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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, October 28, 2025, 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. 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
Mrs. Mara Valenti

Absent:

Mr. Michael Supey

Also present were: Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, District Solicitor, Mr. Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Dave Pacchioni, Kindergarten Center Building Principal, Brian Strazdus, Intermediate Center Building Principal, William Wright, Primary Center Building Principal, Greg Riley, Secondary Center Building Principal, Kennedy Debo, Student Representative.

Communications Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their meeting minutes of August 6, 2025.
2. West Side Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee submitting their meeting minutes of August 25, 2025.
3. Employee #20044 requesting permission to take a personal leave of absence.
4. Jaime Marcellini, Wyoming Area Hockey Board President, requesting a donation.
5. Right to Know Request for police reports from August 25th-29th and September 1st-24th.
6. Employee #15420 requesting an extension to a medical leave of absence.
7. Rhonda Pizano, Wyoming Area Field Hockey Parents Association, requesting permission to hold a fundraiser.
8. Employee #20489 requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
9. Chuck Yarmey, Drama Club Advisor, requesting that the district cover the cost of transportation and driver housing for the Pennsylvania State Thespian Conference at Parkland High School in Allentown, PA.
10. Right to Know Request for tax collector's real estate monthly reports.
11. Kelly Bone, Tiny Learners Learning Center, requesting permission to rent the auditorium and classroom for their holiday show.

12. Employee #20054 requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
13. Kim Gittens, Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
14. Joe Pizano, Athletic Director, requesting permission to attend the annual Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Conference in Hershey, PA.
15. Lori DeAngelo requesting permission to use the Secondary Center student/faculty parking lot for The Exeter Borough Turkey Trot.
16. Jacquelyn Kasa, FBLA Advisor, requesting permission to attend the 2025 Pennsylvania Leadership Conference, along with FBLA students, at Kalahari Resort.
17. Right to Know Request for expenditure report for transactions from July 1, 2025 to present time.
18. Employee #13456 requesting permission to extend a medical leave of absence.

Summary of Applications Received

Personal Care Aide – 5
Head Boys Lacrosse Coach – 1
Cleaners - 4

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Campenni asked for approval of the minutes of September 25, 2025. All board members present voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pollard read his report.

1. Our annual Veteran's Day Program is scheduled for November 12th.
If you are a Veteran and would like to attend, please contact the Main Office at 570-655-3733 ext. 2333 or email Mrs. Maureen Pikas (mpikas@wyomingarea.org) for more information.
2. The Exeter Lions Club will be passing out candy bags for the kindergarten students during the Halloween Parade.
3. The Wyoming Area Drama Club and Thespian Society #4795 will be presenting Agatha Christie's – "And Then There Were None". Showtimes are November 21st and 22nd at 7:00 pm and the 23rd at 2:00 pm.
4. We would like to thank the Exeter and West Pittston Fire Departments for visiting the Kindergarten Center to teach our students about fire safety and provide an exciting tour of the fire trucks. The firefighters did a wonderful job explaining how to stay safe in an emergency, showing their gear, and answering the children's questions. Our students loved the hands-on experience and especially enjoyed seeing the fire trucks up close!

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Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino reported the board met for executive session on October 21st and tonight to discuss personnel matters, security matters, ongoing collective bargaining that we have are ongoing and developing and also some pending litigation within the district.

Student Representative’s Report

Kennedy Debo, Senior Class Representative, reported Rivalry week for the Wyoming and Pittston Area football game was October 20th-24th. The Goodwill Luncheon was last Wednesday, October 22nd. The elementary school pep rallies were last Thursday, the 23rd. The Kindergarten and Secondary school were last Friday, the 24th and the PA game was Friday, October 25th. Senior class representatives will participate in an activity with the Kindergarten Center on Halloween. The Senior Class Halloween Parade is Friday, October 31st and will be held in school and live streamed on the WAVE. Lastly, there will be a Senior Class fundraiser selling personal cheese cakes.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer’s Report.

