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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, January 25, 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. Mr. Supey called the meeting to order at 7:15 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, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Building Principal, Shaun Rohland, Director of Discipline/Kindergarten Principal, Kristi Naylor, School Psychologist, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Isaac Darby and Dallas Woodruff, Student Representatives.

Communications Report

Mr. Alberigi read additions to the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their regular board meeting minutes of November 17, 2021.
2. West Side Career & Technology Center submitting their minutes of the Joint Operating Committee on November 22, 2021.
3. Quinn Gillespie, Paraprofessional Aide, submitting her letter of resignation.
4. Ballots submitted to Wyoming Area school board members to elect board members as officers of the West Side Career & Technology Center Joint Operating Committee for 2022.
5. Ballots submitted to Wyoming Area school board members to elect three board members to the LIU #18 Board to fulfill the unexpired term of the district's previously appointed representative.
6. Ballots submitted to Wyoming Area school board members to elect four directors and one "at large" director whose terms expire June 30, 2022 on the LIU #18 Board. They are nominated for another three year term.
7. Janet Serino, Superintendent, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
8. Kathleen Youells, Level I Secretary, requesting permission to take a medical leave with intent to retire.
9. Graceann Tokar, part-time Cafeteria employee, submitting her letter of resignation.
10. Amy Esposito, Secondary Math Teacher, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.

11. Pam Crane, Wyoming Area Swim Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
12. Jacqueline Urban, part-time Cleaner, requesting permission to take an unpaid medical leave of absence.
13. Lisa Hogan, First Grade Teacher, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
14. Carla Deprimo, Paraprofessional Aide, requesting permission to take a leave without pay.
15. Courtney DeLucca, Fifth Grade Teacher, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.

Summary of Applications Received

English – 2

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Supey asked for approval of the minutes of the combined board meeting on December 14, 2021. All board members voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. January is School Director Recognition Month honoring those who volunteer their time and talents for the betterment of public education in our community. Ms. Holmes has placed the certificates in their binders recognizing our board members for their commitment to education.
2. The Pennsylvania Department of Education, Office for Safe Schools has awarded our District \$12,000 for 2021-2022 Safe School Initiative Targeted Grant.
3. Mr. Pizano, our athletic director entered our school in Jersey Mike's School Spirit. Our school displayed the most school spirit and shared it via social media during the Homecoming game. We are one of the top 10 winning schools! Jersey Mike's will be sending a \$500 check donation to be used for athletic or educational purposes. Congratulations to our cheerleaders and student section!!
4. It is a Kindergarten tradition to make Gingerbread Houses with the students in celebration of the Winter Holiday. Here are a few pictures of Mrs. Kearns and Mrs. Merkel's classes working on their gingerbread houses.



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5. Kindergarten students are learning about different types of Shapes and Solids in Math. Some shapes are 2 dimensional while some are 3 dimensional. To practice this the students made shapes using marshmallows and toothpicks. Here are some pictures of the students building their shapes or solids.





Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino read the Solicitor’s Report.

Attorney Ferentino reported that the board met tonight and last week in executive session and discussed pending litigation matters, security and personnel matters.

Student Representative’s Report

Dallas Woodruff reported that the junior class is working on the semi-formal for February 4th and are making preparations for the prom in the spring.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer’s Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	11,857,553.27
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,941.50
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	229,149.51
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	134,127.52
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	22,702.97

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First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	132,456.86
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	256,782.39

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

Finance Report

Mr. Kopko read additions to the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	32,373.30
Local Services Tax	341.67
Per Capita Tax	1,073.00
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>4,991.33</u>
Total:	38,779.30

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Retirement	783,927.46
PlanCon Bond Projects	75,810.41
Medicaid Admin Claims	7,261.96
Basic Education Funding	1,230,267.00
IU Contributions 2020-21	(30,987.37)
School District Transportation	449,839.00
Cares Act-ESSER Fund	114,970.88
Non Public Transportation	<u>32,918.00</u>
Total:	2,664,007.34

