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Wyoming Area School District
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 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, Pa., 18643. Twelve people of the public were in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Mr. Campenni, President of the Board, asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Campenni called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Philip Campenni, President
 Mr. Carmen Bolin, Treasurer
 Ms. Lara Best
 Mr. Leonard Pribula
 Mr. Gerald Stofko
 Mrs. Toni Valenti

Absent were: Mrs. Kimberly Yochem, Vice President
 Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary
 Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Principal, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Frank Pugliesi, Facilities Director, Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum, David Pacchioni, Primary Center Building Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Principal of the Secondary Center, Brian Strazdus, Intermediate Center Building Principal, Kristi Naylor, School Psychologist, Vanessa Nee, Director of Special Education.

Communications Report

Ms. Best read the Communications Report.

1. John Roberts, Wyoming Free Library, thanking the school board for the monetary donation.
2. West Side Career and Technology Center submitting their meeting minutes of May 24, 2021.
3. Pam Crane, Wyoming Area Volleyball Association, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers.
4. Thomas Campenni, Esq., Vice President of the Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, requesting permission to install signs at the stadium and weight room.
5. Graceann Tokar, Cafeteria Personnel, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
6. Donna Andrewsavage, Kindergarten Teacher, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
7. JoAnn Pepsin submitting her letter of resignation as Kindergarten Principal/Assistant Director of Special Education.
8. Christine Campenni, Wyoming Area Field Hockey Parents Association, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers.
9. Jenny Kranson and Donna Kostik, Wyoming Area Girls and Boys Soccer Parents Association, requesting permission to hold an elementary soccer camp.

10. Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Soccer Association, requesting to hold various fundraisers.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Campenni asked for approval of the minutes of regular meeting of June 29, 2021. All board members present voted aye.

Superintendent’s Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. Summer school will conclude on Thursday, July 29. I am happy to report a successful summer school.
2. The Administrative team continues to discuss the opening of school for September 7 for students.
3. Decisions about mask wearing or no mask wearing will be made as soon as possible. I will be meeting with local Superintendents on Thursday to discuss plans.

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino read his report.

An executive session was held tonight at 5:30 to discuss some pending matters: special education matters, litigation matters. Also, Administrative Act 93 Compensation Plan.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Bolin read the Treasurer’s Report.

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| First National Community Bank | General Fund | 5,840,277.16 |
| First National Community Bank | Payroll Account | 5,931.72 |
| First National Community Bank | Cafeteria Account | 123,835.38 |
| First National Community Bank | Student Activities Account | 117,093.85 |
| First National Community Bank | Athletic Fund Account | 8,829.77 |
| First National Community Bank | Purchasing Account | 500.00 |
| Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust | General Fund Account | 132,448.45 |
| First National Community Bank | Series 2018 GON Account | 256,679.26 |

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

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Finance Report

Mr. Bolin read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

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| Earned Income Tax | 62,099.69 |
| Local Services Tax | 1,611.68 |
| Per Capita Tax | 20.60 |
| Delinquent Per Capita | <u>1,867.41</u> |
| Total: | 65,599.38 |

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

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| Retirement | 662,878.96 |
| Title I – Improving Basic Programs | 48,970.43 |
| Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment | 3,095.00 |
| Section 1305 & 1306 | 132,271.95 |
| PlanCon Bond Projects | 15,098.19 |
| Basic Education Funding | 2,135,311.35 |
| IU Transportation Recovery 2019-2020 | (159,678.82) |
| Juveniles Incarcerated 2015-16 | (2,015.31) |
| School District Special Education | 407,451.99 |
| School District Transportation | 349,165.33 |
| Non Public Transportation | <u>13,570.00</u> |
| Total: | 3,598,062.92 |

2021 Real Estate Taxes

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| Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough (Supplemental) | 114.69 |
| George Miller – West Pittston Borough (Supplemental) | 335.48 |

Local Realty Transfer Tax

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| Luzerne County | 37,419.23 |
| Wyoming County | <u>641.90</u> |
| | 38,061.13 |

2. Approve the July payment of \$61,277.10 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Approve the Guest Teacher Agreement with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for the 2021-2022 school year at an annual membership fee of \$300.00.
4. Approve a refund of \$309.68 to PIN#65-E11NW2-007-08A-000 for paid property taxes for year 2020.
5. Approve a remittance payment of \$277.00 to Ann Marie Farley, Exeter Township/Wyoming County Tax Collector, for her services of auditing, sorting and mailing of the Wyoming Area School Real Estate Tax bills.
6. Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release for student #3935101764.
7. Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release for student #3000156.
8. Approve the general ledger sheets:

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| Bill Listing: July 2021 | 519,046.46 | |
| Prepays: June 2021 | <u>91,378.05</u> | 610,424.51 |

