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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, December 14, 2021, 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. Five 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 followed by a moment of silence for former school board member, Gil Dominick, who passed sadly passed away last week. Mr. Dominick was a tenured public servant twenty year Wyoming Area board member and believed he served as President of the PSBA. Mr. Supey called the meeting to order at 7:24 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, Shaun Rohland, Director of Discipline/Kindergarten Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Center Principal, Kristi Naylor, School Psychologist, Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum/Assistant Director of Special Education, Vanessa Nee, Director of Special Education, Brian Strazdus, Elementary Principal of Intermediate Center, David Pacchioni, Elementary Principal of Primary Center, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Betsy O'Malley, Food Service Director, Isaac Darby and Dallas Woodruff, Student Representatives.

Communications Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their regular board meeting minutes of October 27, 2021.
2. John Bonin, Head Volleyball Coach, submitting his letter of resignation.
3. Melanie Leo, Assistant Varsity Field Hockey Coach, submitting her letter of resignation.
4. Libby Krokos, Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18, requesting permission to use classrooms at the Secondary Center for the 2022 Extended School Year Program.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

- 1. Congratulations to the Christmas Card Contest Winners: Autumn Williams, 3rd Grade student at the Primary Center and Petra Pribula, 9th Grade student at the Secondary Center.**
- 2. Mrs. Supey's life skills class at the Intermediate Center made food for their Thanksgiving dinner and set a beautiful table. Thank you to Miss Gail and Miss Jenn for all your help.**





Solicitor's Report

Attorney Ferentino reported an executive session was held tonight at 5:30 p.m. to discuss several personnel matters, two agreements on the agenda this evening as well as briefing our board and new membership on the status of Act 93 Compensation Plan. They will be doing a discuss session in the near future.

Student Representative's Report

Isaac Darby reported the senior class will be having the winter formal at the Fox Hill Country Club on December 23rd.

Dallas Woodruff reported the junior class is still working on the semi-formal dance. It will be hosted at the Banks Waterfront on February 4, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Students will be allowed to bring guests from other schools with a permission slip. Ticket prices will soon be decided.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer's Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	12,031,755.66
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,939.86
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	72,458.16
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	125,341.31
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	21,438.42
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	132,455.34
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	256,771.49

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

Finance Report

Mr. Kopko read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	442,887.80
Local Services Tax	5,014.53
Per Capita Tax	2,625.66
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>3,220.67</u>
Total:	453,748.66

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security	165,542.41
Health Services	39,552.71
School District Special Education	<u>245,570.00</u>
Total:	450,665.12

2021 Real Estate Taxes

George Miller – West Pittston Borough	211,650.54
Ann Marie Farley – Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	48,798.77
Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough	141,766.48
Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough	168,278.26
Wayman Smith – Exeter Twp., Luzerne County	155,661.58
Thomas Pizano – Exeter Borough	<u>235,744.65</u>
Total:	961,900.28

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Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	25,934.37	
Wyoming County	<u>112.70</u>	
Total:		26,047.07

2. Approve the December 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 December payment of \$61,277.10 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2021-2022 school year.
4. Approve the December 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 Settlement Agreement for Grievance #1/21-22 filed on October 12, 2021 and Grievance #2/21-22 filed on October 15, 2021.
6. Approve change order from Richard Mellow Corp., for Natatorium HVAC equipment replacement at a total of \$7,700.00.
7. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Wyoming Area Education Association PSEA/NEA and the Wyoming Area School District for Compensation in Lieu of Comp Time for Class Coverages and COVID-19 Related Preparation Work.
8. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: December 2021	829,236.25	
Prepays: November 2021	<u>40,456.38</u>	869,692.63
Cafeteria Account:	65,732.37	
Athletic Account:	<u>5,996.85</u>	<u>71,729.22</u>
	Total:	941,421.85

Motion by Mr. Kopko, second by Mr. Pribula, 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 Phil Campenni as a representative to the West Side Career & Technology Center Joint Operating Committee for a three year term.

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

Activities Report

Mr. Porfirio read the Activities Report.

1. Accept, with regret, John Bonin, Head Volleyball Coach, submitting his letter of resignation.
2. Accept, with regret, Melanie Leo, Assistant Varsity Field Hockey Coach, submitting her letter of resignation.
3. Approve the appointment of Jada Sharp as a volunteer coach for Girls Basketball for the 2021-2022 winter sports season.
4. Approve the appointment of John Hettes as a volunteer coach for elementary Wrestling for the 2021-2022 winter sports season.

Motion by Mr. Porfirio, second by Ms. Best, 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. Approve the request of Libby Krokos, Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18, to use twelve classrooms for the 2022 Extended School Year Program on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for six weeks starting June 28, 2022 and ending August 5, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
2. Approve to rescind the appointment of Tara Konycki as a personal care aide.
3. Approve the appointment of Tara Konycki as a paraprofessional.

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

Mr. Campenni reported that the pool is nearly done and should be ready to swim in a few weeks.

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.

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Bids Report

Mrs. Valenti read the Bids Report.

The bids for the Tennis Court Renovations Project were advertised on the following dates:

Citizens Voice
Monday, November 1, 2021
Monday, November 8, 2021
Monday, November 15, 2021

Times Leader
Wednesday, November 3, 2021
Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Wednesday, November 17, 2021

The bids were opened on November 22, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Successful Bidder for Sitework Construction: Grace Industries

Successful Bidder for Electrical Construction: Richard Mellow Corp.

Motion to amend the agenda to include a motion to award the district’s wide air purification equipment project in the amount of \$346,892.00 to Troy Mechanical Inc.

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

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

Roll Call for motion to amend: 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.

Attorney Ferentino stated that they were briefed tonight by one of our professionals that the timing of the awarding of that bid, that amendment had to be made.

Motion by Mrs. Valenti to accept the tennis court renovation project, second by Mr. Pribula.

Roll for bids report: 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 November 2021
Total Calls for Service**

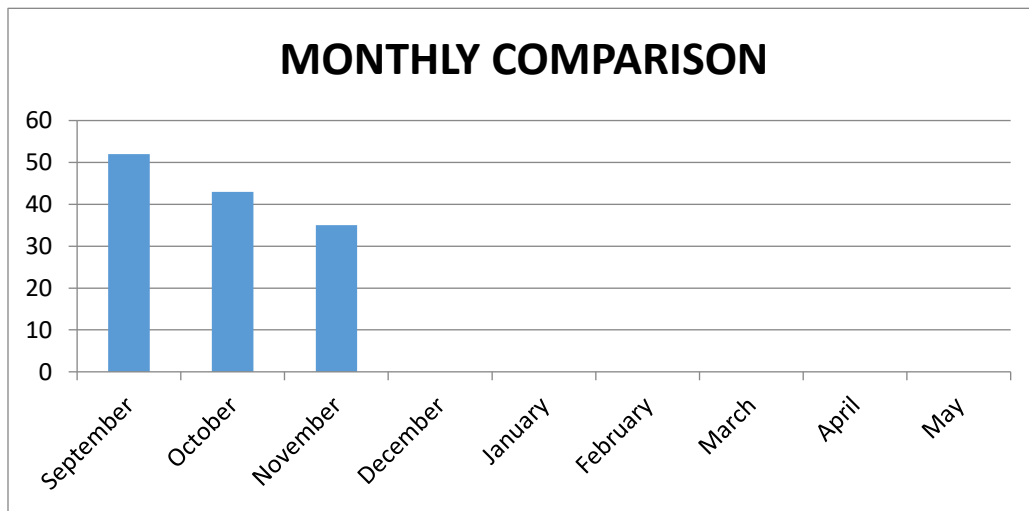
<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0002	Transport	1
0690	Theft – Reports	2
1490	Criminal Mischief – Reports	2
2400	Disorderly Conduct	3
2450	Harassment	2

2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	5
2690	All Other Offenses - Reports	3
3610	Disturbances – Juvenile	4
4090	Non-Criminal – Reports	4
7016	Follow Up Information	4
7506	Assisting Other Agencies – All Others	1
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	4

Total 35

Monthly Comparison

<u>October Calls for Service</u> 43	<u>November Calls for Service</u> 35	<u>Plus/Minus Comparison</u> -8
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At this time, Mr. Supey spoke about an incident at the Secondary Center that was being investigated early last week, just to be clear and transparent, we have good procedures in place and it's an opportunity to really assess how we do these things and if we're doing things right. Are we disseminating information as well as we can? Mr. Supey stated that going forward the board is going to be talking about that and he wanted to make the public aware of that.

Open Discussion:

Mrs. Valenti wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Virtual Questions:

Amanda O'Donnell – requested a waiver so her child didn't have to mask but didn't hear anything back. Mrs. Serino responded that the person should contact their building principal. Patrick Gavin – commented kids are playing sports but are still made to wear masks. Attorney Ferentino responded that we are following PIAA guidelines and protocols.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. Alberigi.

Michael Supey, President

David Alberigi, Secretary