2021 Real Estate Taxes

George Miller – West Pittston Borough	149,910.67
Ann Marie Farley – Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	61,281.24
Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough	62,519.77
Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough	47,222.41
Wayman Smith – Exeter Twp., Luzerne County	30,344.68
Thomas Pizano – Exeter Borough	<u>219,062.67</u>
Total:	570,341.44

Delinquent Real Estate Tax

Wyoming County	4,905.78
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Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	33,813.90
Wyoming County	<u>1,803.20</u>
Total:	35,617.10

In Lieu of Taxes

Wyoming County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities	559.62
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2. Approve the January 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 January payment of \$61,277.10 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2021-2022 school year.
4. Approve the January 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 following refund of \$748.37 to 17-A10-00A-40F-000 for paid property taxes for the 2021 year.
6. Approve the following refund of \$117.48 to 66-E10SE1-004-004-027-000 for paid property taxes for the 2021 year.
7. Approve the payment to Luzerne Intermediate Unit at a total of \$17,651.50 for ESL instructional hours:

August/September hours -	21.75
October hours -	114.00
November hours -	<u>69.50</u>
	205.25 hours at \$86.00 = \$17,651.50
8. Approve to adopt a resolution indicating that the Board of School Directors will not raise the rate of any tax for support of public schools for the fiscal year 2022-2023 by more than its index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
9. Approve the agreement with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Community and School Based Behavioral Health Teams – IBHS Services: Group & Individual.
10. Approve the Client Services Agreement with Soliant Health, LLC.
11. Approve change order #1 from Troy Mechanical, Inc., regarding FRP platform for area over pit in pool mechanical room at a total increase of \$11,062.00.
12. Approve the payment of \$265,483.80 to Troy Mechanical, Inc., for the Natatorium Pool Sand Filter, of which \$250,000.00 is to be paid out of Capital Projects Account and \$15,483.80 out of General Fund.
13. Approve the following refund of \$1,718.27 to 16-E10S1-002-002-000 for paid property taxes for year 2021.
14. Approve a rate increase for substitute teachers from \$100.00 to \$120.00 per day.
15. Approve the Wyoming Area School District’s Administration Compensation Plan pursuant to Act 93 of 1984, 24 P.S. Sect. 1164 retroactive to July 1, 2021.
16. Approve to extend educational fund for student #3000393 for one year effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
17. Motion to approve to employ or contract the services of a grant writer.
18. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: January 2022	1,160,273.69	
Prepays: December 2021	<u>81,683.22</u>	1,241,956.91

Cafeteria Account:	155,270.91	
Athletic Account:	<u>4,526.00</u>	<u>159,796.91</u>

Total: 1,401,753.82

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. Best voted no on item #14 and yes on remaining report. 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 additions to 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 to readopt the Pennsylvania School Boards Association Principles for Governance and Leadership Resolution.
3. Accept, with regret, Janet Serino's letter of intent to retire as Superintendent effective June 6, 2022.
4. Approve the request of Amy Esposito, Secondary Math Teacher, to take a medical leave of absence for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
5. Approve the appointment of Michael Parduski as a long term substitute teacher for Erica Robaczewski, Science Teacher, retroactive to September 1, 2021 for the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year, at the step placement Bachelors +0, Step 4, \$40,883.00 (pro-rated according to the duration of assignment).
6. Approve the request of Lisa Hogan, First Grade Teacher, to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to December 6, 2021 through approximately March 11, 2022.
7. Approve the request of Courtney DeLucca, Fifth Grade Teacher, to take a medical leave of absence effective January 25, 2022 through approximately February 22, 2022.
8. Approve the step placement of Alan Hanczyc, Professional Employee, at Masters +36, Step 6, \$60,343.00 (pro-rated according to his start date).

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. 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 additions to Activities Report.

1. Approve the appointments of the following head coaches for the 2021-2022 spring sports season. Salary as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Baseball	Rob Lemoncelli
Boys Lacrosse	Mason Byers
Girls Lacrosse	Carl DeLuca
Softball	John McNeil
Boys Tennis	Bill Roberts
Track & Field	Joe Pizano

2. Approve the request of Pam Crane, Wyoming Area Swim Parents Association, to hold a Bagging for Gerrity's fundraiser on January 22, 2022 and lottery ticket fundraiser in February 2022.