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| Cafeteria Account: | 4,520.51 | |
| Athletic Account: | <u>591.97</u> | <u>5,112.48</u> |

Total: 615,536.99

Motion by Mr. Bolin, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the finance report.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mr. Campenni 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) are currently being planned for the 2021-2022 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the appointment of Rosella Fedor as Chairperson for the 2022 Scholarship Celebration at a stipend of \$4,000.00.
3. Approve the appointment of Juel Anne Klepadlo as Co-Chairperson for the 2022 Scholarship Celebration at a stipend of \$2,000.00.
4. Approve the appointment of Rita Mauriello as Title I Coordinator/Consultant for the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend of \$6,000.00 to be paid out of Title I Federal Grant.
5. Approve the appointment of Courtney Wagner as a long term substitute teacher for Vicki Peppe for the 2021-2022 school year.
6. Approve the appointment of Marla Moses as a ½ Day English Teacher.
7. Approve the appointment of Lauren Wysocki as Math Teacher.
8. Approve Edmentum to replace VLN as the new Wyoming Area Cyber program.
9. Accept, with regret, Donna Andrewsavage's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2020-2021 school year as a Kindergarten Teacher.
10. Accept, with regret, JoAnn Pepsin's letter of resignation as Kindergarten Principal/Assistant Director of Special Education.

Motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Ms. Best, to accept the education report.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin abstained on item #4 and voted yes on remaining report. Mr. Campenni, yes.

Motion passed.

ITEM #11 WAS ADDED FROM THE FLOOR.

11. Approve the request of Karen Switzer to take a medical leave of absence for the 2021-2022 school year.

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Motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Ms. Best to approve item #11 to the education report.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. Pribula read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the request of Pam Crane, Wyoming Area Volleyball Association, to hold the following fundraisers:
 - Basket of Cheer - August 9th
 - Pierogi Sale – August 30th
 - Lottery Daily number to begin September 20
 - Hoagie cards (Kitchen by Nikki) and pizza cards by Januzzi's to begin September 27th
 - Sell candy, drinks and hot foods at home games
2. Approve the appointment of Alissa Nugent as assistant junior high field hockey coach for the 2021 Fall sports season. Salary as per the collective bargaining agreement.
3. Approve to rescind the appointment of Sarah Loughnane as assistant girls soccer coach.
4. Approve the request of Christine Campenni, Wyoming Area Field Hockey Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers:
 - Car Wash – Aug 28th
 - Sabatini's Fundraiser – October 21st
 - MLB Lottery Fundraiser - October
5. Approve the request of Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Soccer Association, to hold the following fundraisers:
 - Car Wash at A&A Auto
 - Bagging for Charity at Gerrity's
 - Sell Team Sponsorship Signs to be hung at soccer field
 - Sell Ads for Year End Booklet
6. Motion to charge cyber schools/charter schools for students in extracurricular activities. (This pertains to students outside the district) (This item was added from the floor)

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

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

1. Approve the request of Thomas Campenni, Esq., Vice President of the Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, to install signs at the stadium and weight room commemorating the 2019 Football State Championship Team. The purchase of the materials for the signage and cost of installation will be paid for by the WA Football Alumni Association.

2. Approve the request of Graceann Tokar, Cafeteria Personnel, to take a medical leave of absence from September 1, 2021 through approximately October 15, 2021.
3. Approve appointment of Rebecca Holl as Personal Care Aide.
4. Approve the request of Jenny Kranson and Donna Kostik, Wyoming Area Girls and Boys Soccer Parents Association, to hold an elementary soccer camp at the soccer field on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.

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

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes.

Motion passed.

Mr. Campenni motioned to approve Karen Switzer's medical leave of absence for the 2021-2022 school year. (See Addition to the Education Report)

Open Discussion

The following topics were discussed:

- Walt Stevens, West Wyoming - Kindergarten Center, Mask situation
- Matt Kearns, Exeter - Conduct of Nick DeAngelo to Mr. Supey at last month's meeting, Local Board Policy and Protocol for Hiring (Mrs. Serino explained the hiring process)
- Mrs. Valenti stated Mr. DeAngelo had a legitimate reason for being absent
- Melissa Dolman, President of Teacher's Union – Questioned Len Pribula, Board Member, regarding a post on Facebook by Mr. Pribula stating Wyoming Area needs better Administration, Teachers and Staff.
- Mike Supey, Wyoming – Hiring of an Assistant Superintendent, Hiring of Superintendent
- Tom Campenni, West Pittston – Thanked board for approving for the WA Alumni to install signs at the stadium- bids to have pool fixed
- Melissa Dolman, President of Teacher's Union – Aides for the Kindergarten Center

With no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. Stofko.

Philip Campenni, President

John Marianacci, Secretary of the Board

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