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Wyoming Area School District  
Combined Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education  
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643  
Tuesday, May 28, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

The combined work session/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 100+ 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 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call:                      Mr. John Bolin, President  
                                     Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary  
                                     Dr. Frank Casarella, Treasurer  
                                     Mrs. Mary Louise Degnan  
                                     Mr. Gilbert Dominick  
                                     Mrs. Elizabeth Gober-Mangan  
                                     Mr. Carl Yorina

Absent:                         Mrs. Deanna Farrell, Vice President  
                                     Dr. Estelle Campenni

Also present were: Raymond J. Bernardi, Superintendent, Janet Serino, Assistant Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Robert Kaluzavich, Elementary Building Principal of Montgomery Ave./SJD, Jon Pollard, Elementary Building Principal of Tenth St./JFK, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Center Building Principal, Melissa Collevecchio, Food Service Director, Frank Pugliese, Director of Buildings and Grounds, Brian Wisowaty, Student Representative.

Communications Report

Mr. Bernardi read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit submitting minutes of their regular meeting of March 27, 2013.
2. Received Right to Know Request from Melissa Dolman for the amount of money that has been billed to Wyoming Area School District by Jack Dean from January 1, 2010 to the present.
3. Received Right to Know Request form Melissa Dolman for the breakdown of money paid to Jarrett Ferentino as Solicitor and money earned for attending or participating in teacher contract negotiations.
4. Received Right to Know Request from Melissa Dolman for all administrative raises given since January 2010, dates of raises and amount or percent of raise given.
5. Received Right to Know Request from Melissa Dolman for the amount of money the district is paying Jon Pollard to earn his masters and/or doctorate.
6. Received Right to Know Request form Melissa Dolman for a summary of any/all funds paid to John Audi, Sweet, Stevens, Katz, since January 2013.
7. Received Right to Know Request from John Paul Bonin for a detailed breakdown by employee name of cost per month for a cell phone, allowed minutes used per month, including approved data plan cost. Copy of cell phone purchase price if purchased in the last 26 months from today.

8. Received Right to Know Request from John Paul Bonin for a detailed breakdown by cellular phone number as listed for phone call minutes used by date and time for each cell phone call and text for the month of April 2013.
9. Received Right to Know Request from Colin J. O'Boyle, Elliott Greenleaf, for information regarding the Tax Lien Sale.
10. Letters of interest for summer cleaning from Carol Reilly, Kim Reiners, Joan Shinko and Kellie Romanowski.
11. Annette Falzone, Level II Employee at JFK Elementary School, requesting permission to take a leave without pay in June.
12. Mary Lou Bosha, Secondary Center Teacher, requesting permission for a medical leave of absence.
13. Carol Yurek, Cleaning Personnel at Tenth Street, requesting permission for a medical leave of absence.
14. Mary Musinski, Treasurer, West Pittston Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board, requesting permission to use the football track for their annual Kids Fun Run.
15. Dan Resciniti, President of the Football Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
16. Josette Cefalo, Cheerleader Advisor, requesting permission to attend Trail's End Cheerleading Camp, along with cheerleaders.
17. Evelyn Stepanski, requesting permission to use the track and concession stand for a 5k walk as a fundraiser to benefit Brittani Clark.
18. Melissa Dolman, Secondary Center Teacher, requesting permission to use the practice field at the stadium for a field day fundraiser for Brittani Clark.
19. Danielle Janeski, Field Hockey Coach, requesting permission to use the Wyoming Area Field Hockey Field and Secondary Center gym (in case of inclement weather) for a Wyoming Area Lady Warriors Jr. Field Hockey Camp.
20. Correspondence dated May 9, 2013, from John Dean, Elliott Greenleaf, regarding a Nisi Order of Withdrawal for case #PERA-C-12-302-E.
21. Sandra Nardell, School Nurse, requesting 150-200 hours for the 2013-2014 sports season and academic year.
22. Rita Mauriello requesting to be re-appointed as Title I Coordinator/Reading Consultant for the 2013-2014 school year.
23. Rosella Fedor requesting to be re-appointed as Special Program Advisor/Consultant to the Guidance Department for the 2013-2014 school year.

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24. Joseph Gillespie, Physical Education Teacher, requesting permission to change his retirement date.
25. Deborah Popson, Special Education Director, submitting her letter of resignation.
26. Leandra Hosey, Secretary of the Wyoming Area Tennis Team Parents Association, requesting permission to sell pavers blocks as a fundraiser to refurbish the tennis courts.
27. Julie Marini requesting to be re-appointed as Math Consultant for the 2013-2014 school year.

#### Summary of Applications Received

Elementary – 10  
 Special Education – 10  
 Social Studies - 1  
 Math – 3  
 Science – 2  
 Summer Cleaning – 4  
 Head Girls Soccer Coach - 2

#### Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bernardi read the Superintendent's Report.

1. **Wyoming Area Scholarship/Award Celebration:** *On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the 4th annual Scholarship/Award Celebration was held in the Secondary Center Cafeteria, which honored senior recipients, their parents and donors. The Celebration is a great venue to have the recipients and parents meet the donors. Wyoming Area was founded in 1966 and over the 47 years, over a million dollars has been awarded to our graduates. Thanks to the vision of Mrs. Fedor and the Guidance Department.*
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2. **Breakfast With Your Child:** *Was held at the District's four elementary schools from April 17<sup>th</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup>.*

<b>Montgomery Avenue:</b>	<b>May 13<sup>th</sup> Grades K-2<sup>nd</sup> / May 14<sup>th</sup> Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>SJD:</b>	<b>May 15<sup>th</sup> Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> / May 16<sup>th</sup> Grades K-2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>JFK:</b>	<b>April 17<sup>th</sup> Grades K-1<sup>st</sup> / April 18<sup>th</sup> Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Tenth Street:</b>	<b>May 1<sup>st</sup> Grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> / May 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup></b>

*This Program is designed to inform parents of the school breakfast program as well as help them encourage their children to be aware of the importance of a good breakfast to begin a successful school/work day. A total of 1350 meals were served. Thanks to Melissa Collevich and her Cafeteria Staff.*

3. *Thanks to **Brad Trusavage**, Senior Student, who as part of his Eagle Scout project, made 4 picnic benches for the Wyoming Area Secondary Center. They will be placed in the Courtyard by the Cafeteria for all to enjoy. Congratulations Brad on achieving your Eagle Scout Rank.*

#### **Student Recognition 2012-2013 by Administrative Staff:**

*At this time, **Certificates** will be distributed to students for their **scholastic and extra-curricular accomplishments** throughout the school year.*

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### **AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES**

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The **Science Department** would like to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of their students in numerous competitions they have participated in this year:

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, **Wyoming Area Science Olympiad Team** participated in the Northeast PA Regional Competition at Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus. The team finished in **SECOND** place overall out of a field of 27 teams. The team medaled in 11 out of 23 individual events. This included 3 gold medals, 2 silver medals, 1 bronze medal, and 5 fourth place medals.