3. Approve the appointment of Carl Yorina as a volunteer coach for the Science Olympiad.

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. 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 additions to Building Report.

1. Approve to rescind the appointment of Donna Brdaric as a Paraprofessional Aide and appoint her as a Personal Care Aide retroactive to December 20, 2021.
2. Approve the appointment of Tia Atkins as a Personal Care Aide.
3. Approve the request of Kathleen Youells, Level I Secretary, to take a medical leave of absence effective February 22, 2022 through June 29, 2022, with intent to retire at this time.
4. Accept, with regret, Graceann Tokar's letter of resignation as part-time Cafeteria employee, effective February 4, 2022.
5. Accept, with regret, Quinn Gillespie's letter of resignation as a Paraprofessional Aide, retroactive to January 7, 2022.
6. Approve the request of Jacqueline Urban, part-time Cleaner, to take an unpaid medical leave of absence retroactive to January 10, 2022 through approximately March 31, 2022.
7. Approve the request of Carla DePrimo, Paraprofessional Aide, to take an unpaid leave of absence effective February 1, 2022 until March 4, 2022.
8. Approve the appointment of Carolyn Baloga as a permanent (4 hour) Food Service employee.

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9. Approve to create a change in title for Chris Alberigi, School Police Officer, to Chief of District Police and Director of Safety & Security. This will be a twelve month position and included in Act 93.

10. Approve the appointment of Melissa Appel as a Personal Care Aide.

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

On the Question: Mr. Campenni asked if there was a job description for item #9. Mr. Kopko responded no, he (Alberigi) will carry out his duties as created and mandated by the state. Mr. Campenni asked what the salary will be. Mr. Kopko responded it would go from a ten month position to a twelve month position. Mr. Melone stated he gets \$49,300 estimated. He would get close to \$59,000. \$10,000 increase.

Mr. Porfirio asked if this position will enhance security in this building or any building. Mr. Kopko responded that there are mandates by the state. Forms and reporting needs to be compiled and data. After Mr. Porfirio asked haven't we been doing that, Mr. Kopko responded no, the crisis manual has to be submitted yet because training has to take place that he (Alberigi) has to do and get certified and get other people certified. There is a whole lot of things after you've done this. Mr. Porfirio stated he can't understand why it took so long for us to get to that point. Mr. Porfirio also stated so he's been doing this for ten months and now all of a sudden you're not sure what you're going to add but we're just going to add it on and throw money at it. Mr. Kopko responded that it is a combined position, police and director, he's going to work on both now and get it in order. Asked by Mr. Porfirio, Mr. Melone stated the budget amount is \$190,000. Mr. Porfirio commented the salary amount is the same as the Chief of Police in West Pittston, West Wyoming, Wyoming. So, he's on equal pay or greater in some of those towns, for security that's only done in a building for eight hours. Mr. Kopko responded he does summertime and nights for different things at school even on the weekend he has met him there for fire alarms.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, no on item #9 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Stofko, no on item #9 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Porfirio, no on item #9 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi abstained on item #9 and yes on remaining report.

Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Supey read the Policy Report.

1. Approve the first reading of revised policies and attachment from Volume VI 2021:

Policy 610: Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation

Policy 611: Purchases Budgeted

Policy 626: Procurement Federal Programs Attachment

Motion by Mr. Supey, second by Ms. Best, to accept the policy report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. 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

