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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, November 18, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

The 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. Approximately ten people of the public were in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Mr. Philip Campenni, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Mr. Philip Campenni, President
Mr. Peter Butera, Vice President
Mr. David Alberigi, Secretary
Mr. Joseph Kopko, Treasurer
Mrs. Erica Gazda
Mr. Michael Kachmarsky
Mrs. Kirby Kunkle
Mr. Michael Supey
Mrs. Mara Valenti

Also present were: Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, District Solicitor, Mr. Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Greg Riley, Secondary Center Building Principal, Doug Piazza, Principal of Discipline, Dave Pacchioni, Kindergarten Center Building Principal, William Wright, Primary Center Building Principal, Jason Jones, Technology Director, Michael Bugelholl, Director of Facilities, Kennedy Debo, Sr. Student Representative and Jr. Leah Haddock, in place of Ella Keefer who was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Campenni asked for approval of the minutes of October 28, 2025. All board member present voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pollard read his report.

1. Thank you to Rich Murawski Electric for letting us use the bucket truck so that Skip Stocknick can fix the scoreboard.
2. Volunteers needed for YES! Your Economic Success. This is a hands-on, interactive learning experience that introduces middle school students to career readiness and financial literacy. The program is facilitated by corporate and community volunteers who also share their work and life experiences with the students. The program will be held on January 28, 2026 at our Secondary Center for 7th and 8th grades.
3. Our gifted students visited the Wyoming Valley airport in October. Several of the students are interested in aviation careers. The students met with several airline pilots and they were able to sit in the aircraft and see the inside of the cockpit.



4. The Kindergarten Center would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Exeter Lions Club for providing Halloween candy bags for each one of our Kindergarten students. Thank you for your generosity and continued support



5. The students at the Wyoming Area Intermediate Center participated in a parade and Trunk or Treat on Halloween. The students paraded around the school and received candy in the playground from community members. The Intermediate Center would like to thank the PTO, parents, and guardians, for their hard work and support to make our Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat successful.





6. The Title I Schoolwide Program hosted a “Literacy Under the Lights” event, where students enjoyed an evening of storytelling, a magic show, coloring activities, and making s’mores bags. Wyoming Area student-athletes volunteered their time to assist throughout the event. The district extends its sincere thanks to guest authors Denise Kaminsky, Mark Smith, and Glenn Davis for their participation and support in promoting a love of reading.



7. During fire prevention week in October, The Primary Center was visited by the Wyoming and West Wyoming fire departments. Students learned about fire safety, equipment use, and had the opportunity to see the cab of the fire trucks. On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff we thank you for keeping our community safe. We look forward to your visit each year.



8. The Primary Center held a pep rally for the Wyoming Area and Pittston Area football game. School MVPs had lunch with the principal and were invited to a special performance by the cheerleaders and football players. The entire school congregated outside for the pep rally. Students had an amazing time, cheering on WA. Thank you to the cheerleaders, football players, band members, faculty and staff for an amazing job.



9. The Wyoming Area Drama Club and the Thespian Society #4795 will be presenting Agatha Christie's "And Then There Were None" this weekend. Showtimes are November 21st and 22nd at 7:00 pm and Sunday, November 23rd at 2:00.

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Communications Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their meeting minutes of September 24, 2025.
2. West Side Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee submitting their meeting minutes of September 22, 2025.
3. Employee #15420 requesting permission to extend a medical leave of absence.
4. Employee #150 requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
5. Ami Bealla, Wyoming Area Swim Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
6. Employee #20649 submitting a letter of resignation.

Summary of Applications Received

Teacher’s Aide – 1

Food Service - 5

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino reported an executive session was held at 5:15 p.m. Ongoing collective bargaining matters, a personnel matter and matters within the confines of our executive session.

Student Representative’s Report

Kennedy Debo, Senior, reported Grad pack order day for the seniors is on Wednesday, November 20th at lunch. The scholarship meeting for the seniors was Wednesday, November 12th at 7 p.m. The senior class bingo was on Saturday, November 15th. Winter formal is December 19th at Fox Hill with the Theme being “Candy Cane Lane”. Finally, The Lady Warriors soccer team made it to Districts 2.

Leah Haddock, Junior, reported that the junior class held a fundraiser for their class with WA versus PA t-shirts are in the works for planning a semi in February depending on the amount of student participation.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer’s Report.