*Congratulations to the following Medal winners:*

<b>FIRST PLACE:</b> Anatomy	<b>Danielle Spagnuolo &amp; Olivia Kotulka</b>
<b>FIRST PLACE:</b> Chemistry Lab	<b>Greg Cajka &amp; Stormy Ruiz</b>
<b>FIRST PLACE:</b> Circuit Lab	<b>Greg Cajka &amp; Leslie Shumlas</b>
<b>SECOND PLACE:</b> Elastic Launched Glider	<b>Danielle Spagnuolo &amp; Gabrielle Spagnuolo</b>
<b>SECOND PLACE:</b> Astronomy	<b>Greg Cajka &amp; Gared Zabosky</b>
<b>THIRD PLACE:</b> Technical Problem Solving	<b>Gabrielle Spagnuolo &amp; Stormy Ruiz</b>
<b>FOURTH PLACE:</b> Mag Lev	<b>Stormy Ruiz &amp; Austin Shission</b>
<b>FOURTH PLACE:</b> Robot Arm	<b>Emily Bellanco &amp; Audrey Heidacavage</b>
<b>FOURTH PLACE:</b> Rocks & Minerals	<b>Samantha Williams &amp; Olivia Kotulka</b>
<b>FOURTH PLACE:</b> Forensics	<b>Audrey Heidacavage &amp; Emily Bellanco</b>
<b>FOURTH PLACE:</b> Designer Genes	<b>Emily Bellanco &amp; Audrey Heidacavage</b>

*The entire team advanced to the State Competition held at Juniata College on April 26, 2013.*

*Individual Medalists at the State Competition in Juniata included:*

**THIRD PLACE:** Elastic Launched Glider **Danielle Spagnuolo & Gabrielle Spagnuolo**

*Molly Kearns is Head Coach of the High School Science Olympiad Team and Nancy Roman is Assistant Coach.*

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, the **Wyoming Area Middle School Science Olympiad Team** also participated in the Northeast PA Regional Competition at Penn State Wilkes-Bare Campus. The team finished in **THIRD** place overall out of a field of 24 teams. The team medaled in 10 out of 23 individual events. This included 1 silver medal, 4 bronze medals and 5 fourth place medals.

*Congratulations to the following Medal winners:*

<b>SECOND PLACE:</b> Anatomy	<b>Mike Murphy &amp; Ryan Murphy</b>
<b>THIRD PLACE:</b> Dynamic Planet	<b>Michael Wall &amp; Leah Moore</b>
<b>THIRD PLACE:</b> Forestry	<b>Kaleigh Shission &amp; Megan Dillion</b>
<b>THIRD PLACE:</b> Rocks & Minerals	<b>Justine Buczynski &amp; Nina Sypniewski</b>

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<b>THIRD PLACE:</b> Mousetrap Vehicle	<b>Morgan Coolbaugh &amp; Tristan Sokach</b>
<b>FOURTH PLACE:</b> Science Crime Busters	<b>Lauren Perry &amp; Krystina Stanczyk</b>
<b>FOURTH PLACE:</b> Shock Value	<b>Lauren Perry &amp; Michael Murphy</b>
<b>FOURTH PLACE:</b> Write It Do It	<b>Ryan Murphy &amp; Michael Murphy</b>
<b>FOURTH PLACE:</b> Food Science	<b>Vicky Remley &amp; Michael Murphy</b>
<b>FOURTH PLACE:</b> Reach For The Stars	<b>Leah Moore &amp; Ryan Murphy</b>

*The entire team advanced to the State Competition held at Juniata College on April 26, 2013.*

*Individual Medalists at the State Competition in Juniata included:*

<b>FIRST PLACE:</b> Heredity	<b>Ryan Murphy &amp; Michael Murphy</b>
<b>FOURTH PLACE:</b> Anatomy	<b>Ryan Murphy &amp; Michael Murphy</b>

*Rosemary Litwin is the Head Coach of the Middle School Science Olympiad team and Clarise Bandru is the Assistant Coach.*

**University of Scranton “Kane” 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Physics Competition (April 11, 2013):**  
*The entire advanced placement physics class competed in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual University of Scranton Kane Physics Competition. Wyoming Area took the 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall trophy. One Hundred Sixty (160) students from 15 schools participated in the competition and this year’s theme was “Video Games”.*

*Team Members who received the **THIRD** place Trophy and Medals Include:*

<b>Carmen Mauriello</b>	<b>Dylan Pegg</b>
<b>Jared Saporito</b>	<b>William Romanowski</b>
<b>Zachary Mulhern</b>	<b>Zachary LaNunziata</b>
	<b>Valerie Bott</b>

*The Teams are coached by their teacher, David Pizano.*

### **AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY**

*For the second consecutive year, a Wyoming Area student was honored for award winning work by the **Susquehanna Valley Chapter of American Chemical Society**. The test was administered on April 20, 2013 at Wilkes University to top first year chemistry students throughout Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania.*

*Congratulations to Exam A runner-up **Joseph Roach**, who scored **SECOND** in our Region and was recognized on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Bloomsburg University.*

*Competition Coach is Gordon Williams.*

### **BRAIN BEE COMPETITION**

*Wyoming Area students once again competed in the annual **Brain Bee Competition** this year on February 16, 2013. The team members were: Greg Cajka, Brittney Thomas and Joe Roach. One of our students finished in **FIRST** place at the University of Scranton Brain Bee and went on to compete at the U.S. Brain Bee.*

*Congratulations to **Greg Cajka, First Place Winner**.*

*Coach is Damien Rutkoski.*

**WVIA TV Scholastic Scrimmage:** *The following students competed in WVIA-TV Scholastic Scrimmage on October 12, 16 and 26, 2012:*

**Greg Cajka**

**Leslie Shumlas**

**Stormy Ruiz**

**Gared Zaboski**


**Lisa Guido**

*Congratulations to these students who scored **FIRST** place in the Luzerne Intermediate Unit division and received a \$1,000.00 award. They scored **THIRD** place overall including teams from LIU 18, CSIU 16 and CLIU 21.*

*Their finish as the top Luzerne County Team qualified them for the Pennsylvania Academic Competition (PAC) in Harrisburg on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. They competed with teams representing all of the IU's in the State on the floor of the House and Senate and finished 14<sup>th</sup> overall.*

*In March, the team competed in the Northeast PA High School Challenge at Mountain View High School and finished in **SECOND** place at that tournament.*

*Coach is Molly Kearns.*

 **HISTORY BOWL/BEE:** *In November, 2012, the Regional Competition for History Bowl took place at Wyoming Valley West. At that competition, 2 four-member Wyoming Area Teams qualified for Nationals in Washington, D.C. Three students qualified for the National History Bee in Washington, D.C.*

*On April 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, students traveled to Washington for Nationals.*

**Regional History Bowl Teams:**

**Team "A"**

**Greg Cajka**

**Lisa Guido**

**Michael Murphy**

**Ryan Murphy**

**Team "B"**

**Christopher Wall**

**Brian Wisowati**

**Leo Skoronski**

**Gared Zaboski**

**Team "C"**

**Kat Sokirka**

**Emily Bellanco**

**Courtney Melvin**

**Cecelia Chisdock**

**Junior Varsity**

**Marcyssa Brown**

**Vicky Remley**

**Zack Lagrue**

**Lauren Perry**

**National Qualifiers:**

*Team “A” and “B” (see above)/Emily Shemanski & Vicky Remley were alternates to National Team.*

