

- The Wyoming Area Intermediate Center has implemented an incentive for students to attend school on a regular basis. Students who meet the criteria for perfect attendance will be eligible for a drawing to win a gift card. The following are the students who won a gift card and earned perfect attendance for the first two marking periods at the Intermediate Center:**

Marking Period 1 Winner: Ella Nemshick

Marking Period 2 Winner: Stella Reedy

Marking Period 3 Winner will be announced soon

Marking Period 4 will be announced at the end of the year



- On March 26th, students from the WA STEM Club participated in the first annual state-wide Keystone Competition at King's College, which is a one day STEM experience sponsored by the LIU18. The team designed a multi-functional desk for students with ADHD/emotional challenges. Pictured are: Kamryn McElwee, Deidre Laue, Ezra Gorkos, Zhiwen Tang, Sophia Tang. Club co-chairs are Kayla Whitman and Christine Leandri.**

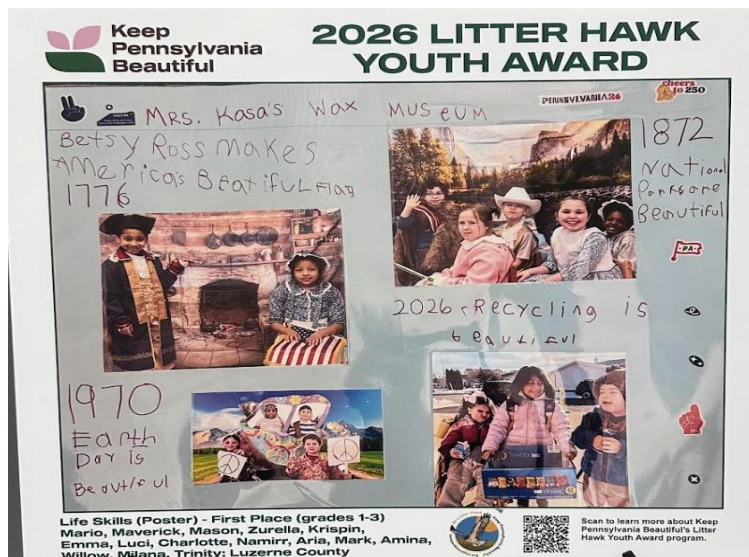


4. **Congratulations to all students who participated in the Wyoming Area Drama Club/Thespian Society's presentation of "Frozen" on April 24th, 25th and 26th at the Secondary Center Auditorium. Congratulations to Chuck Yarmey, Kate Mangan and all involved!**
5. **On Thursday, April 16th, the first grade students performed their patriotic concert. Thank you to Miss Sperrazza and a special thank you to Mrs. Amitia for her special assistance that night with some students.**



6. **Congratulations to the following students who received The Litter Hawk Award for First Place for Learning Support Grade: Mario Seabrook, Maverick Faux, Mason Thompson, Zurrella Brewer, Krispin Kaczurkin, Emma Galindo, Luci Hooks, Charlotte Maloney, Namirr Velez, Aria Garmize, Mark Biksey, Amina Welky, Willow Miscavage, Milana Tinnin, Trinity Seabrook. This was a very competitive contest with over 500 entries! Our students were invited to a ceremony at the Capitol on April 2 to receive their awards medal and a Litter Hawk decal. The winning entries will be displayed in the East Wing Rotunda from April 2 through April 30.**

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Mrs. Valenti called the students to the front and congratulated each one.

7. I want to recognize the American Battlefield Trust for providing a \$1000 grant to help offset the cost of the Honors History class trip to Gettysburg that is scheduled for May 29th. The American Battlefield Trust is the largest battlefield and preservation organization in the country. The Trust strives to produce educational resources so that our students and teachers can visit preservation battlefields and walk in the footsteps of the citizen soldiers who fought there.
8. Congratulations to Miss Sperrazza on receiving the 2026 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Citation of Excellence Award in Elementary Music. She was recognized and received the award for her years of service at the annual state convention.