Peoples Security Bank & Trust	General Fund	10,870,039.68
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Payroll Account	7,213.69
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Cafeteria Account	5,768.20
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Student Activities Account	157,201.38
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Athletic Fund Account	22,255.74

Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Purchasing Account	500.53
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	153,372.81
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Series 2022 GON Account	193,136.25
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Money Market Account	2,059,010.26

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

Finance Report

Mr. Butera read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Berkheimer Income Tax</u>	
Earned Income Tax	123,516.30
Local Services Tax	591.31
Per Capita Tax	4,548.00
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>3,034.44</u>
Total:	131,690.05
<u>2025 Real Estate Taxes</u>	
Thomas Pizano, Exeter Borough	336,482.43
George Miller, West Pittston Borough	112,456.56
Robert Connors, West Wyoming Borough	57,431.93
Carol Bardzel, Exeter Twp., Wyo. County	38,567.59
Paul Konopka, Wyoming Borough	223,683.37
Wayman Smith, Exeter Twp., Luzerne County (Sept.)	2,209,597.00
Wayman Smith, Exeter Twp., Luzerne Count (Oct.)	<u>58,316.39</u>
Total:	3,036,535.27
<u>State & Federal Subsidy Payments</u>	
Property Tax Relief Payment	410,248.35
PURTA	<u>20,765.71</u>
Total:	431,014.06
<u>Local Realty Transfer Tax</u>	
Luzerne County	23,658.62
Wyoming County	<u>931.00</u>
Total:	24,589.62
<u>Delinquent Real Estate Tax</u>	
Wyoming County	23,803.86

2. Approve the November 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 November payment of \$68,161.62 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2025-2026 school year.

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- 4. Approve the tentative collective bargaining agreement between Wyoming Area School District and Wyoming Area Education Association for three years, September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2028. Subject to final written approval by the Superintendent, Solicitor and Wyoming Area Education Association NE-PSEA.
- 5. Approve the following refunds for paid property taxes for the year 2025:

16-E11NW3-001-004-000	1,848.36
66-E10SE1-011-016-000	1,862.00

- 6. Approve the request of the Wyoming Area School District Tax Collectors to receive compensation regarding collection of installment payments for the 2025 real estate taxes in the amount of \$2,017.50.
- 7. Approve the appointment of Clifton Larson Allen, LLP., to perform the June 30, 2025 financial and single audit at a cost of \$23,500.00.
- 8. Approve Total Grant Solutions contract (formerly Edu Consult) pending final approval by the Superintendent, Solicitor and Business Manager.
- 9. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing:	686,138.35	
Prepays: October 2025	<u>160,941.59</u>	847,079.94
Cafeteria Account:	77,150.29	
Athletic Account:	<u>11,184.50</u>	<u>88,334.79</u>
	Total:	935,414.73

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

On the Question: Vannessa Smith, Exeter, questioned item #4, major changes. Attorney Ferentino responded right now is a step increase with an additional \$800 annual raise. The majority of the contract remains as it is. There’s a premium share for health benefits. Mrs. Smith asked for clarification on item #8, Total Grant Solutions. Dr. Pollard responded it is a fee of \$2,000.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky voted yes, Mr. Supey voted no on item #8 and yes on remaining report. Mrs. Valenti voted no on item #8 and yes on remaining report. Mrs. Kunkle voted no on item #8 and yes on remaining report. Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera voted no on item #8 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mrs. Gazda read the Education Report.

- 1. Reporting as per Federal Regulations Requirement that the District’s Federal Programs (Title I, Title II, Title III and Title IV) have been planned for the 2025-2026 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, at the District’s Business Office.
- 2. Approve the request of employee #15420 to extend a medical leave of absence through the end of the second quarter with intent to return January 20, 2026.

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

On the Question: Mr. Supey questioned the title funding. Dr. Pollard responded the title money is all federal dollars and that money had already been earmarked in the previous budget cycle. It is sitting there, however, Pennsylvania is one of I think 17 states that requires the state to have a budget for that money to flow. So, now that the state budget has been passed, that money should start to trickle into our coffers pretty quickly.

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

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mrs. Valenti read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the following head coaches for the 2025-2026 spring sports season:

Baseball	Rob Lemoncelli
Boys Tennis	Bill Roberts
Track & Field	Joe Pizano

2. Approve the request of Ami Bealla, Wyoming Area Swim Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers, subject to approval by the Superintendent and School Solicitor.