**History Bee National Qualifiers**

*Greg Cajka*

*Lauren Perry (didn’t attend Nationals)*

*Michael Murphy*

*Ryan Murphy*

*Advisors are: Juel Ann Klepadlo, Lisa Day, Chris Hizynski and Barbara Bullions.*

**MANDARIN PROGRAM:**

*The Mandarin Program, which is an on-line course, is offered to the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade gifted students. The course aims at developing the 4 basic skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening and building a foundation in preparation of more advanced studies of Mandarin. After the completion of the course, the students have a basic understanding of the Pinyin system to help in the pronunciation of the sounds used in modern standard Chinese and are able to understand and speak simple Chinese sentences related to greetings, numbers, body parts and family members. They are also capable of recognizing and reading simple Chinese characters and understanding basic strokes and stroke order. They further obtain a preliminary understanding of the Chinese culture through culture themed mini projects.*

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mandarin students:**

*Bayli Grossi*

*Brenna Klaproth*

*Ana Marotti*

*Zachary Nossavage*

*Stephanie Palovchak*

*Madelyn Resciniti*

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mandarin students:**

*Alex Ambruso*

*P.J. Angeli*

*Justine Buczyznski*

*Felicia Deininger*

*Megan Dillon*

*Benjamin Klaproth*

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mandarin students/(continued):**

*Jacob Sheperis*

*Daniel Wiedl*

*Oscar Wolf*

*Gifted Teacher, Mary Lou Bosha.*

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mandarin students (continued):**

*Dylan Melberger*

**NATIONAL SPANISH EXAM**

*The **National Spanish Exam** is an online standardized assessment for grades 6-12. This test recognizes student achievement in the study of the Spanish language, promotes proficiency, assesses the National standards and stimulates further interest in the teaching and learning of Spanish. It is the first National world language exam administered online and is the most widely used test of the Spanish language in the United States. There are 7 levels of competition containing 2 parts including achievement and proficiency, and 3 exam categories are offered. Over 140,000 students participated in the online version of the exam this year.*

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*The following students were recognized for their achievements in this very prestigious exam:*

**Silver Medals**

**Ryan Murphy**

**94% in the Nation**

**Georgia Calimeres**

**93% in the Nation**

**Bronze Medal**

**Michael Murphy**

**Honorable Mention:**

**Espanol I**

**Matthew Dovidas**

**Zachary Lagrue**

**Victoria Remley**

**Jessica Sorick**

**Krystina Stanczyk**

**Daniela Viguera**

**Megan Wysocki**

**Espanol II**

**Amy Alder**

**Julia Banas**

**Ian Brace**

**Dominick Forlenza**

**Raymond Hopkins**

**Olivia Katulka**

**Justin Palovchak**

**Francesca Trottini**

**Foreign Language Department Chairman is Christine Marianacci.**

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**BAND AWARDS/MUSIC FESTIVALS/Shea Riley, Director**

**MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY JUNIOR HIGH WIND BAND CELEBRATION – November 30-December 1, 2012**

**Ashley Donovan**

**Julia Patts**

**Lea Getz**

**Laura Sachaczewski**

**Jessica Hopkins**

**Amy Troy**

**Miranda Jones**

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**Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) District 9 Band – January 24-26, 2013 @Blue Ridge High School**

**Greg Cajka**

**Rebecca Colwell**

**Saray Sabatelli**

**Emily Smith**

**Marywood University Senior High Wind Band Celebration – February 15-16, 2013**

**Greg Cajka**

**Rebecca Colwell**

**Carly Costello**

**Nick Dominick**

**Nick Granteed**

**Tanner Homa**

**Ray Hopkins**

**Stormy Ruiz**

**Saray Sabatelli**

**Emily Smith**

**Brittany Thomas**

**Luzerne County Band – March 5, 2013 @Misericordia University**

**Austin Alder**

**Greg Cajka**

**Nick Cannell**

**Alorah Colwell**

**Carly Costello**

**Nick Dominick**

**Ashley Donovan**

**Emily Fauntleroy**

**Nick Granteed**

**Jessica Hopkins**

**Ray Hopkins**

**Miranda Jones**

**Klaryssa Kolbeck**

**Joe Roach**

**Stormy Ruiz**

**Amy Troy**

**Hannah Troy**

**Lauren Wishneski**

**Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) Region IV/V Band @Jersey Shore High School/March 6-9, 2013**

**Rebecca Colwell**

**Saray Sabatelli**

**Emily Smith**

**Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) District 9 Vocal Jazz –March 14-15, 2013 @Tunkhannock High School**

**Taryn Gates**

**Stormy Ruiz**

**Brittany Thomas**

**Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) District 9 Jazz Fest @Tunkhannock High School – March 15, 2013**

**Ashley Donovan**

**Amy Troy**

**Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) District 9 Band Fest @Lakeland High School – April 5, 2013**

**Austin Alder**

**Lea Getz**

**Jessica Hopkins**

**Miranda Jones**

**Laura Sachaczinski**

**Amy Troy**

**2013 Indoor Percussion**

**The Indoor Percussion Ensemble placed second at the Chapter 7 Championship on April 27th at Parkland High School. The group participated in 4 competitions throughout the season in the**

*Scholastic Intermediate A division, the highest division they have competed in so far. The show this year was titled "Predictable".*

*The group went on to perform at Atlantic Coast Championships in Wildwood, NJ from May 1, 2013 through May 5, 2013 where they received their highest score of the season. The group is under the direction of WA Alumni Mr. Brendan Carter, and assisted by Mr. Nicholas Viccica.*

**Percussion Bronze Medalists:**

<i>Samantha Acacio</i>	<i>Thomas Brennan</i>
<i>Sarah Campbell</i>	<i>Alorah Colwell</i>
<i>Rebecca Colwell</i>	<i>Carly Costello</i>
<i>Ashley Donovan</i>	<i>Emily Endres</i>
<i>Lea Getz</i>	<i>Nicholas Granteed</i>
<i>Tanner Homa</i>	<i>Jessica Hopkins</i>
<i>Ray Hopkins</i>	<i>Miranda Jones</i>
<i>Ryan Kizis</i>	<i>Ashley Klein</i>
<i>Marcus Marchetti</i>	<i>Gianni Mazza</i>
<i>Julia Patts</i>	<i>Bryan Sachaczenski</i>
<i>Laura Sachaczenski</i>	<i>Amy Troy</i>
<i>Lauren Wishneski</i>	<i>Victoria Viccica</i>

**Choral Music Festivals 2013**

**Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) District 9 Chorus: February 2013:**

*This 3-day festival was held at Dallas High School, 160 students from all District 9 Schools are chosen by competitive audition. This year's participants were:*

<i>Britney Benkoski</i>	<i>Grade 11</i>	<i>Soprano 1</i>
<i>Victoria Pennington</i>	<i>Grade 10</i>	<i>Soprano 1</i>

*Britney Benkoski was also selected (by competitive audition) to attend Regional Chorus at Mid-West School District in March 2013; however, she was unable to attend due to illness.*

**Luzerne County Chorus Festival, April 22, 2013**

*This is a one day festival. Students are recommended by their choral directors based on vocal ability. This year's festival was comprised of students from Northwest, Lake Lehman, Crestwood, Dallas, Wyoming Area, Pittston Area, Wyoming Valley West and Wilkes-Barre Vo Tech School Districts. The festival host was Pittston Area with guest conductor Ellen Rutkowski. A public performance was held that evening at Pittston Area High School. Students who attended this year are:*