9. Dr. Pollard thanked William Wright, Principal of the Primary Center who will be resigning at the end of June. Dr. Pollard thanked him for his service to Wyoming Area and stated it has been a pleasure to have him here. Dr. Pollard went on to say he has been an awesome co-worker, awesome principal and really appreciated Mr. Wright's efforts and dedication.
10. Dr. Pollard stated that the administration has completed review of our personnel and we're pleased to announce that were going to be placing administrators in the following areas for the 26/27 school year: Mrs. Anuszewski will be at the Kindergarten Center, Mr. Pacchioni will return to the Primary Center, Mr. Strazdus will be at the Intermediate Center and Mr. Riley and Mr. Piazza will be here at the Secondary Center. The district will be posting for an Associate Secondary Center Principal who will help lead at the middle school level for grades 6, 7 and 8.

At this time, Mrs. Valenti acknowledged Mr. Wright stating he was very professional and she enjoyed their working relationship. Mrs. Valenti asked the Primary Center what they could say about Mr. Wright.

It is with deep sadness that we are writing this farewell letter. From the beginning of your endeavors at Wyoming Area it quickly became clear that we would be working alongside one of the best administrators we could have asked for. Over the past three years your leadership, discipline and kindness have shaped the Primary Center into a better place to learn and teach. When asked to share words to describe Mr. Wright, messages came flooding in with ease. Mr. Wright has been patient on even the most challenging days and always puts students first. He has been a pleasure to work with, caring, funny, and understanding. He inspires, motivates, and nurtures both students and staff, always taking time to provide individualized attention while also having the intuition to provide extra support to those who need it most. Mr. Wright is kind, approachable, and always there for his staff and students. His door was always opened, whether it was to lend an ear, give advice, or to listen to a silly story. His dedication and hard work have made our school a wonderful place to work, and his impact on our school community will be deeply felt. Some might say he's "not a bad guy for being a New York Giants fan," and many of us are still amused by his ability to disappear and reappear when needed. (We never could find Clark Kent's phone booth anywhere in the primary center.) Mr. Wright, thank you for being a mentor, leader, and friend. The district will be losing a great principal. Your dedication, care, and support have meant more than words can say. You will be deeply missed, and we wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

Solicitor's Report

Attorney Ferentino reported that the board met in executive session on the 21st and the 28th, tonight to discuss upcoming support negotiations, settlement matters regarding pupils within the district and a possible upcoming matter that we're addressing seeking to discuss. Attorney Ferentino stated, he just wanted to note that.

Student Representative Report

Ella Keefer, Jr. Class, reported they are wrapping up preparations for the junior/senior prom this Friday at the Mohegan and are excited to begin elections for the upcoming school year.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer's Report.

Peoples Security
Bank & Trust

General Fund

8,990,672.86

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Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Payroll Account	7,399.59
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Cafeteria Account	121,083.68
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Student Activities Account	156,873.82
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Athletic Fund Account	7,845.46
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	155,680.15
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Series 2022 GON Account	323,420.98
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Money Market Account	2,075,601.53

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

Finance Report

Mr. Butera read additions to Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	89,501.51
Local Services Tax	1,111.69
Per Capita Tax	470.01
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>1,600.44</u>
Total:	92,683.65

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Retirement	1,017,604.06
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	57,262.07
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	7,114.71
Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment	3,864.64
School District Special Education	338,986.00
School District Transportation	623,796.00
PCCD School Mental Health & Safety Grant 23/24	32,749.00
PCCD Safety Meritorious	3,603.53
Feminine Hygiene Products Fund	<u>3,612.71</u>
Total:	2,088,592.72

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	9,823.58
Wyoming County	<u>808.50</u>
Total:	10,632.08

Delinquent Real Estate Tax

Wyoming County	8,027.68
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2. Approve the April payment of \$89,723.85 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for Special Education Services and other related services for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Approve to ratify the April payment of \$68,161.62 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Approve the May 1, 2026 payment to Fidelity Bank in the amount of \$42,741.92 for the General Obligation Note, Series of 2022 of the Wyoming Area School District.
5. Approve an amendment to contract for employee Mike Bugelholl, Director of Physical Plant/Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, pending approval by the Superintendent and Solicitor.
6. Approve the refund of \$474.82 for 67-E10SE3-027-000 for paid property taxes for the 2025 tax year.
7. Approve the following debt service invoice payments to Wilmington Trust company for May 1, 2026:

Registered Interest Due (19A)	17,256.25
Registered Interest Due (19B)	<u>112,777.00</u>
Total:	130,033.25