- Sponsorship Banners – 11/19/25 to 11/30/25
- Clothing Fundraiser – 11/20/25 to 12/5/25
- Gerrity's Bagging – December
- Meet the Warriors Raffle – Outdoor Signs – 12/4/25
- College Block Pool – 1/2/26

3. Approve the appointment of Frank DeAngelo as volunteer coach for boys basketball for the 2025-2026 winter sports season.

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

On the Question: Mr. Campenni questioned item #2, College Block Pool, does it need a gaming license? Attorney Ferentino responded he believed so and it depends on what the prizes are too. If they are cash prizes? We will check. Dr. Pollard stated it would have to be compliant with the policy to have it.

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

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mrs. Kunkle read the Building Report.

1. Approve the request of employee #150 to take a medical leave of absence effective January 5, 2026 through the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

2. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list.

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3. Accept, with regret, employee #20649 letter of resignation effective December 12, 2025.

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

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

Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Kachmarsky read the Policy Report.

1. Approve the first reading of the following policies:

- Policy #913.1 Advertising in Schools (new policy)
- Policy #122 Extracurricular Activities

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

On the Question: Vannessa Smith, Exeter, asked if policy Advertising In Schools was more geared towards like scouting programs or GWA baseball and football or more towards ballet dance and things like that nature. Dr. Pollard responded it is more in line with local businesses that provide goods and services to generate revenue. Mrs. Smith asked to clarify the extracurricular policy. Dr. Pollard responded the major change is about the addition of PIAA sports going forward.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera voted no on Policy 122 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Police Report

Mr. Kopko read the Police Report.

1. Approve to ratify the August/September Police Report.

**Wyoming Area Police Department
Monthly Report for August/September 2025
Total Calls for Service**

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0451	Terroristic Threats	1
0452	Threat Assessment	4
1810	Drug Violations	1
2400	Disorderly Conduct	5
2450	Harassment	7
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	3
2647	Protective Orders	1
2690	All Other Offenses – Reports	4
3400	Mental Health	1
3610	Disturbances – Juvenile	2
3900	Traffic & Parking Problems	1
4090	Non-Criminal – Reports	3
7016	Follow Up Information	1
7504	Assist Other Agencies – Other Police	2
9997	Child Custody	1
S2S	Safe-2-Say Reports	4
Total		41

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Monthly Report for October 2025
Total Calls for Service

CODE		COUNT
0451	Terroristic Threats	1
1532	Weapons – Possession - Knife	1
1890	Narcotics - Reports	2
2400	Disorderly Conduct	3
2450	Harassment	10
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	1
2632	All Other Offenses	1
3100	Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
3501	Suspicious Persons, Autos, Circumstances	1
3610	Disturbances – Juvenile	2
4090	Non-Criminal – Reports	10
7501	EMS Assist	1
7505	Assist Other Agencies – WARP	1
7506	Assisting Other Agencies – All Others	2
S2S	Safe-2-Say Reports	5
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	3
Total		46

Open Discussion:

Mr. Butera, Board Member, commented on the cyber reform. When the budget was passed he saw a lot of politicians both locally and statewide up to the governor saying how they passed cyber reform and the numbers are actually costing our school more money this year than last year. It’s his understanding that our cyber costs are going up from 2.4 million to about 3 million this year and we’re not getting no help.

Vannessa Smith, Exeter – Wyoming Area Wrestling Parents Association President thanked the school board, administration, all of our advocates and all of the parents that stood up to please support a girls team. She thanked the board at large and any board members going out. Mrs. Smith also asked about volunteering for Jr. Achievement. Mrs. Valenti responded they will be given a lesson to teach the class and play a game at the end. It could be balancing a checkbook or writing a resume. She was told to contact Mrs. Rutledge for more information.

Mr. Campenni announced the reorganization meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Campenni thanked Mr. Supey for his last 4 years on the board. Through his tenure, he served 2 years as President. His time and dedication is much appreciated by everyone on the board, faculty, staff and the students. Mr. Campenni wished Mr. Supey luck and success in all his future endeavors. A plaque was presented to Mr. Supey.

Mr. Supey stated that it was an amazing experience from start to finish and thanked everyone.

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

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. Alberigi.

Philip Campenni, President

David Alberigi, Secretary