<i>Britney Benkoski</i>	<i>William Weiss</i>
<i>Matthew Dovidas</i>	<i>Anna Thomas</i>

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*Daniela Vigueras*

*Samantha Kudrako*

*Sherry Klaproth*

*Ashley O'Valle*

*Melanie Wrubel*

*Elisabeth Combs*

*Emily Uritz*

**Chorus Fest, May 10, 2013, Valley View High School**

*This is a District 9 Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) sponsored festival where students are chosen on vocal ability and director's recommendation. There are 2 choruses that prepare and perform a concert, one chorus comprised of students in grades 4-6, and another chorus for older students in grades 7-9. Students are given practice CD's and a music packet and must work on their own as well as with their choral director to prepare the music prior to reporting to this one day festival. The participants from Wyoming Area were:*

**Tenth Street/Grade 6:**

**Secondary Center:**

*William Fauntleroy*

*Ryan Kizis, Grade 8*

*Kiaura Ruskey*

*Matthew Dovidas, Grade 9*

*Tyler Martin*

*Daniela Vigueras, Grade 9*

*Albert Hite*

*Anna Thomas, Grade 9*

*Victoria Viccica*

*Kelly Clarke, Grade 9*

*Megan Lee*

*Wyoming Area Choral Director and Tenth Street Elementary General Music and Choral Director:  
Leonarda Sperrazza.*

*On April 5, 2013, 4 elementary students participated in the **Pennsylvania Music Educators District (PMEA) 9 Band Fest** held at Lakeland Area School District. Students selected were:*


*Ana Marotti – Clarinet*

*Sara Tomsak – Flute*

*Alana Start – Alto Saxophone*

*Ryan Brown – Mallets (Ryan recently  
relocated to the State of Washington)*

*Elementary Instrumental Music Instructor is Joyce Becker.*

 *At this time I would like to present this well-deserved Award to **Emily Shemanski** for her outstanding service in representing the student body on the **Wyoming Area School Board** for the **2011-12** and **2012-2013** school years. Her participation was an invaluable resource to the Board in its decision-making process. Congratulations **Emily!***

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**Student Representatives Report**

Mr. Bernardi read the report for Emily Shemanski who was absent due to a field trip: I am sorry I cannot be here tonight. At this time, I am on a bus, returning from NYC with the AP English class. I wanted to thank the board members for all they have taught me. It has been an enjoyable two years with you, and I appreciate all the lessons I learned from you. Entertaining but insightful, I am grateful for the opportunity you have given me by serving two years on the board. My experience here will continue not only in college, but beyond as well. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Casarella read the Treasurer's Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	6,318,013.50
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	4,647.51
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	142,581.90
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	91,706.84
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	8,672.84
Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,949.10
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,745.30
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Construction Account	27,963.18
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	Earned Income Tax Revenue	310,332.17

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

Finance Report

Dr. Casarella read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berheimer Tax Administrator

Earned Income Tax	131,973.86
Local Service Tax	1,727.11
Per Capita Tax	<u>9,389.80</u>

Total: 143,090.77

Reimbursements

Frontier Communications (E-Rate)	2,204.94
Liquid Fuels Tax Refund Claim	1,444.30
Earthlink (E-Rate)	6,006.83
Comverge Enerwise Global Technologies	<u>1,155.25</u>

Total: 10,811.32

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Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	11,022.50
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Delinquent Real Estate Tax

Wyoming County	13,708.03
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State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security	45,544.00
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	44,258.09
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	7,271.21
Rental Subsidy	62,278.39
Basic Education Funding	<u>1,065,231.00</u>
Total:	1,224,582.69

Miscellaneous

Right to Know Request	1.00
District Court 11-2-01	<u>75.22</u>
Total:	76.22

2. Approve the May payment of \$76,854.35 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2012-2013 school year.
3. Approve the May payment of \$29, 015.25 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2012-2013 school year.
4. Approve the budgeted ambulance contribution for the 2012-2013 fiscal year: \$100.00 each to West Pittston, West Wyoming, Wyoming, Exeter and Harding.
5. Approve the budgeted library contribution for the 2012-2013 fiscal year: \$2,000.00 each to the Wyoming Free Library and the West Pittston Library.
6. Approve the appointments of Dr. Matthew Soranno, Dr. Steven Bonomo, Dr. Ernani Pagliarini and Dr. Anthony Polit as school dentists, to do examinations as state mandated for grades K, 3 and 7, for the 2013-2014 school year.
7. Approve the following refund of paid property taxes for disabled veteran, PIN #17-B11S2-001-028, in the amount of \$729.81 for the year 2012 as requested by the Luzerne County Assessor's Office.
8. Approve the agreement for contracted professional services to be provided by the Luzerne Intermediate Unit to Wyoming Area School District for the 2013-2014 school year at a total cost of \$762,337.80.
9. Approve to rescind letter dated June 18, 2012 sent to Trustees of the Consortium Trust Agreement, Northeast Healthcare Trust by the Wyoming Area School District's Solicitor to withdraw participation in the Northeast Healthcare Trust.
10. Approve the E-signature resolution that authorizes the Superintendent to use an electronic signature for any and all contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses with the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
11. Approve payment of \$700.00 to James Darby, Arbitrator & Mediator, for cancellation of a hearing for Case#2012-0535.

12. Approve the meal prices for 2013-2014 school year:

Lunch		Breakfast	
Elementary	1.85 *	Elementary	1.00
Secondary	2.10 *	Secondary	1.25

\* Denotes a .10 increase from last year.

13. Approve the payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for design/evaluation/planning services for the Hybrid Learning Initiative.
14. Approve the Resolution of the Board of School Directors of the Wyoming Area School District and the Redevelopment Authority of Luzerne County authorizing the sale of 2013 tax claims and anticipated 2014 and anticipated 2015 tax claims.
15. Approve the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2013-2014 school year and authorize the Secretary of the Board to advertise the budget notice of the adoption of the Proposed Final General Fund Budget according to law.

The Proposed Final General Fund Budget provides for the expenditures of \$30,145,615.00 and equity and revenues of a like amount and reflects a tax of 13.8522 mills for the Boroughs of Exeter, Exeter Township, Luzerne County, West Pittston, West Wyoming and Wyoming per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation on real estate, and a tax of 76.9683 mills for Exeter Township, Wyoming County per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation on real estate. The budget also maintains the following: a per capita tax of \$5.00 on all persons over twenty-one (21) years of age who are residents or inhabitants of the school district under the authority of the Act of March 10, 1949, P.L. 30, Article VI, Section 679 and its amendments an additional per capita tax of \$5.00 per person on all persons over twenty-one (21) years of age who are residents or inhabitants of Exeter, Exeter Township, Luzerne County, Exeter Township, Wyoming County, West Pittston, West Wyoming, and Wyoming under the authority of Act 511 and its amendments, the forgoing being applicable to taxpayers less than sixty-five (65) years of age, and a Local Services Tax for individuals (formerly the occupational privilege tax) within the Wyoming Area school boundaries, real estate transfer tax 1% and wage or earned income tax of 1%.

