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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, March 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening in the Secondary Center auditorium, 252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643. Ten people of the public were in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Mr. Supey, President of the Board, asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing in memory of Patrick Cawley, a former elementary principal of Wyoming Area that passed away recently. Mr. Supey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mr. Michael Supey, President
Mr. Philip Campenni, Vice President
Mr. David Alberigi, Secretary
Mr. Joseph Kopko, Treasurer
Ms. Lara Best
Mr. Paul Porfirio
Mr. Leonard Pribula
Mr. Gerald Stofko
Mrs. Toni Valenti

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Cathy Ranieli, Secondary Center Assistant Principal, Brian Strazdus, Intermediate Center Building Principal, David Pacchioni, Primary Center Building Principal, Shaun Rohland, Director of Discipline/Kindergarten Principal, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Angelo Falzone, Director of Attendance/Transportation, Frank Pugliese, Facilities Director, Vanessa Nee, Special Education Director, Betsy O'Malley, Foodservice Director, Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum/Assistant Special Education Director.

Communications Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their regular board meeting minutes of January 26, 2022.
2. West Side Career & Technology Center Joint Operating Committee submitting their meeting minutes of January 24, 2022.
3. Charlene Berti, Library Skills Teacher, requesting permission to take a sabbatical leave with a letter of intent to retire.
4. Michael Migliori, Fourth Grade Teacher, submitting his letter of intent to retire.
5. Susan Alaimo, Paraprofessional Aide, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
6. Lynn Cook, Food Service Employee, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
7. Kelly Bone, Tiny Learners Learning Center, requesting permission to rent the Primary Center cafeteria for a spring show.
8. Selena Silva, Food Service Employee, submitting her letter of resignation.
9. Donna Kostik, Wyoming Area Boys Soccer Parents Association, to hold a Kate Spade Purse Raffle.

10. Donna Kostik, Wyoming Area Boys Soccer Parents Association, requesting permission to hold a Self Defense Class fundraiser.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Supey asked for approval of minutes of regular meeting on February 22, 2022. All board members present voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

- The Wyoming Area Kindergarten Center celebrated Read Across America/Dr. Seuss' Birthday with a fun filled week. Special guest readers were the juniors and seniors from Wyoming Area's baseball team and our local law enforcement. Teachers had classroom activities and treats were provided by the Title I Reading Department. Below are some pictures from the week.***

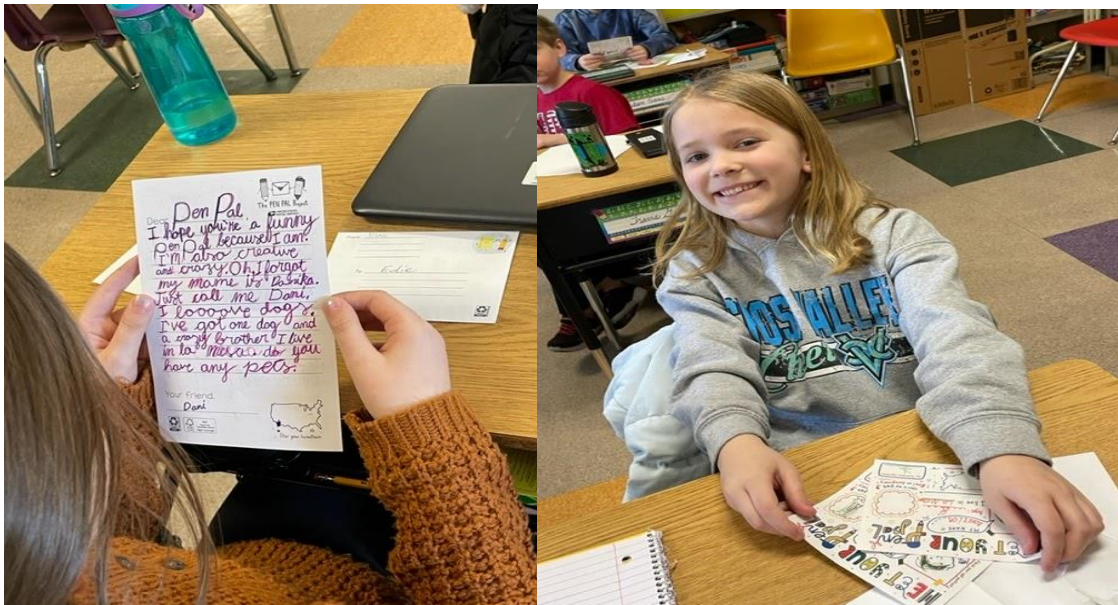


2. ***NEPA Music Teachers Association, NEPMTA, is sponsoring the 1st ever, "Luzerne County's Got Talent". There will be a Judges Choice prize of \$1,000. Abby Butler, a ninth grade student at Wyoming Area has been chosen as a finalist. The finalists will compete at the F.M. Kirby Center on March 20, at 1:30 pm. Congratulations Abby and Good Luck!***

