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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, April 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

A combined work session/regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening in the Secondary Center library, 252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643. Twenty people of the public were in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Mrs. Valenti, Vice President, conducted the meeting for Ms. Best, who attended the meeting virtually. Mrs. Valenti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Ms. Lara Best, President – Virtual Attendance
 Mrs. Toni Valenti, Vice President
 Mr. David Alberigi, Secretary
 Mr. Joseph Kopko, Treasurer
 Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo
 Mr. Leonard Pribula
 Mr. Gerald Stofko
 Mr. Michael Supey

Absent: Mr. Philip Campenni

Also present were: Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Eric Speece, Secondary Center Building Principal, Brian Stradzus, Intermediate Center Building Principal, David Pacchioni, Primary Center Building Principal, Shaun Rohland, Assistant Principal of Discipline, Mike Bugelholl, Director of Facilities, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Betsy O'Malley, Food Service Director.

Communications Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2023.
2. West Side Career & Technology Center submitting their minutes of the Joint Operating Committee of February 27, 2023.
3. Gina Steve, Clerical I Aide/Title I Aide, submitting her letter of retirement.
4. Anne Wall, Science Teacher, submitting her letter of retirement.
5. Sheri Slusser, Wyoming Area Softball Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
6. Nikki Milcavage, Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO, requesting permission to hold a rummage sale.
7. John Bonin, Wyoming Area Lacrosse Parents Association, requesting permission for Mr. Foy, Coach, to announce Lacrosse games from the press box.
8. Narda Sperrazza, Music Teacher, requesting permission to attend the PMEA Conference and All State Chorus along with a student at Kalahari Resort.

Summary of Applications Received

Social Studies – 1 Special Education - 1
Science – 2
Elementary – 1

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Valenti asked for a motion for approval of the minutes of combined meeting March 21, 2023 and special meeting of April 4, 2023. Mr. Pribula motioned, second by Mr. DeAngelo. All board members voted aye.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Pollard read his report.

1. Congratulations to our Administrative Assistants who will be honored on “Administrative Assistant’s Day” (April 26th)

Nancy Alberigi	Gladys Lincoln
Debbie Andiaro	Loriann Napkora
Melissa Appel	Elizabeth Poor
Gloria Bovani	Theodora Rabel
Rebecca Boyle	Jean Marie Radle
Donna Chupka	Amy Ragantesi
Rachelle Furman	Lesley Ratchford
Michelle Hoeffner	Gina Steve
Denise Holmes	Kimberly Thomas
Mary Kraynak	Jackie Vasquez
Caroline Kudasik	

- 2. The high school Life Skills classroom attended the St. Patrick’s Day Dance held at the Nanticoke High School. The students interacted with other classrooms from and around Luzerne County and spent the day dancing and participating in various activities.**
- 3. The high school Life Skills class attended the Brighter Journey’s Egg Hunt at Mohegan Sun Casino. They were able to collect Easter eggs, get their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny and had the opportunity to meet other students from schools. After, they went to Sabatini’s Pizza where they practiced real world skills. Everyone had a great time at these events!**



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4. **Congratulations to Senior chorus student, Caitlyn Maslar! Caitlyn was accepted (after a competitive audition) to PMEA All State Chorus. She will participate in All States on April 19 -22 at Kalahari.**



5. **Congratulations to 10th grade student, Abby Butler, who was awarded the Best Youth Actress Award, age 13-18, by the Northeast Pennsylvania Theater Alliance (NEPTA). Abby was nominated for the award for her performance as Fiona in Shrek, Jr. at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse this past summer. Her performance was judged among youth actors from theaters throughout Luzerne, Lackawanna, Monroe, Susquehanna and Schuylkill Counties. Abby will be representing Wyoming Area on May 25th at the NEPA Sings – School Spirit Education competition benefitting CASA of Luzerne County.**



6. Wyoming Area National Honor Society completed its annual community service project in conjunction with LIU 18. 75 Easter bags were filled with toys, candy and school supplies and were distributed to children in foster care throughout Luzerne County.



7. Thank you to the Exeter Township Supervisors and the Harding Recreation Committee for partnering with the district to add a satellite location for our Children’s Produce Market.