Registered Interest Due (21A)	69,150.00
Registered Interest Due (21B)	<u>15,150.00</u>
Total:	84,300.00
8. Approve the Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) for 2026-2027 school year.
9. Approve a Resolution calling for increased state funding by the Board of Directors of the Wyoming Area School District.
10. Approve to appoint the law firm of Charlson Braber McCabe & Denmark P.C. special counsel for the limited purpose representing the District in a construction-related matter to work with the solicitor.
11. Approve Settlement Agreement and Release for student #3002140 pending approval by the Superintendent and Solicitor.
12. Approve the exoneration of delinquent property taxes and associated fees (est. to be \$1,381.22) as submitted by Elite Revenue Solutions LLC for the parcel # 17-A10-00A-015-000 related to school real estate taxes for the 2025-2026 year.
13. Approve to ratify the agreement between the Wyoming Area School District and Clifton LarsonAllen LLP for the conversion of the 2025/2026 fixed asset reporting required to be utilized for the district’s annual single audit report. This service was previously provided by Valuation Engineers prior to the firm ceasing operations and no longer providing this service.

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14. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing:	April 2026	1,091,981.45	
Prepays:	March 2026	<u>136,431.53</u>	1,228,412.98
Cafeteria Account:		68,312.14	
Athletic Account:		<u>3,421.00</u>	<u>71,733.14</u>
			Total: 1,300,146.12

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

Vannessa Smith, Exeter, questioned if item #5 is going to be a vacated position and re-advertised. Dr. Pollard responded it’s just a single year renewal. Asked what the cost is for Item #10. Dr. Pollard responded it’s an hourly rate. There’s a rate sheet depending on what part of the firm is working on it. There’s no retainer.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mrs. Gazda read additions to Education Report.

1. Accept, with regret, employee #20605 submitting a letter of intent to retire effective September 8, 2026.
2. Accept, with regret, employee #9800 submitting a letter of intent to retire effective December 2026.
3. Approve the appointment of Gabrielle Furner as a long term substitute teacher retroactive to December 4, 2025 through the end of the 2025-2026 school year, at the step placement of Bachelors +24, Step 5, \$49,986.00 (pro-rated according to duration of assignment).
4. Approve the school calendar for 2026-2027 school year.
5. Accept, with regret, employee #20613 submitting a letter of resignation effective June 30, 2026.
6. Approve the appointment of Dr. Darlene Dunay to conduct student physicals as state mandated for the 2025-2026 school year.
7. Approve the transfer of Melissa Dolman from English Teacher to Gifted Teacher.
8. Approve the transfer of Olivia Gatto from Social Worker to Social Worker/Skills for Student Success.
9. Approve the appointment of Sarah Luvender as Social Worker.
10. Approve the appointment of Tessa McDonald as Special Education Teacher.

11. Approve the appointment of Leah Doknovitch as Special Education Teacher.
12. Approve the appointment of Siwar Abdo as Math Teacher.
13. Approve the Agreement regarding waiver of expulsion hearing and free appropriate public education stipulation for student #3000543 pending approval by the Superintendent and Solicitor.
14. Approve Memorandum of Understanding for Brian Butler as Coordinator of Student and Cyber Services pending approval by Superintendent, Solicitor and Wyoming Area Education Association.
15. Approve the Agreement regarding waiver of expulsion hearing and free appropriate public education stipulation for student #3000650 pending approval by the Superintendent and Solicitor.

Motion by Mrs. Gazda, second by Mr. Kopko, to accept the education report.

On the Question: Vanessa Smith, Exeter, questioned item #6. Is this different than the building report item #3? Dr. Pollard responded that we needed a doctor to complete state mandated physicals for this year. Dr. Dunay will be doing that. We had to put out an RFP to gather more candidates going forward for 2026-2027.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Campenni, no on item #14 and yes on remaining report, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mrs. Kunkle reported there were no additions to the Activities Report.

1. Approve to vacate all extra-curricular positions at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
2. Approve the request of Sharon Hollister, Wyoming Area Music Sponsors, to hold a Designer Purse Bingo fundraiser on Sunday, February 7, 2027, in the Secondary Center cafeteria 8 am to 8 pm, (snow date is February 21, 2027) pending approval by the building principal and food service department.
3. Approve a letter of resignation from Gordon Williams as Head Golf Coach for the 2026-2027 Fall sports season.
4. Approve the appointments of the following head coaches for the 2026-2027 Fall sports season:

Competitive Cheerleading

Rhonda Pizano

Cross Country

Michael Branley

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Field Hockey
Bree Bednarski

Football
Randy Spencer

Boys Soccer
Chris Tomlinson

Girls Soccer
Chad Kranson

Tennis
Bill Roberts

Volleyball
Sara Mazzitelli

5. Approve the request of Sarah Milewski, Wyoming Area Girls Volleyball Parents Association to hold a candy bar fundraiser starting May 1, 2026 to May 29, 2026.

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

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Campenni read additions to the Building Report.

1. Accept, with regret, employee #20565 submitting a letter of intent to retire effective June 24, 2026.
2. Approve the request of Dante Herrera, Eagle Scout Candidate, to install a flag pole at the Gil Dominick Primary Center field, pending approval by the Superintendent, Director of Facilities and Building Principal.
3. Approve to ratify the advertisement of RFPs for Medical Services for Mandated School Physicals pending approval by the Superintendent, Business Manager and Solicitor.
4. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list for the 2025-2026 school year.
5. Accept, with regret, employee #7870 submitting a letter of intent to retire effective June 24, 2026.
6. Approve the appointment of the following Personal Care Aides:

Chrystine Locascio
Amanda Locascio
Tykia Twyman
Taylor Twyman
Fany Patterson
Alayna Murphy
Kayli Vietz

7. Approve the appointment of the following paraprofessional:

Danielle Milunic

8. Approve Operation Warm, a non-profit program that will provide new coats and athletic shoes for students in grades 1 through 3, pending approval by the Superintendent, Solicitor and Building Principal.
9. Accept, with regret, employee #150 submitting a letter of intent to retire effective June 5, 2026.

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

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Kachmarsky reported there were no additions to Policy Report.

1. Approve the second reading of the following revised March Volume I policies:

Policy #140 Charter Schools
Policy #221 Dress and Grooming (Pupils)
Policy #236.1 Threat Assessment
Policy #325 Dress and Grooming (Employees)
Policy #332 Working Periods
Policy #619 District Audit
Policy #810 Transportation

2. Approve the second reading of the following revised policies:

Policy #114 Gifted Education
Policy #249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

Motion by Mr. Kachmarsky, second by Mr. Kopko, to accept the policy report.

Vannessa Smith, Exeter, commented on the Dress and Grooming policies for pupils and employees.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Bids Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Bids Report.

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Request for proposals for Engineering Services for Electrical Switchgear and Construction Services for Internal Doors were advertised on the dates listed:

Times Leader/Citizens Voice
 Friday, March 27, 2026
 Friday, April 3, 2026
 Friday, April 10, 2026

The deadline to submit proposals was April 16, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

1. Approve the awarding of the Request for Proposals/Bids for Switchgear Project as advertised and opened on April 16, 2026, to CM3 subject to final review by the Solicitor and Administration.
2. Approve the awarding of the Request for Proposals/Bids for Indoor Doors Project as advertised and opened on April 16, 2026, to Panzetta subject to final review by the Solicitor and Administration.

Motion by Mr. Alberigi, second by Mr. Kachmarsky, to accept the bids report.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes on #1 and no on #2, stating he didn't think it is worth putting the doors in, in general. It has nothing to do with Panzetta. Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Police Report

Mr. Kopko read the Police Report.

**Wyoming Area Police Department
 Monthly Report for March 2026
 Total Calls for Service**

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0294	Childline 104	3
0452	Threat Assessment	1
1430	Criminal Mischief	1
2400	Disorderly Conduct	3
2450	Harassment	6
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	2
3900	Traffic & Parking Problems	2
4022	Non-Criminal – Reports	9
7016	Follow Up Information	4
PARE	Parent Conference	1
S2S	Safe-2-Say Reports	6
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	11

Total 49

Open Discussion

- Steve Homza, Exeter - Access to use the Atlas Field
- Dante Herrera, Eagle Scout Candidate – Thanked board for approving his project to install a flag pole at the soccer field
- Jackie Kasa, Wyoming – Thanked the board for their approval for her to attend the South by Southwest Educational Conference.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kopko, second by Mr. Alberigi.

To listen to the meeting in its entirety, log on to the YouTube Channel on the Wyoming Area School District's website.

Mrs. Mara Valenti, President

Mr. David Alberigi, Secretary