16. Approve the payment of \$37,314.55 to Gordon H. Baver, Inc., for Montgomery Avenue Elementary School general construction to be funded from the capital projects fund.
17. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing:	May 2013	529,653.78	
Prepays:	April 2013	<u>68,800.02</u>	598,453.80
Cafeteria Account:		92,233.69	
Athletic Account:		<u>7,558.00</u>	<u>99,791.69</u>
			Total: 698,245.49

At this time Mr. Tom Melone gave a short presentation on the budget.

Motion by Dr. Casarella, second by Mr. Dominick, to accept the finance report.

On the Question: Mrs. Degnan questioned item #8. Who determines what students receive the services. I'm assuming the cost is how many students need the services, she asked.

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Mr. Bernardi responded that is the Director of Special Education. Students having problems are tested by the psychologist, are evaluated, and they are placed in special programs. It goes back to the teachers that inform the principal that certain students are having learning difficulties. Mrs. Degnan asked if #6, the dentists, if this was advertised. Mr. Bernardi responded this comes from Mrs. Nardell, School Nurse. This is mandated for the students to get their teeth checked. Mrs. Degnan questioned #5, the libraries. Have we made this contribution to the libraries before. The board never discussed it. Mr. Bolin responded we do this every year and stated Mrs. Degnan can vote on this however she wanted. Mrs. Degnan questioned #10. Mr. Bernardi responded this is something the DEP requested because their grants and contracts are electronic so we can use an electronic signature instead of a written signature. It's the same as people who file their income taxes electronically. On the minutes it says the Superintendent but on the document it says the board president. No contract goes through without board approval. Mr. Bolin stated it would be approved by the board before the Superintendent sends it out.

George Race of Exeter asked do people go out on unpaid leaves, do they collect their benefits?

Mr. Melone responded no, Mr. Race asked is there guaranteed pension? Mr. Melone responded, no, if the expenditure is not allowed for in the spending plan, then any retroactive payments would come out of the fund balance. Mr. Melone commented that can be a lot of money. Mr. Race questioned item #8 the year total with the LIU. Mr. Melone responded the original amount is based on expenses just explained and at the conclusion of the year they match it up to the actual students that we sent, they will either owe less money or we will owe money. It goes both ways depending. Mr. Race questioned item #9, are we in or are we out? Attorney Ferentino responded we are required to put the Health Trust annually on notice of our intention to withdraw. We are to put the Trust on twelve months notice. We are reserving our right to get out and/or reserving our right to remain. If we didn't we would have to wait another year to put them on proper notice. It does not mean we are getting out. Mr. Race questioned item #12, meal prices for employees. Mr. Bernardi stated adults pay a higher price. Mrs. Collevchio, Food Service Director, responded adults pay 2.75 for lunch and breakfast is 1.75. Mr. Race questioned item #13, is \$5,000.00 for each participating District or just Wyoming Area? Mr. Bernardi responded that is part of the local share, from each of the Districts who are participating, each one would pay \$5,000.00. Mr. Race asked how many are there? Mr. Bernardi responded there are twelve but only 4, he believes, involved in the Hybrid Learning. Mr. Race questioned item #16. Mr. Bernardi responded that is the renovations currently at Montgomery Avenue. We started the renovations.

John Pegg of West Wyoming questioned item #15. In June, that doesn't exclude anybody from adopting the final budget with exceptions? Mr. Melone responded correct. Mr. Bolin stated it could be less. Mr. Pegg questioned page 6, part c, of the power point presentation, personnel adjustments, is it true to say that some of those items could be removed or taken out. If the contract is agreed upon couldn't credit adjustments come back into the contract and say you are required to pay those? Would that come out of the fund balance. Mr. Melone responded when we do the budget presentation the amounts if you remember in salary is about \$136,000.00, that would take care a current year credit adjustment, potentially. If there were to be paid anymore from that, whether they were applicable from prior years, that would come out of a fund balance. Mr. Pegg stated after looking at previous year, it looks like the same thing. Mr. Melone stated that is the difficulty of putting together a spending plan and trying to anticipate, A, whether they are going to be there and if they are going to be there, at what amount. It becomes very difficult and the further we go out it gets more difficult to try to monitor what you put in there. And, you are correct, the current budget it is only in there for the current year, once you get anything beyond that, it comes out of the fund balance. Mr. Pegg questioned item #16, the payment of \$37,000, if you look at the treasurer's report and the fund balance it's a little lower than \$37,000 and in the previous month it is even lower.

Mr. Melone responded if you remember, we financed the Montgomery project through the USDA. There is an outstanding \$2 million loan that will be drawn upon to pay for Montgomery Ave. We have not drawn the money because we don't want to do it in advance to pay the interest cost, so, as the board approves an invoice, we will then make application to USDA to give us the money and pay the vendor. The loan number money has to be deposited in the capital project and then taken out of that. It does come from the capital project fund. We draw down on the USDA loan that that has \$2 million available, we will draw down the \$37,000, put it in capital projects and then pay that bill. We are only liable for it when we draw down on it. That is how the agreement was designed with USDA. You will see it in cash receipts in the deposits, you will see the draw down of those funds coming into the district. You will always see it in the next month because we have to get it approved first. Mr. Pegg questioned the Health Trust letter. Attorney Ferentino responded if we have savings with another provider we don't want to miss the boat for twelve months. All we are doing is preserving our right. This has to be done.

Bob Trusavage of West Pittston questioned the LIU. When was it conceived. Mr. Bernardi responded the late 60's – early 70's. Mr. Trusavage stated he doesn't remember this. Mr. Bolin informed him to do a Right to Know. Mr. Trusavage asked how many students utilize the LIU. Mr. Bolin responded we don't have an actual figure. Mr. Bernardi stated 30-40. Mr. Trusavage asked did anyone ever sit down and do the math at \$762,000 a year. And, maybe if we hired special ed teachers we would save money. Mr. Bernardi responded in the past we have taken students to Montgomery Avenue and teach them and hired aides. Mr. Trusavage asked if we can save money by having it in house. Mr. Bernardi responded, we can bring it in house, but if we have two or three students at age ten, we can't take them back and teach them ourselves. The LIU takes them and with Pittston and Hanover they can form a class of age appropriate students. We can't go beyond three years, emotional support, autistic support. And it's the building, you have to have them with their peers, once they age out of Montgomery Ave., they have to go to a different center. It is very difficult. We have one currently, we have done partnerships with Pittston Area for emotional support. It's based on the number of times that they get seen. If a child gets seen x amount of times, they have a cost for a physical therapist. What they do, they may have 100 students for physical therapy, they break it down to an hourly cost so if you have a student that get physical therapy x amount of hours, it gets paid hourly. They formulate their budget based on the number of students, the number of hours and the salary for the physical therapy teacher. Dr. Casarella stated the LIU provides a lot of services you are not aware of. Some of it is curriculum, training of teachers for different programs. We have ISP and we send those people for training for structural support and there is a variety of things they do above and beyond that. When you look at the LIU it's hard to pull everything out like Mr. Bernardi stated, so, we really don't have enough of students to justify a teacher.