The Exeter Twp. Children’s Produce Market will be open on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

8. Professors from Tamagawa University and Wilkes University visited Mrs. Anthony's fifth grade classroom to continue their educational partnership. Tamagawa University is a school in Machida, Tokyo, Japan. It is a teaching school that covers education from primary school to university. The professors enjoyed observing the 5th grade classroom and Mrs. Anthony's Reading lesson where the students worked in interactive centers. Mrs. Anthony has been tentatively offered the opportunity to visit Tamagawa and English-speaking Japanese elementary schools in Tokyo as a guest teacher for a week in October.



9. **Winter Sports Wrap Up:**

Winter Track – Congratulations to Madelyn Keating, who qualified for the PTFCA Indoor Track Carnival. She also qualified for the Indoor State Championship at Penn State and took 7th place in the State.

Ladies Warriors Basketball – Finished the season with an overall record of 14 and 1. Highlights included second seed place in the District II playoffs, reaching the District 2 championship and qualified for a state playoff game. (both firsts for the program). Morgan Janeski scored a 1000 points this season (the fifth girl in school history to do so), was awarded WVC First Team All-Star, Citizen's Voice conference All-Star and selected most outstanding ladies warriors player. Anna Wisnewski Wyoming Valley Conference second team all-star. Anna and Morgan along with Halle Kranson, Olivia Rome and Jocelyn Williams were selected to play in the Dr. George Moses Senior All-Star Classic. Finally, Coach Casper was selected Coach of the Year, by NEPA Sportsnation.

Boys Wrestling had a very successful season as well with 10 top 8 finishers at the District 2 Individual Meet. Including third places finishes with Connor Novakowski and Kendall Heck. Two district champions Jaden Peppe and Anthony Evanitsky. Jaden, Anthony and Kendall represented WA at the Regional Meet. Kendall finished 6th, Jaden and Anthony both were crowned Regional Champions. Anthony Evanitsky and Jaden Peppe both wrestled at the state championship. Anthony is the state champion at 139 pounds, Jaden is the state champion at 133 pounds (this is Jaden 3rd consecutive state championship).

Girls Wrestling – WA had outstanding representation at the girls wrestling district meet, Gia Larson was crowned a district championship and Araya Guilimette finished 7th place in States.

Boys Basketball – Finished the season with 10 wins and 12 losses. The program continues to grow. Junior Dane Schutter was selected Wyoming Valley Conference first team all -star (for the second year in a row) Seniors Matt Little and Dillon Petrucci represented WA at the Dr. George Moses Senior All Star Game

Swimming – Our medley relay, which consisted of swimmers, Ameriana Walker, Karamia Marranca, Ava Menditto and Maddie Johnson brought home 5th place medals at Districts. As a team we shredded 263 seconds off our events, and having the knowledge of swimming, we all know how tough it is to drop time. The season ended with a record of 5-5. Diving Coach Kayla had two divers, Bianca Pizano and Macy Waters qualify for diving districts.

Ice Hockey – The JV team played 15 games and the varsity team played 16 games. Both teams had some wins, not as many as they had hoped, but they continued to push through the season with great improvement.

10. Picture missing from last month – Mr. Strazdus taped to wall for Pi Day.



Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino reported that an executive session was held this evening at 5:30 p.m. to discuss an upcoming arbitration strategy regarding the arbitration and also discussed on-going support negotiations with our support unions and updates with the union regarding those negotiations.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer’s Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	9,438,459.53
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	6,113.36
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	56,046.06
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	117,595.49
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	4,062.07
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	135,808.25
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	226,331.79

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

Finance Report

Mr. Kopko read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Berkheimer Income Tax</u>	
Earned Income Tax	129,440.00
Local Services Tax	196.00
Per Capita Tax	480.30
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>2,308.29</u>
Total:	132,424.59

<u>State & Federal Subsidy Payments</u>	
Retirement	809,219.55
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	58,061.00
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	7,732.07

Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment	3,533.13
School District Special Education	272,115.00
School District Transportation	435,660.00
School Safety Grant	11,831.67
ARP ESSER II	90,907.04
ARP ESSER 7%	7,065.51
ARP ESSER 2.5%	<u>920.64</u>
Total:	1,697,045.61

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	22,409.90
Wyoming County	<u>931.00</u>
Total:	23,340.90

2. Approve the April payment of \$136,428.89 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for Special Education Services and other related services for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Approve the April payment of \$67,705.13 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Approve the April payment of \$4,958.33 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the Lighthouse Academy Dual Diagnosis Services for the 2022-2023 school year.
6. Approve the appointment of Bob Dellarte of Golden Photo Studio to be named the Official Yearbook Photography Studio for the 2023-2024 school year.
7. Approve to ratify the single audit report prepared by BBD,LLP for year ended June 30, 2022.
8. Approve the following debt service invoice payments to Wilmington Trust Company for May 1, 2023:

Registered Interest Due (19A)	17,256.25
Registered Interest Due (19B)	<u>112,978.25</u>
Total:	130,234.50

Registered Interest Due (21A)	116,150.00
Registered Interest Due (21B)	<u>40,600.00</u>
Total:	156,750.00

9. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: April 2023	1,103,267.46	
Prepays: March 2023	<u>11,280.02</u>	1,114,547.48
Cafeteria Account:	109,594.63	
Athletic Account:	<u>4,203.50</u>	<u>113,798.13</u>

Total: 1,228,345.61

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

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

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mr. Supey read the Education Report for Ms. Best.

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 2022-2023 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Jon Pollard, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.
3. Accept, with regret, Anne Wall's letter of intent to retire effective on the last scheduled day of the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Approve the Agreement Regarding Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation of student #3002667.
5. Approve expulsion of student #3001625 for permanent expulsion.
6. Approve to authorize the superintendent and administration to send a Board Affirmation Statement to PDE for Flexible Instructional Days (FID).
7. Approve the revised professional substitute list for 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Mr. Supey, second by Mr. DeAngelo, to accept the education report.

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

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Activities Report.

1. Approve to vacate all extra-curricular positions at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Approve to ratify the appointment of Tyler Wren as a volunteer coach for boys lacrosse.
3. Approve the request of Sheri Slusser, Wyoming Area Softball Association, to hold the following fundraisers:
 - Car Wash – April 29, 2023 – 9 am to 3 pm
 - Mother's Day Purse Raffle – May 1, 2023
4. Approve to ratify the request of Damien Rutkoski, Key Club Advisor, who attended the Pennsylvania District Convention in Hershey from March 31st to April 2, 2023, along with students, at a cost of \$4,179.00.
5. Approve the following appointments for the Indoor Winds Group:

Kendra Dewey
Zack Houston

Indoor Winds Assistant Director
Indoor Winds Instructor Volunteer

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6. Approve the request of Nikki Milcavage for the Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO to hold a rummage sale at the Intermediate Center cafeteria and playground on Saturday, April 22, 2023, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
7. Approve the request of John Bonin, Wyoming Area Lacrosse Parents Association, for Mr. Foy to announce Lacrosse games from the press box April 28th and April 29th for each teams on senior night.
8. Approve the following head coaches for the 2023-2024 Fall sports season:

Cheerleading

Rhonda Pizano

Field Hockey

Bree Bednarski

Golf

Gordon Williams

Girls Soccer

Chad Kranson

Girls Tennis

Bill Roberts

Volleyball

Sara Mazzitelli

Football

Randy Spencer

9. Approve the request of Narda Sperrazza, Music Teacher, to attend the PMEA Convention and All State Chorus, along with a student, at Kalahari on Wednesday, April 19th through Saturday, April 22, 2023. Total cost for registration, lodging and meals is \$1,131.00.

Motion by Mr. Alberigi, second by Mr. Stofko, to accept the activities report.

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

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Pribula read the Building Report.

1. Accept, with regret, Gina Steve's letter of intent to retire effective June 23, 2023.
2. Approve the recommendation of the Facilities Committee to name the field at the Primary Center in honor of Gil Dominick.

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

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

Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Pribula read the Policy Report.

1. Approve the second reading of revised policies and adoption of new policies from Volume I policies of February 2023:

Policy# 137 Home Education Programs
Policy# 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
Policy# 137.2 Participation in Co-curricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students (new policy)
Policy# 137.3 Participation in Career & Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students (new policy)

2. Approve the second reading of revised policies:

Policy# 709.2 Functions of the Police Officer (will now be listed as an attachment to Policy# 805.2 School Security Personnel)
Policy# 709.3 Use of Force Policy/School Police Officer (will now be listed as an attachment to Policy# 805.2 School Security Personnel)

3. Approve the Taser attachment to Policy #805.2 School Security Personnel.

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

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

Motion passed.

Police Report

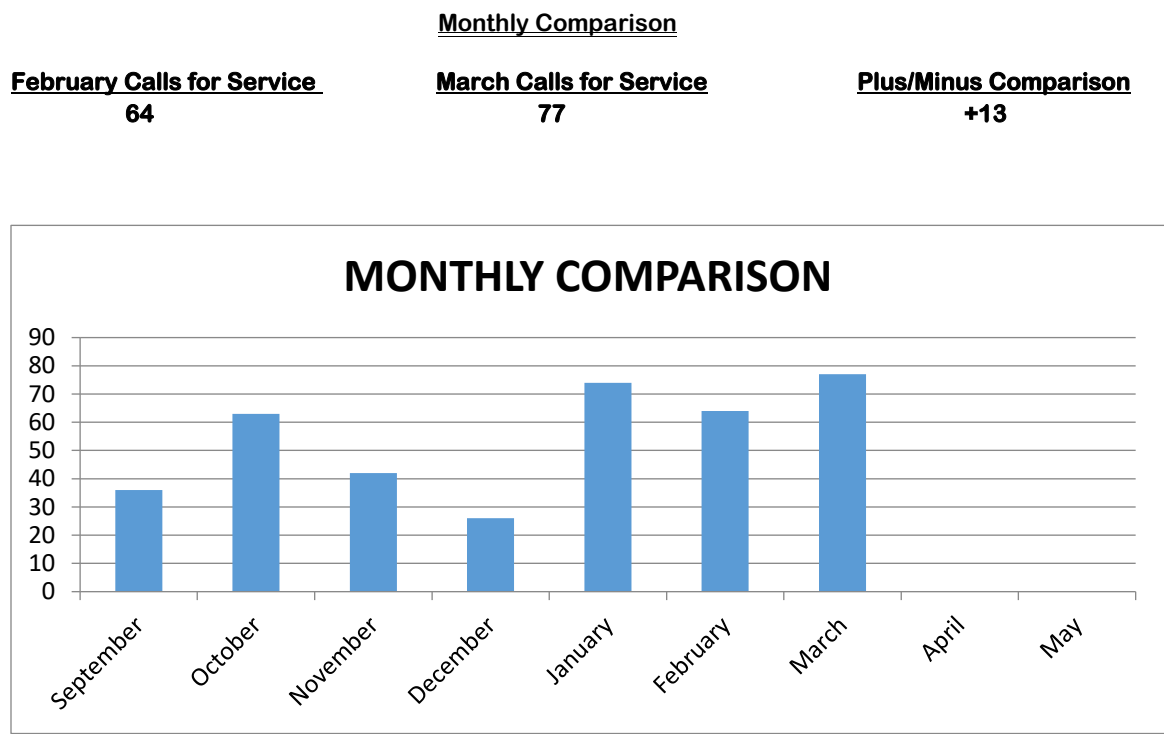
Mr. Kopko read the Police Report.

**Wyoming Area Police Department
Monthly Report for March 2023
Total Calls for Service**

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0002	Transport	4
2400	Disorderly Conduct	4
2450	Harassment	8
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	5
2660	Trespassing of Real Property	1
2890	Curfew & Loitering (Juvenile) – Reports	1
2910	Lost/ Missing Property	1
3501	Suspicious Persons, Autos, Circumstances	1
3610	Disturbances – Juvenile	1
3840	Fire Alarm	1
3870	Medical Emergency	1
3900	Traffic & Parking Problems	4
4090	Non-Criminal - Reports	5
7016	Follow Up Information	10
7501	EMS Assist	1
7505	Assist Other Agencies – WARP	4
9999	Welfare Check	1
S2S	Safe-2-Say Reports	7
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	17
Total		77

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Open Discussion:

Phil Campenni, Board Member who was absent from the meeting, emailed Ms. Holmes and asked why the board had combined meetings for the last two months. Dr. Pollard responded there was a decision made at the board level to make a change in the calendar based upon availability of members of the board. We discussed it at the work session or the April 4th meeting to combine the meetings. The combined board meeting in May is because of the election. This is what we normally do when we have an election.

Mrs. Valenti stated that the next combined meeting will held on May 23rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kopko, second by Mr. Stofko.

Lara Best, President

David Alberigi, Secretary