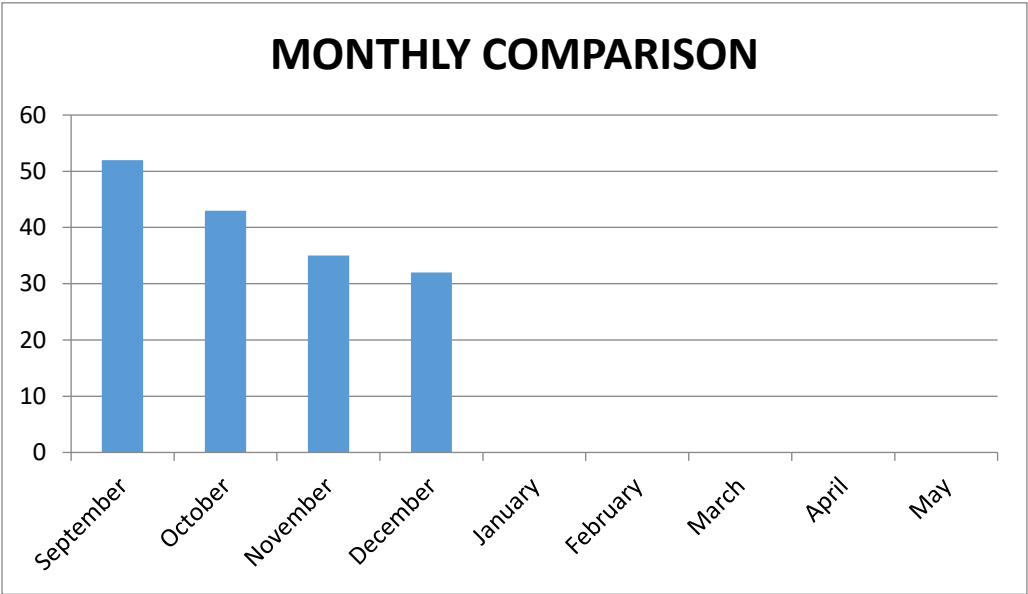
Mr. Kopko read the Police Report.

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Monthly Report for December 2021
Total Calls for Service

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0690	Theft - Reports	1
2400	Disorderly Conduct	1
2450	Harassment	2
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	4
2690	All Other Offenses - Reports	6
2910	Lost/ Missing Property	1
3100	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
3900	Traffic & Parking Problems	2
4090	Non-Criminal – Reports	1
7016	Follow Up Information	6
9997	Child Custody	1
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	6
Total		32

Monthly Comparison

<u>November Calls for Service</u>	<u>December Calls for Service</u>	<u>Plus/Minus Comparison</u>
35	32	-3



Open Discussion:

- Walter Stevens – Going virtual for 2 weeks after the holiday. (Mrs. Valenti and Ms. Best stated they were against it) Mr. Supey responded it didn’t make sense to bring everyone back together after their holiday. Lunch could have been coordinated better according to Mr. Stevens.
- Patrick Gavin – Is there a policy for punishment for students not wearing a mask? Attorney Ferentino responded that there are masking requirements under our policies 218 and 221. Under Title 24 510, Title 24 or Title 22 pa code 12.3 and 12.4, the board and district can set certain policies consistent with health and safety regulations. If they are not compliant then a child can be disciplined. Mr. Pribula, Board Member, stated he was for the students wearing masks.

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Attorney Ferentino also stated that no, there is no specific rule for punishment of students. Mr. Gavin stated that the district is enforcing an illegal mandate. Mr. Gavin and Attorney Ferentino continued the discussion.

- Mike Bugelholl, Maintenance – Explained a sewer situation that happened at the school and wanted to clear up rumors about him not responding to the situation.
- Daneen Kearns, Kindergarten teacher – Would like to have Principal, Shaun Rohland, at JFK more hours than he currently is.
- Megan Normand, a parent, asked if there was a total of how many kids have tested positive for Covid? Principal, Shaun Rohland stated they did weekly numbers that were reported to the state. The nurses keep a record. Mrs. Normand also asked if it (covid) can be contracted outside school and Attorney Ferentino said yes.
- Dave, a parent, asked if students with medical reasons are allowed to stay home and do virtual. Attorney Ferentino said yes.

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

At this time, Mr. Campenni commented that the district has alot of clubs in sports and in the past there was a reduction in salary so the district could save money. He went on to say that some people come in and we have money and others we don't. Mr. Campenni commented that the budget is currently being done and he doesn't know where all this money is coming from. We are giving money out like a cash cow. Mr. Campenni stated he hopes it doesn't affect our tax increase this year.

Mr. Supey acknowledged Mrs. Serino for putting in her letter to retire. Mr. Supey thanked Mrs. Serino for being a great partner and for giving us many years of service to the district.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Stofko, second by Ms. Best.

Michael Supey, President

David Alberigi, Secretary