Joe of Exeter Park, (did not sign in) questioned exceptions regarding the budget. Mr. Bolin responded no, we're below the exception. We're 2.3. Mr. Melone did a lot of hard work to get the numbers down. Joe asked Mr. Melone what our budget is right now. Mr. Melone responded 2.3%. The highest that it went was 4.1 when we adopted it in February and this spending plan brings it down to 2.3. We applied for the exceptions in case they were needed because you have to make application for them in February. The board has decided after much discussion to at least have them available to the district. As we sit here in May they decided not to use them as of this reading right now. Joe asked what if three months from they get a contract. Mr. Melone responded whatever they decide, not to get into negotiations, some of it will come out of the current spending plan. Some may have to come out of fund balance. It's very difficult to say where that will come from. But there's no doubt it will have an impact on whatever we do. Joe asked Mr. Bernardi regarding the retired teachers working as consultants. When teachers retire they should retire. Why can't we get someone off the street.

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Mr. Bernardi responded they asked to be consultants, these consultants have been with the district for thirty five, forty years. Joe stated we can hire someone off the streets for less money. Mr. Bernardi one of them makes \$4,000, one is \$3,000, they really don't make that much money. It was the board's decision to hire them as consultants. Mr. Bernardi stated we don't have a reading supervisor, however as a consultant...Joe asked if we have guidance counselors. Mr. Bernardi responded yes, we do. Mr. Bernardi stated Mrs. Fedor is in charge of special programs. She handles the scholarship celebration and she did that all by herself. It's something guidance could do, but for 3 or \$4,000 that we give her.

Melissa Dolman, Secondary Teacher, questioned item #13, approve the payment of \$5000.00 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 for design/evaluation/planning services for the Hybrid Learning Initiative. What happens if we don't get the grant, do we get the money back? Mr. Bernardi responded what we got, Melissa, is we got \$17,000.00 from the State. We were awarded \$17,000.00 so actually we're \$12,000.00 to the good. Mrs. Dolman asked, so you did get the grant? Mr. Bernardi responded I allocated federal money. If we get the grant, it would be upwards \$70,000.00 or 80,000.00, but the grant won't be decided until (cough). Mrs. Dolman asked, so we're not going to lose the \$5,000.00. Mr. Bernardi responded no, that was part of our local share but we were awarded \$17,500.00 unallocated federal funds from the State.

Mrs. Degnan, Board Member, questioned item #13. We got some money for students in the school. Do we need to do this with the LIU? Mr. Bernardi responded it's a consortium through the Intermediate Unit. It's us, Northwest and Pittston Area. Dallas and Hazleton were involved. Mrs. Degnan stated she knew the school districts were but asked why we have to do it with the LIU? Is it the home base or is it by law? Mr. Bernardi responded they initiated it to the Department of Education. There is training and staff development for the teachers, technology training. Mrs. Degnan asked, it's to train the teachers, the \$5,000.00? The money is through the Intermediate Unit, yes. Mrs. Degnan asked it is to train the teachers? Mr. Bernardi responded it is part of the Hybrid Learning model.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gober-Mangan voted yes on everything but commented she is only approving the proposed fund balance but not the tax increases. Mr. Dominick voted yes, Mrs. Degnan abstained on item #6, voted no on items #5, 8, 15 and voted yes on the remaining report. Mr. Yorina voted yes but stated he had the same reservation as Mrs. Gober-Mangan. Dr. Casarella, 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 2012-2013 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Assistant Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve to authorize Janet Serino, Assistant Superintendent, to oversee preparation of submission to PDE for approval, Title I, Title II, and Safe and Drug Free Schools grant programs and application for the 2013-2014 school year.
3. Approve the graduation ceremony to take place on Friday, June 14, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the stadium, weather permitting or 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

4. Approve to rescind Joe Gillespie's retirement date as July 24, 2013.
5. Approve Joe Gillespie's retirement date effective on the last day of the 2012-2013 school year.
6. Approve the request of Mary Lou Bosha to take a medical leave effective for the 2013-2014 school year.
7. Approve the appointment of Christine Marianacci as Spanish Teacher for the Summer Language Academy at a rate stipulated within the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
8. Approve the appointment of Paula Cecil as Math Instructor for the Summer S.A.T. classes at a rate stipulated within the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
9. Approve the appointment of Christine Rutledge as Verbal Instructor for the Summer S.A.T. classes at a rate stipulated within the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
10. Approve the revised professional substitute list for 2012-2013 school year.
11. Accept, with regret, Deborah Popson's letter of resignation as Special Education Director, effective July 16, 2013.
12. Approve the following class changes for the 2013-2014 school year:

ELEMENTARY

Add: (1) 1<sup>st</sup> grade @ Tenth St.  
 (1) 4<sup>th</sup> grade @ Tenth St.  
 (1) 2<sup>nd</sup> grade @ Montgomery Ave.

Eliminate: (1) 6<sup>th</sup> grade @ Tenth St.  
 (1) 5<sup>th</sup> grade @ Tenth St.  
 (1) 3<sup>rd</sup> grade @ Tenth St.  
 (1) 3<sup>rd</sup> grade @ Montgomery Ave.

Secondary Center

Eliminate: Career Technology  
 Social Studies

Add: ½ Day French

13. Approve the letter of agreement between Wyoming Area School District and Wilkes-Barre Area School District for Title I services commencing September 2, 2012 and ending June 14, 2013.

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

On the Question: Mr. Yorina questioned item #12. Mr. Bernardi explained we need to collapse, one of the grades has two sections so we have to collapse because the class size has gone down, but we have to add a different grade. First grade, if you look, we're adding a first grade at Tenth Street because obviously there were three kindergartens now we have to add a first grade.

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Mr. Yorina asked if the eliminations were one class. Mr. Bernardi responded it is two different positions, a social studies and career technology. Bob Borzell, Wyoming, questioned the eliminations. So, you want to eliminate what some kids might want to learn? Mr. Bernardi explained to Mr. Borzell that we still have career technology teachers. Mrs. Degnan stated that is just the class that we are eliminating not a position. Mrs. Degan stated that is where the confusion is coming in. A social studies class is being eliminated not the position.

Mrs. Degnan questioned the Spanish and S.A.T. classes. The rate paid to the instructors. Mr. Bernardi responded the teachers receive \$30.00 per hour. For the students of the Language Academy they were charged \$20.00 last year. It's based on enrollment so, what we try to do is make it self-paying. Last year it cost \$340.00 to run the program. We had 55 students involved and we charged students \$20.00. Dr. Casarella asked if any of that money came out of Title II. Mrs. Serino responded it doesn't. Mrs. Degnan questioned item #13, Title I services. Mrs. Serino explained that we have a student from Wilkes-Barre Area that attends Wyoming Area Catholic School and receives the services.

George Race of Exeter, questioned item #12. The six eliminations. We are eliminating more than we're adding. We have to add ½ French? Mr. Bernardi explained that position may result in a furlough. The social studies teacher is retiring. Mr. Race asked so it's not being replaced. Mr. Bernardi responded it's based on the numbers. The elementary eliminations, you would think someone would be eliminated, we're eliminating a sixth grade at Tenth Street and that is Mrs. Pitscavage and she passed away during the school year. The position is being eliminated. So, there is no teacher to go into there. That position is not being replaced. The career technology may result in that. Mr. Bernardi commented to Mr. Yorina that he would like to correct some things. There might be some adjustments in increased class size but not to the point that they are unmanageable.

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

Motion passed.

#### Activities Report

Mr. Bolin read the Activities Report in the absence of Mrs. Farrell.

1. Approve the appointment of Nicholas Diaco as Head Girls Volleyball Coach at a salary of \$1,815.00 for the 2013 fall season.
2. Approve the request of Daniel Resciniti, President of the Wyoming Area Football Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers for 2013:

Warrior Tribe Trot – Saturday, June 8, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at St. Barbara outdoor pavilion  
Coin Drop – Saturday, June 22, 2013, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. SEE AMENDMENT BELOW.

3. Approve to ratify the request of Joe Pizano, Mike Fanti, Mike Stefanik and Ken Stackhouse to attend the States Track and Field Competition, along with four students, in Shippensburg Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday, May 25, 2013. The district is asked to pay total cost for lodging at \$324.82. The van was used for transportation.
4. Approve the request of Josette Cefalo, Cheerleading Advisor, to attend the Trail's End Cheerleading Camp, along with the cheerleaders, Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 16, 2013. The district is asked to pay the total cost of two busses at \$1,100.00.

5. Approve to ratify the following fundraisers requested by Leandra Hosey, Secretary of the Wyoming Area Tennis Team Parents Association:

Candy Sale - April 21<sup>st</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>

Coin Drop – April 27<sup>th</sup>

Kids Day – May 11<sup>th</sup>

6. Approve the request of Leandra Hosey, Secretary of the Wyoming Area Tennis Team Parents Association to sell pavers blocks as a fundraiser to refurbish the tennis courts. The pavers would be placed along the outside of the tennis courts. The parents are also asking for financial help from the district.
7. Approve to ratify the request of Brendan Carter, Marching Band Staff, for the Indoor Percussion to attend Championships in Wildwood, N.J., May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 5, 2013. The district is asked to cover the cost of the EZ Rental Van at \$744.00 and bus at \$1,100.00.
8. Approve the appointment of Brendan Carter as Percussion Instructor at a salary of \$1,294.00 for the 2013-2014 Marching Band season.
9. Approve the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as Head Girls Soccer Coach at a salary of \$3,965.00 for the 2013 fall season. THIS ITEM WAS TABLED.

Motion by Mr. Bolin table item #9 because Mrs. Farrell was unable to make the meeting and wasn't able to discuss it. Mr. Marianacci seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed to table item #9.

Motion by Mr. Bolin, Second by Dr. Casarella, to accept items #1 to #8 in the finance report.

Mr. Dominick asked to be excused from the meeting at this time.

On the Question: Mrs. Degnan questioned item #4 Cheerleading Camp. Are there any other organizations that we pay for in the summer? The basketball team or the field hockey team? She would pick her daughter up at camp and wondered why the district is paying for the busses for the cheerleaders. Mr. Bolin responded to his knowledge this is the only camp for the cheerleaders for that. Mrs. Degnan asked even the football camp she picks her son up. Mr. Bolin responded he didn't have a true answer for that. Mrs. Degnan asked if anybody else knew. Dr. Casarella asked Mr. Pizano, Athletic Director, if any other teams go to camp. Mr. Pizano responded we don't pay for any other camps.

Dr. Casarella stated they handle their own. Dr. Casarella stated maybe Mr. Melone or Mr. Bernardi could answer this. Surely they go to camps yearly. We have done this in the past? Response was yes we have. Dr. Casarella questioned their uniforms stating, they pay for a lot of that on their own, I think. There are some activities they pay for during the year. Mr. Bernardi stated he will do a commercial here, they are having a car wash this Saturday, that is to support the cheerleaders. It's at the little service station in Wyoming. Dr. Casarella stated we have always done it in the past.

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Bob Borzell, Wyoming, questioned item #2, the Tribe Trot, by asking Dan Resciniti, President of the Wyoming Area Football Parents, if he spoke with Bishop Bambera regarding the Tribe Trot that was to take place at St. Barbara outdoor pavilion. Mr. Resciniti responded he did not speak to the Bishop personally but did write a letter to forward to the Bishop with the request through Tom Considine who is in charge of Marketing and Public Relations with the Diocese of Scranton. The Tribe Trot is similar to the Night at the Races fundraiser held every year. There has been controversy that the Night at the Races goes against the Pennsylvania Small Games of Chance Act and Liquor Control Board Laws. Mr. Resciniti changed the fundraiser to the Tribe Trot after speaking with the State Police and Pennsylvania Liquor Control Enforcement making their event a bring your own bottle that takes the state agencies out and makes it legitimate. Attorney Ferentino asked Mr. Resciniti if he received authorization from those agencies in writing from the State Police. Mr. Ferentino stated that part of the issue is its gambling and the alcohol and he was not made aware of this event at all. When the original event was stopped here, the press and media attention that it got here and elsewhere and stated he didn't know if any of these approvals were gotten formally or whether or not this event violates other provisions other than the Liquor Control. The problem is not so much the alcohol but the gambling too with the changing laws in Pennsylvania. With that Attorney Ferentino stated he doesn't know how the board can sanction an event like that with those changes right now. Attorney Ferentino stated that Mr. Resciniti told us it is a b.y.o.b. and that may be distinction for the Liquor Control Enforcement Board and that means it is but Mr. Resciniti is still telling us it's a Night at the Races. Attorney Ferentino stated he would have to review it and would be happy to meet with Mr. Resciniti after the meeting, speak with Captain Degnan or whomever he spoke with and make sure were ok. Attorney Ferentino stated, let's do this, I recommend it would be subject to my offices review and approval. Dr. Casarella stated it would be good to read subject to review by our school solicitor. He has a couple days yet. Mr. Bolin asked how are we going to let everyone it's a go. We don't meet until twenty something in June. Mr. Yorina thanked Mr. Resciniti for coming to the meeting to explain it and I understand we have to go on the advice of the solicitor, I just have a major problem with trying to raise money for students organizations and the government is telling them they can't do it. It doesn't make any sense when the casino across the river with millions of dollars the senior citizens but it's not alright to have a Night at the Races and bring your own booze with you. Mr. Resciniti stated this is their largest fundraiser and they need this money. Dr. Casarella advised them to move it until they can find out because it's coming to them late. Mr. Bolin asked Mr. Resciniti if he had anything in writing from the LCB or State Police stating you followed protocol by going to classes and getting everything done. Mr. Resciniti responded no, not in writing but they are following their guidelines. Attorney Ferentino stated he will talk with him after the meeting, it's something they can touch base with tomorrow and I know you have all the approvals you need but I am completely in the dark about. Let's talk after the meeting and we can connect tomorrow. Attorney Ferentino stated the approval will be made subject to his approval. Mr. Bolin stated that Mr. Resciniti can call Attorney Ferentino tomorrow and the board can approve it tonight and if Attorney Ferentino approves it he is good to go. Dr. Casarella stated for item #2 to be amended to say subject for review by the solicitor.

Mr. Bolin read item #2 to approve Dan Resciniti, President of the Wyoming Area Football Parents Association, to hold a Warrior Tribe Trot, Saturday, June 8, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at a location to be determined and the coin drop on Saturday, June 22, 2013, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., pending approval of the school district solicitor.

Motion by Mr. Bolin, second by Dr. Casarella to amend item #2.

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

Motion passed to amend item #2.

On the Question: George Race, Exeter, questioned item #6, the tennis courts. Mr. Bolin responded Mr. Thomas was here from the tennis association but he left. Mr. Race asked why #3 and #7 are ratified. Why couldn't they be approved at the April meeting? Mr. Bernardi responded they didn't know at the time they made the states. Brendan Carter, Percussion Advisor, responded the request to attend the Wildwood Championships. Mr. Carter stated he was requesting for the district to pay for the bus and van rental.

Bob Trusavage stated he would like to bring up a point regarding community and the children stating he coached little league for years and didn't get a dime. He didn't think any parent that ever coached received a nickel. Mr. Trusavage stated he would like to know a number of what we pay all the assistant coaches. Dr. Casarella stated he had an approximate number of \$20,000.00. Mr. Trusavage stated the \$3,000.00? Dr. Casarella responded that is contractual. Mr. Trusavage asked if volunteer coaches could be advertised? Dr. Casarella responded we may have an issue with the contract. Mr. Trusavage stated West Pittston has a beautiful little league, a lot of the towns do and the parents step up with no cost. They want to do it for the benefit of the children. Attorney Ferentino stated he is a volunteer coach himself. It can be a problem if....it's a contractual obligation, if we have a position, an assistant coach is a position, based on the contract, otherwise we can have volunteer custodians, volunteer security, volunteer teachers and all that would violate the contract that we have. Mr. Trusavage stated with community money doesn't come first and the board should think about this.

John Pegg, West Wyoming, commented on item #4, according to Mr. Carter they were looking for half the bus cost and if he did his math right, the total for one bus is two busses would be \$2,200.00. He stated he wasn't sure if it was \$1,100.00 each. Mr. Bolin stated two busses at \$1,100.00 so it's half the cost. Mrs. Degnan asked this is the championship? Mr. Carter responded yes. Mrs. Degnan asked if he needed both vehicles for the championship? Response was yes. Mrs. Degnan asked so we don't know if the \$1,100.00 is for the two busses or one? Mr. Bolin asked if anyone would have an answer for that. Mrs. Degnan stated the question is, is it one bus at \$1,100.00 or is it a total for the two busses. Mr. Bernardi responded the bus is from Luxury Limousine, that was your first problem. Mr. Bolin asked Mr. Bernardi, are you talking about the cheerleaders or the percussion? Mr. Bernardi responded so it was \$2,200.00. Half of that is \$1,100.00. Mr. Bolin said the item in question is item #4. Mr. Bernardi asked, we're on four now? Mr. Bolin stated the question is in item #4, are the two busses \$1,100.00 each or a total of \$1,100.00. Mr. Bernardi asked for #4? Ok I'm looking. Mr. Bernardi responded two busses, \$550.00 for one way. They got a good bid, these bus companies. Mr. Bernardi responded \$550 for one bus is what he has in front of him. Mr. Bernardi stated it is \$550.00.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gober-Mangan voted yes, Mrs. Degnan abstained on items #1, #8, no on items #4, no on #2 on Tribe Trot, yes on #2 coin drop and yes on the remaining report. Mr. Yorina voted no on item #7 and yes on the remaining report. Dr. Casarella voted yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

### Building Report

Mr. Yorina read the Building Report.

1. Approve the request of Danielle Janeski, Wyoming Area Field Hockey Parents, to use the field hockey field or gym (in case of inclement weather) for a Wyoming Area Lady Warrior's Junior Field Hockey Camp, Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 28, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. A fee of \$25.00 may be charged to the organization if a custodian's services are needed.
2. Approve the request of Mary Musinski, Treasurer, West Pittston Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board, to use the football stadium (track and bathrooms only) for Kid's Fun Run for children in surrounding communities on July 4, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. A fee of \$25.00 may be charged to the organization if a custodian's services are needed. Cost to rent the stadium is \$1,000.00.
3. Approve the request of Evelyn Stepanski to use the stadium track and concession stand for a 5K walk as a fundraiser to benefit Brittany Clark, a student of Wyoming Area, who is ill. The walk to be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.
4. Approve to ratify the request of Melissa Dolman to use the practice field at the stadium for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to raise money for Brittany Clark, a student of Wyoming Area, on Friday, May 24, 2013.
5. Approve the revised substitute support personnel list for the 2012-2013 school year.
6. Approve to ratify the request of Carol Yurek, Cleaning Personnel at Tenth Street, to take a medical leave of absence for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.
7. Approve the request of Annette Falzone, Level II Employee at JFK Elementary School, to take a leave without pay Wednesday, June 5 to Thursday, June 13, 2013.

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

ON the Question: Mrs. Degnan asked to out the cost of \$1,000.00 fee for item #2. They wouldn't be subjected to the \$1,000.00. Attorney Ferentino stated this is the West Pittston Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board, he would have to review the policy. Mrs. Degnan stated from what she read in the policy they would be a class B and would not have to be subjected to this fee. She wasn't sure if this item had to be amended. Attorney Ferentino stated they could add pending the solicitors review. Mrs. Degnan stated she would like to state that they are not subjected to the fee. Attorney Ferentino stated we could put rental fee is not applicable, how's that?

Roll Call to amend item #2: Mrs. Gober-Mangan voted yes, Mrs. Degnan, yes,

Attorney Ferentino stated his iPad is out of power so he didn't have the policy but he still wants to review the policy. Mr. Bernardi responded they are a class B. We'll eliminate the \$1,000 charge and the board can decide on the custodial fee. They're definitely a class B, are non-profit and they are within our community.

Mrs. Degnan asked then we don't have to amend it? Attorney Ferentino responded we can take it right out.

Mr. Trusavage questioned a trailer. Mr. Bernardi responded it is Title I. Remedial reading. Dr. Casarella stated we provide the service. Mr. Bernardi stated that is our trailer from federal money. Mr. Bolin asked Mr. Trusavage to wait for open discussion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gober-Mangan voted yes, Mrs. Degnan voted no on item #5 and yes on the remaining report. Mr. Yorina, yes, Dr. Casarella, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Police Report

**Wyoming Area Police Department  
Monthly report for April 2013  
Total Calls for Service 25**

<u>CODE</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
0627 – Theft - \$50 to \$200 – from buildings	1
0629 – Theft - \$50 to \$200 – all other	1
0637 – Theft – under \$50– from buildings	1
2450 – Harassment	1
2626 – All Other Offenses – False Fire Alarm	1
2664 – All Other Offenses – All Other (Misc.)	1
3610 – Disturbances – Juvenile	1
3870 – Medical Emergency	1
4090 – Non-criminal – reports	4
7016 – Follow Up Information	1
JUVA – Juvenile Allegation Complaint Filed	1
TRUA – Compulsory School Attendance	11

Mr. Bolin asked if there were any questions for open discussion, he motioned to adjourn and at this time, Bob Trusavage asked if we have a contract at Wyoming Area Catholic. Mr. Pugliese responded it’s our trailer at Wyoming Area Catholic. Mr. Trusavage stated we had our truck there for four hours, at one point it left and came back for another two hours. Mr. Pugliese responded we were fixing the air conditioning unit on top of the trailer.

Mr. Bolin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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John Bolin, President

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John Marianacci, Secretary