3. ***Hayden Foland, a junior with high honors at Wyoming Area and West Side Career & Technology Center, recently participated in two national competitions, SkillsUSA and FBLA. He placed 1st in the SkillsUSA District Competition for Internetworking that took place at Johnson College in December. He will continue to the SkillsUSA State Conference at Hershey in April. If he continues to the national level, he can showcase his IT/Networking skills with networking hardware companies like Cisco. He placed 2nd at the FBLA Regional Competition for Networking Infrastructures and will be competing in April at the PA FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey. Hayden completes his academic classes which include honors Precalculus, English, Chemistry, and American Cultures in the morning at WA and attends WSCTC in the afternoon for Computer Maintenance and Technology.***

4. ***Mrs. Kelly Dragwa signed her third grade class up for a Pen Pal project. The project is through the United States Postal Service and We Are Teachers. Mrs. Dragwa's class was very excited to learn that their Pen Pals are located across the United States in La Mesa, California. The class learned where California is, how to write Friendly letters, and how to address envelopes. They were all very excited to tell their new friends about themselves. They even wrote about how we had no 'in person school day' due to an ice storm because that doesn't happen in California. We look forward to receiving and sending more letters. Here are some pictures of us writing, sending, and receiving our letters!***





5. Congratulations to Seniors- Rosalind Tart, Bethany Sromoski, Holly Robbins, and Junior Chris Murphy on their recent performance at the PMEA District 9 Band festival at the Scranton Cultural Center. Rosalind, Bethany and Chris also qualified for the Region IV festival which was held on March 10th and 11th at Wyoming Valley West High School. The students are under the direction of Mrs. Shea Riley.



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6. *The Primary Center participated in Read Across America during the week of March 1st. The week was filled with fun activities, guest readers, Dr. Seuss birthday cake, and gift bags. Thank you to Mrs. Serino, the Wyoming Area baseball team, junior fire fighters, and all the other guest readers who made the week special. Finally, thank you to Mrs. Flickinger for organizing the activities for the week, putting together the gift bags, and purchasing the Dr. Seuss birthday cake.*





Mr. Supey acknowledged Jaden Pepe for making his second straight state championship in wrestling. Mr. Campenni stated there were also other wrestlers that placed 4th in the state.

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino reported the board met in executive session on March 8th and tonight and discussed upcoming contracts coming up, administrative changes within the district, as well as the collective bargaining negotiations with our teachers and ongoing negotiations.

There was no student representative’s report.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer’s Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	9,973,485.88
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,944.13
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	10,001.83
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	113,704.57
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	22,062.65
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	132,459.29
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	6,795.75

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

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Finance Report

Mr. Kopko read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Berkheimer Income Tax</u>		
Earned Income Tax	461,481.89	
Local Services Tax	4,626.67	
Per Capita Tax	418.00	
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>1,077.77</u>	
Total:	467,604.33	
<u>State & Subsidy Payments</u>		
Social Security	171,511.52	
Basic Education Funding	1,230,265.00	
Cares Act-ESSER II Fund	<u>632,339.84</u>	
Total:	2,034,116.36	
<u>Local Realty Transfer Tax</u>		
Luzerne County	39,079.39	
Wyoming County	<u>710.74</u>	
Total:	39,790.13	

2. Approve the March payment of \$152,342.30 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for Special Education Services and other related services for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Approve the March payment of \$61,277.10 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2021-2022 school year.
4. Approve the March payment of \$14, 875.00 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the Lighthouse Academy Dual Diagnosis Services for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. Approve the agreement with Apple Tree Educational Associates, LLC for contracted school psychologist services at the rates listed:

IDEA Evaluation, Re-Evaluation, Gifted Written Report/Meeting - \$1,000.00
Functional Behavioral Assessment – \$600.00
Mediation, Witness Prep, or Litigation - \$70.00 hourly rate

6. Motion to amend June 1, 2017 Contract for Employment as the Superintendent of the Wyoming Area School District Section 5.02 (D)3 to include the retirement incentive as set forth in the Wyoming Area School District Administrator Compensation Plan pursuant to act 93 of 1984, 24 P.S. Sect. 1164 dated July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 to include the retirement incentive as set forth at Section 15B regarding an incentive payment for accumulated sick days.
7. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: March 2022	822,236.97	
Prepays: February 2022	<u>38,863.32</u>	861,100.29
Cafeteria Account:	70,382.04	
Athletic Account:	<u>9,532.51</u>	<u>79,914.55</u>
Total: 941,014.84		

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

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

Motion passed.

Education Report

Ms. Best 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 2021-2022 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the request of Charlene Berti, Library Skills Teacher, to take a sabbatical leave for the last marking period of the 2021-2022 school year with a letter of intent to retire at this time.
3. Accept, with regret, Michael Migliori, Fourth Grade Teacher, letter of intent to retire effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
4. Approve an additional stipend of \$1,000.00 each to Rosella Fedor and Juel Ann Klepadlo as Co-Chairpersons for the Scholarship Program.
5. Approve April 13, 2022 as a make-up Act 80 in-service day due to the cancellation of school on March 9th, which was a FID day.

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

On the Question: Christine Rutledge, a taxpayer and employee of the district for 25 years, and has been an advisor in various capacities. Mrs. Rutledge stated she gets paid \$256 for the position of National Honor Society Advisor and expressed her concern regarding item #4. Mrs. Rutledge felt the other advisors work hard also and stated the money (\$2,000) could have been split between all advisors. Mrs. Rutledge stated this is going to affect all chairpersons and advisors.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best voted no on item #4 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Campenni voted no on item #4 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko voted no on item #4 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi voted no on item 34 and yes on remaining report.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. Porfirio read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the request of Donna Kostik, Wyoming Area Boys Soccer Parents Association, to hold a Kate Spade Purse raffle via social media on March 30th to April 15, 2022.
2. Approve the request of Donna Kostik, Wyoming Area Boys Soccer Parents Association, to hold a Self Defense Class fundraiser in the High School Gym on Sunday, May 15, 2022, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.

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The class will be run by Phoenix Academy. A fee for custodian services and security may be charged. Phoenix Academy to submit liability insurance.

3. Approve the appointment of the following volunteer coaches for the 2021-2022 spring sports season:

Lindo Sabatini Boys Lacrosse

Michael Branley Track & Field

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

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

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Campenni read the Building Report.

1. Accept, with regret, Susan Alaimo, Paraprofessional Aide, letter of intent to retire effective March 28, 2022.
2. Accept, with regret, Lynn Cook, Food Service Employee, letter of intent to retire effective April 1, 2022.
3. Approve the request of Kelly Bone, Tiny Learners Learning Center, to rent the Primary Center cafeteria for a spring show on Thursday, April 14, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (includes set up), pending approval by the building principal. The organization is also responsible for security.
4. Accept, with regret, Selena Silva, Food Service Employee, letter of resignation retroactive to March 8, 2022.
5. Approve a stipend of \$1,250.00 to Norman Scull as a licensed pool operator pro-rated retroactive to December 19, 2021.
6. Approve a stipend of \$1,250.00 to Dennis Geiger as a licensed pool operator pro-rated to his start date.
7. Approve the appointment of Tammy Leibman as a personal care aide.
8. Motion to rescind the awarding of the bids and contracting for the Tennis Court Renovation Project to Grace Industries and Richard Mellow Corporation as awarded at the regular meeting of December 14, 2021.
9. Approve the water management contract with Main Line Commercial Pools at a monthly cost of \$1,500.00, subject to final approval by solicitor.
10. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list.

Motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. Kopko, to accept the building report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni voted no on item #8 and yes to remaining report. Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Bids Report

Mrs. Valenti read the Bids Reports.

The bids for the JFK Air Conditioning Project were advertised in the newspapers on the following dates:

Times Leader

November 26, 2021

December 2, 2021

December 9, 2021

Citizens Voice

November 30, 2021

December 6, 2021

December 13, 2021

December 14, 2021

The bids were opened on December 20, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

1. Approve to award the following bids subject to the District receiving approval for funding of the Air Conditioning Project at JFK through its ESSER 3 application:

Mechanical Construction

JBM Mechanical	524,000.00
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Electrical Construction

Mark Whitehead Electrical Contractor	71,500.00
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General Construction

Champion Builders	<u>99,600.00</u>
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Total: 695,100.00

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

On the Question: Daneen Kearns, Kindergarten Teacher at JFK, asked if the bids were just for air conditioning and are the heating and boiler being addressed because of issues with the heating at JFK. Mr. Pugliese responded it was only for air conditioning but the issues for heating were addressed and it is running how it should now.

