

The bids were opened on November 18, 2013.

Successful Bidder:

Ellsworth Disposal 40,176.00 (2 years)

Unsuccessful Bidder:
J.P. Mascaro & Sons

Motion by Mrs. Degnan, second by Mr. Bolin, to accept the awarding of bids report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gober-Mangan voted yes, Mr. Dominick, yes, Mrs. Degnan, no, Dr. Campenni, abstained, Mr. Yorina, yes, Dr. Casarella, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Police Report

Total Calls for Service for the Month of October: 21

<u>CODE</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
0002 – Transport	2
2664 – All Other Offenses All Other (Misc.)	1
2601 – Use of Tobacco in Schools	5
3870 – Medial Emergency	1
4090 – Non-Criminal – Reports	4
7016 – Follow Up Information	1
TRUA – Compulsory School Attendance	7

Open Discussion

At this time, Attorney Ferentino stated an executive session was held at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Bolin informed everyone the reorganization meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Degnan stated she would like to see a comparison of the police reports from month to month. Officer Chris Alberigi stated the report listed is the first report coming back to school, so there is nothing to compare it with but he will be able to do a comparison in the next coming months. Officer Alberigi also made it clear this is a police report. Discipline is handled through Mr. Quaglia’s office.

Bob Trusavage, Wyoming, asked what other positions does the athletic director have? Mr. Bernardi responded a volunteer football coach, track and field and Mr. Quaglia responded winter track coach.

George Race, Exeter, asked who is the current Director of Curriculum. Mr. Bernardi responded Janet Serino. Mr. Race commented that we may not need a director then. Dr. Campenni responded that the board would like to talk to the administrators and see what they need. Mr. Race commented that replacing someone within would get them more money? Mr. Dominick and Dr. Casarella both replied no. They’re already getting paid, they may get an increase.

Melissa Dolman, President of the Teacher’s Union, asked that if the board is thinking of hiring in-house does that mean they have no intention of filling the prior position? Mr. Bernardi stated that is up to the Board, he can’t discuss it. Mrs. Dolman stated how can you say it is cost saving for the school district and taxpayers when you pay for that person’s healthcare which is not really saving.

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Dr. Casarella responded that we are not replacing, we are using what we have in-house. Mrs. Dolman asked if you are moving someone in-house into a new position don't you have to replace that position? Dr. Casarella responded no. It may be a new job description. Mrs. Dolman asked what the purpose was for an annual financial report. Mr. Melone, Business Consultant, responded the annual report is for the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Mrs. Dolman asked if it has to be filed by a certain date? Mr. Melone responded yes, by October 31st, with ours being filed by Friday.

Joe McCabe, Exeter, stated that for the board members not present at the work session he had a couple of questions regarding the Montgomery Avenue Project. If a contractor was hired to do the work, why do they have to hire a consultant? Dr. Casarella responded it is a good idea to have someone to represent the district to make sure the roof will be done properly by someone who has a lot of experience. Mr. McCabe stated the architect is paid \$400,000.00.... multiple people replied no that is not correct. Attorney Ferentino stated the architect's job is to do onsite inspections on a time set schedule that the architect is required to do. Attorney Ferentino stated he gave Mr. McCabe an answer at the work session using a consultant is saving the district \$30,000.00. Mr. McCabe stated that at the work session he also informed the board that in the Nanticoke School District the Superintendent saved 1.5 million dollars by staying on as Superintendent and volunteering his services which is unheard of today. There was a 3 million dollar deficit when he took over and today there is no balance of a deficit. There is a 7.5 million working balance or budget. Mr. McCabe commented about hiring outside help to straighten out the budget. Attorney Ferentino responded to Mr. McCabe's first question that they need the consultant in-case of warranty or litigation problems or design issues. Mr. Bernardi stated that the total budget for Quad Three is \$90,000.00. He wanted to get that out there. The project is \$2 million. Mr. Bernardi also stated that the architects design the sculpture of the building and hire a construction manager. We have architects and a construction manager. The construction manager makes sure the contractors are doing their job according to specifications that are drawn up. They are on the job x amount of hours supervising the job. Mr. Sobeck who is a roof expert was making sure they were putting the proper screws in that roof. Mr. McCabe asked so, at the work session when you said he (Sobeck) was the only consultant on the project, there was no electrical. If he scrutinized the whole roof project, why wasn't a consultant hired for every project beside plumbing and electrical? Mr. Bernardi responded the board chose not to. Mr. McCabe commented that they are worried about the roof but not the electrical or plumbing.

Michelle Harden, Sixth Grade Teacher, regarding #7 that was tabled, she stated it was her understanding that Mrs. Serino was Director of Curriculum before she was Assistant Superintendent and now she is to be the Superintendent when Mr. Bernardi leaves. So, that is two positions. If someone inside takes the position then they will be doing two positions, the one they have and the new one? Mr. Bolin responded yes and no. He wanted someone inside to transition into the Director of Curriculum when Mrs. Serino became Superintendent. Mrs. Serino informed him she would be able to do the two positions until the end of June. Mr. Bolin also stated if needed, they may put another principal in or that person may also take over as Director of Curriculum.

Melissa Dolman commented that she wanted some clarification of what Mr. Melone stated regarding the change of the financial position of the district based on the Annual Financial Report. Mr. Melone responded that the fund balance amount estimated on the district budget varied from the amount we reported on the Annual Financial Report. He stated the fund balance will be confirmed upon completion of the district audit. Mrs. Dolman asked for the better or worse? Mr. Melone responded for the better.

At this time, Mr. Bolin wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

With no further questions the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bolin.

Mr. John Bolin, President

Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary