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Wyoming Area School District  
Virtual Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting  
Wyoming Area Board of Education  
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643  
Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

A virtual combined work session/regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening at the Wyoming Area Secondary Center auditorium, 252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Mr. Stofko, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Mr. Gerald Stofko, President
- Mrs. Kimberly Yochem, Vice President
- Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary
- Mr. Carman Bolin, Treasurer
- Ms. Lara Best
- Mr. Philip Campenni
- Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo
- Mr. Leonard Pribula
- Mrs. Toni Valenti

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

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their minutes of August 12, 2020.
2. Linda Cohen, Personal Care Aide, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
3. Toni Scalzo, Clerical Aide, requesting permission to extend her medical leave with the intent to retire.
4. Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Basketball Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
5. Sharon Hollister, Wyoming Area Music Sponsors, requesting permission to hold a fundraiser.
6. Right to Know Request submitted by William Thomas of Higher Information Group, for information regarding the district's copiers.
7. West Side Career and Technology Center submitting their minutes of September 28, 2020.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stofko asked for approval of virtual combined meeting held September 22, 2020. All board members present voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. Congratulations to Stacey Molino (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher) who was chosen as this year's recipient of the Wilkes University Educator of the Year Award! Great job Stacey!
2. Congratulations to Amy Esposito (Secondary Center Teacher) who was named High School Teacher of the Year by the Times Leader. Great job Amy!

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Ferentino reported that an executive session was held at 5:00 p.m. to discuss legal Covid matters and personnel items.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bolin read the Treasurer's Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	3,434,584.80
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,890.09
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	23,828.27
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	109,197.51
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	30,868.02
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	1,132,396.19
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	376,088.31

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

Finance Report

Mr. Bolin read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Berkheimer Income Tax</u>	
Earned Income Tax	40,774.12
Local Services Tax	260.36
Per Capita Tax	9,365.37
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>3,798.90</u>
Total:	54,198.75

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State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Retirement	818,890.18
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	41,644.97
School District Special Education	<u>244,517.00</u>
Total:	1,105,052.15

2020 Real Estate Taxes

Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough	1,216,056.79
Ann Marie Farley – Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	329,718.26
Thomas Pizano – Exeter Borough	2,110,247.34
George Miller – West Pittston Borough	2,189,869.60
George Miller – West Pittston Borough (supplemental)	2,268.51
Wayman Smith – Exeter Twp., Luzerne County	1,533,078.90
Wayman Smith – Exeter Twp., Luzerne County (supplemental)	789.47
Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough	<u>1,656,752.74</u>
Total:	9,038,781.61

Local Real Estate Transfer Taxes

Luzerne County	13,993.97
Wyoming County (July)	24.50
Wyoming County (August)	594.95
Wyoming County (September)	<u>3,082.10</u>
Total:	17,695.52

Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

Wyoming County (July)	20,335.19
Wyoming County (October)	<u>12,705.86</u>
Total:	33,041.05

2. Approve the October payment of \$146,562.97 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for special education services and other related services for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Approve the October payment of \$56,528.00 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Approve the October payment of \$20,000.00 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Liberty Academy Dual Diagnosis Services for the 2020-2021 school year.
5. Approve the payment in the amount of \$129,583.50 due to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for services related to Lynnwood/Liberty Academy, Partial Hospitalization Program, Service Learning Program. This amount represents advances for services for the months of July 2020, August 2020 and September 2020.
6. Approve the payment in the amount of \$60,000.00 due to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for services related to the Liberty Academy Dual Diagnosis Program. This amount represents advances for services for the months July 2020, August 2020 and September 2020.
7. Approve a credit issued from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Special Education Contracted Professional Services provided to Wyoming Area School District for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$9,269.00.
8. Approve the final payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to the Alternate Learning Center Programs for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$8,300.00.

9. Approve the final payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to Lynnwood/Liberty Academy Services for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$172,488.60.
10. Approve the final payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to the Partial Hospitalization Program for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$50,054.22.
11. Approve the final payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to the Service Learning Programs provided for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$100,450.00.
12. Approve the final payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to Nonpublic Schools Transportation for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$19,566.34.
13. Approve the final payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to the Liberty Dual Diagnosis Program for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$105,760.00.
14. Approve the Lackawanna College Proposal for Dual Enrollment Agreement with the Wyoming Area School District. Term of agreement is from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
15. Approve refund for veteran's exemption for paid property taxes #16-E10S2-015-004-000 in the amount of \$1,778.93 for tax year 2020.
16. Approve refund of paid property taxes for #17-C10-00A-38A-000 in the amount of \$57.35 for tax year 2020.
17. Approve the following payments from the Capital Project Account:

Quad 3 Group	Invoice #10454.260-3	1,185.00	Roof Replacement
Mark J Sobeck Roof Consulting	Invoice #6855	1,543.50	Roof Consultant
Quad 3 Group	Invoice #10454.260-3	3,173.00	Air Monitoring/Testing
JM Young & Sons	Invoice App. #4	<u>62,666.18</u>	Roof Replacement
	Total:	68,567.68	

18. Approve the November 1, 2020 payments to Wilmington Trust (M&T Bank) for the following debt obligations:

General Obligation Bonds Series 20015	Interest	\$93,731.26
	Principal	<u>5,000.00</u>
		98,731.26
General Obligation Bonds Series 20016	Interest	\$47,128.13
	Principal	<u>870,000.00</u>
		917,128.13
General Obligation Bonds Series 20019A	Interest	\$17,256.25
	Principal	<u>0.00</u>
		17,256.25
General Obligation Bonds Series 20019B	Interest	\$113,292.00
	Principal	<u>15,000.00</u>
		128,292.00

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19. Approve the November 1, 2020 payment to FNCB Bank in the amount of \$21,303.30 for the General Obligation Note Series of 2018 of the Wyoming Area School District.

20. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: October 2020	1,546,030.03	
Prepays: September 2020	<u>474,928.45</u>	2,020,958.48
Cafeteria Account:	3,391.71	
Athletic Account:	<u>7,819.00</u>	<u>11,210.71</u>
	Total: 2,032,169.19	

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

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Yochem, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, 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) have been planned for the 2020-2021 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District’s Business Office.
2. Approve the revised guest teacher substitute list for 2020-2021 school year.
3. Approve Emergency Instructional Time - Section 520.1 of the School Code.
4. Motion to remain in virtual learning platform until January 4, 2021 for all grades in the Wyoming Area School District. (THIS ITEM WAS READ FROM THE FLOOR)

Motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the education report.

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

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. DeAngelo read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the request of Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Basketball Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers, pending CDC Covid-19 guidelines:

- Lottery tickets
- Annual pizza sale
- Christmas wreaths
- Sell ads for year-end booklet

2. Approve the request of Sharon Hollister, Wyoming Area Music Sponsors, to have a Designer Purse Lottery Calendar Match (evening PA. Pick 3 Lottery Number) fundraiser to begin March 1, 2021 and end on March 31, 2021, pending CDC Covid-19 guidelines.
3. Approve the appointments of the following head coaches for the 2020-2021 winter sports season as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Boys Basketball	Anthony Macario
Girls Basketball	Chad Lojewski
Winter Track	Joe Pizano
Wrestling	Steve Mytych
Swimming (pending season)	Ken Bryden

4. Approve the appointments of the following assistant and volunteer coaches for the 2020-2021 winter sports season as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Boys Basketball

Ian Gilmartin	Jr. High Coach
Nick Vough	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coach
Tim DePriest	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coach
Joseph DeLuca	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coach
Walter "Skip" Stocknick	Volunteer Coach

Girls Basketball

Ryan Carey	Jr. High/Varsity Coach
Joe Chacke	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade/Varsity Coach
Lindsay Quinn	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coach
Mary Price	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coach
Dean Carey	Volunteer Coach
Ron Foy	Volunteer Coach
Gina Manganiello	Volunteer Coach
Mark Casper	Volunteer Coach

Winter Track

Michael Fanti	Volunteer Coach
Kristen Lombardo	Volunteer Coach
Olivia Lanza	Volunteer Coach
Ron D'Eliseo	Volunteer Coach
Joe DeMark	Volunteer Coach

Wrestling

Brian Hines	Assistant Coach
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Swimming (pending season)

Jerry Rynkiewicz	Assistant Coach
Kayla Taddei	Diving Coach
Maureen Pikas	Volunteer Coach

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

At this time, Mr. Bolin motioned to table items #3 and #4.

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

Motion passed to table items #3 and #4.

Roll call for finance report: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Yochem, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

#### Building Report

Mr. Pribula read the Building Report.

1. Approve the request of Linda Cohen, Personal Care Aide, to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to September 15, 2020 to December 23, 2020.
2. Approve the request of Toni Scalzo, Clerical Aide, to extend her medical leave to November 16, 2020, at which time she will retire.
3. Approve the appointment of Rebecca Boyle as Level I Secretary.

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

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Yochem abstained on item #2 and voted yes on the remaining report. Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

#### Policy Report

Mrs. Valenti read the Policy Report.

Approve the second reading and adoption of revised/new policies:

- Policy #302 – Employment of Superintendent/Asst. Superintendent
- Policy #304 – Employment of District Staff
- Policy #305 – Employment of Substitutes

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- Policy #103 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
- Policy #104 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff
- Policy #317.1 – Educator Misconduct
- Policy #824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries
- Policy #252 – Dating Violence
- Policy #709 – Building Security
- Policy #333 – Professional Development
- Policy #247 – Hazing
- Policy #249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying

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- Policy #705 – Facilities and Workplace Safety
- Policy #340 – Responsibility for Student Welfare
- Policy #318 – Penalties
- Policy #334 – Sick Leave
- Policy #803 – School Calendar

Policy #332 – Working Periods  
Policy #111 – Lesson Plans  
Policy #309.1 – Telework  
Policy #904 – Public Attendance at School Events  
Policy #203 – Immunizations and Communicable Diseases  
Policy #907 – School Visitors  
Policy #209 – Health Examinations/Screenings  
Policy #314 – Physical Examination

Motion by Mrs. Valenti, second by Mr. DeAngelo, to accept the policy report.

On the Question: Mr. Campenni questioned policies 302, 304 and 305. If Mrs. Valenti would explain these policies. Mrs. Valenti responded that we are eliminating the anti-nepotism policy.

Melissa Dolman, Teacher, stated that she didn't know what all the policies were. Attorney Ferentino responded that all policies are listed on the website under policies under consideration through a program called Board Docs. We are working with the PSBA to update the polices as the law changes.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni voted no on policies 302, 304 and 305 and yes on remaining policies. Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin voted no on policies 302, 304 and 305 and yes on remaining policies. Mrs. Yochem voted no on policies 302, 304 and 305 and yes on remaining policies. Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci voted no on policies 302, 304 and 305 and yes on remaining policies.

Motion passed.

Bids Report

Mr. Pribula read the Bids Report.

The refuse bids were advertised in two papers on the dates listed and on the Wyoming Area website:

Times Leader & Citizens Voice

Tuesday, September 1, 2020  
Tuesday, September 8, 2020  
Tuesday, September 15, 2020

The deadline for the bids was 10:00 a.m. on September 30, 2020, at which time they were opened.

Bids Received

Waste Management  
Waste Reduction  
County Waste  
Solid Waste/Mascaro

Successful Bidder: Waste Management

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Motion by Mr. Pribula, second by Mr. DeAngelo, to accept the bids report.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula abstained. Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Yochem, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Open Discussion:

Mr. Campenni congratulated the Wyoming Area Homecoming Court: Gianna Colella, Queen, Olivia Dobbs, Sailym Jones, Kaitlyn Slusser, Ava Gonzales. The escorts were: Anthony Nelson, King, Jacob Nelson, Michael Branley, J.T. Gober, Jesse Mikoliczyk and football escorts: Sydney Kruzska, Bryce Hinkle, Jake Williams, Nasir Condry and Colby Gashi.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Stofko, second by Mr. Marianacci.

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Gerald Stofko, President

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John Marianacci, Secretary