Mr. Campenni asked regarding the HVAC, in the future is it possible to add a heat pump to that system? Mr. Pugliese responded he wasn't sure but it is a possibility.

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

Motion passed.

Police Report

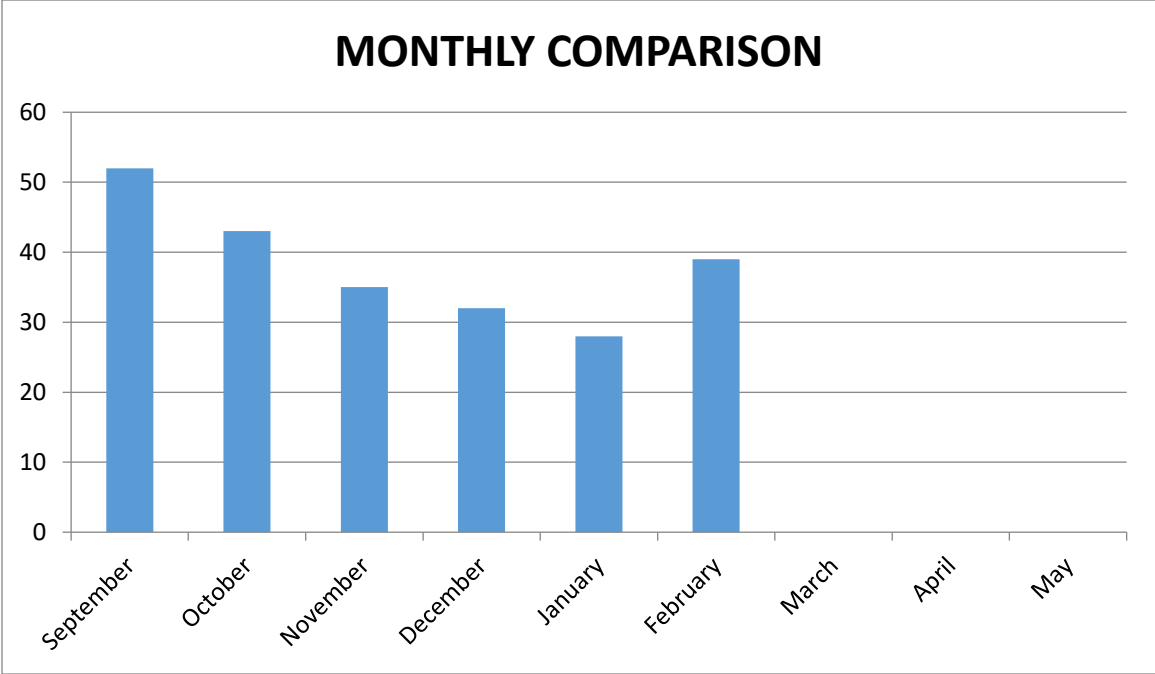
Mr. Kopko read the Police Report.

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

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<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
2400	Disorderly Conduct	2
2450	Harassment	2
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	5
2910	Lost/ Missing Property	1
3400	Mental Health	1
3610	Disturbances – Juvenile	4
3900	Traffic & Parking Problems	2
4090	Non-Criminal – Reports	3
7016	Follow Up Information	8
SUBP	Subpoena	1
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	10
Total		39

<u>Monthly Comparison</u>		
<u>January Calls for Service</u>	<u>February Calls for Service</u>	<u>Plus/Minus Comparison</u>
28	39	+11



Open Discussion:

- Melissa Dolman, Teacher – What determines what jobs are bargaining unit jobs and what are not? Mrs. Dolman stated the \$2,000 should go into a board scholarship for the students instead of a causing a riff. (regarding item #4 under education)
- Christine Rutledge, Teacher – Would like the job description for item #4 under education; what they are doing that supersedes every other advisor in the school. Mr. Supey responded, that personally, he found value in what they do with the scholarship program, they are both retired individuals and they put a lot of time in the program. They asked to come and speak with the board and were looking for some kind of gesture that what they were doing was being seen.

Log on to the youtube link on the Wyoming Area website to listen to the live stream regarding the above questions, responses or comments.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Supey, second by Mr. Pribula.

Michael Supey, President

David Alberigi, Secretary