Peoples Security Bank & Trust	General Fund	2,899,241.74
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Payroll Account	7,183.87
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Cafeteria Account	51,980.57
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Student Activities Account	149,699.51
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Athletic Fund Account	14,823.01
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Purchasing Account	500.48
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	152,857.53

Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Series 2022 GON Account	193,048.98
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Money Market Account	2,054,923.50

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

Finance Report

Mr. Butera read additions to the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Berkheimer Income Tax</u>	
Earned Income Tax	41,146.07
Local Services Tax	50.00
Per Capita Tax	3,749.94
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>4,341.40</u>
Total:	49,287.41
<u>2025 Real Estate Taxes</u>	
Thomas Pizano, Exeter Borough	3,184,502.38
George Miller, West Pittston Borough	2,786,561.35
Robert Connors, West Wyoming Borough	1,940,977.29
Carol Bardzel, Exeter Twp., Wyo. County	518,257.08
Paul Konopka, Wyoming Borough	<u>2,067,136.15</u>
Total:	10,497,434.25
<u>State & Federal Subsidy Payments</u>	
PCCD Safety & Mental Health Grant	20,018.88
Medicaid Admin Claims	<u>1,852.46</u>
Total:	21,871.34
<u>Local Realty Transfer Tax</u>	
Luzerne County	13,529.71

2. Approve the October 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 October payment of \$68,161.62 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Approve a credit earned from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Special Education Contracted Professional Services provided to the Wyoming Area School District for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$51,421.00.
5. Approve a credit earned from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to the Personalized Academy of Learning (PAL) Programs provided for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$34,464.00.

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- 6. Approve the final payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to the Partial Hospitalization/Lighthouse Programs for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$28,610.96.
- 7. Approve the Agreement for Community and School Based Behavioral Health Teams, IBHS Services: Group and Individual between the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 and Wyoming Area School District for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 8. Approve to authorize the Secretary of the Board to advertise for RFP’s for the disposal of three pianos and one truck.
- 9. Approve the ratification of the submission of November 1, 2025 payments to Wilmington Trust (M&T Bank) through the intercept program offered by the Commonwealth of PA for the following debt obligations:

General Obligation Notes, Series 20019A	Interest	\$17,256.25
	Principal	<u>0.00</u>
		\$17,256.25
General Obligation Notes, Series 20019B	Interest	\$112,852.75
	Principal	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
		\$117,852.75
General Obligation Bonds, Series 20021A	Interest	\$93,650.00
	Principal	<u>\$1,225,000.00</u>
		\$1,318,650.00
General Obligation Bonds, Series 20021B	Interest	\$15,750.00
	Principal	<u>\$60,000.00</u>
		\$75,750.00

- 10. Approve the November 1, 2025 payment to Fidelity Bank in the amount of \$47,845.00 for the General Obligation Note, Series of 2022 of the Wyoming Area School District.
- 11. Approve to ratify the acceptance of the June 30, 2024 audit prepared by Clifton Larson Allen, LLP.
- 12. Approve the payment of \$1,800.00 to Pennoni Associates, Inc., for Asbestos Abatement Project Management.
- 13. Approve a Resolution of the Wyoming Area School District approving and authorizing the Greater Pittston Economic Development Corporation to apply on its behalf for statewide local share account grant application for gymnasium improvements.
- 14. Approve a resolution by the Board of Directors of the Wyoming Area School District urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to end the state budget impasse.
- 15. Approve addendum to agreement between Wyoming Area School District and ESS Northeast, LLC, which states that the pay rate for an hourly physical therapist is \$75.00, pending approval by the school solicitor.

16. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing:	October 2025	1,129,028.29	
Prepays:	September 2025	<u>535,294.65</u>	1,664,322.94
Cafeteria Account:		69,724.61	
Athletic Account:		<u>11,793.00</u>	<u>81,517.61</u>
Total:		1,745,840.55	

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

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

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mrs. Gazda stated there were no additions to 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 Agreement Regarding Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Free Appropriate Public Education Stipulation for student #3002993 pending approval by the school solicitor.
3. Approve the request of employee #15420 to extend a medical leave of absence from November 3, 2025 through December 2, 2025 with intent to return to work December 3, 2025.
4. Approve the step placement of temporary professional employee, Elisabeth Mead, at Bachelors, Step 4, \$41,838.00, retroactive to August 25, 2025 (pro-rated according to start date).
5. Approve the step placement of long term substitute, Siwar Abdo, at Bachelors, Step 4, \$41,838.00 (pro-rated according to duration of assignment).
6. Approve to rescind Jessica Cupano’s appointment as a Social Worker/Skills for Students Success.
7. Approve the denial of Grievance #25-26:01.
8. Approve the Agreement Regarding Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Free Appropriate Public Education Stipulation for student #3003917 pending approval by the school solicitor.
9. Approve the Agreement Regarding Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Free Appropriate Public Education Stipulation for student #3004010 pending approval by the school solicitor.

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

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Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, 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 additions to the Activities Report.

1. Approve the following appointments for assistants/volunteers for the Drama Club pending submission of clearances.

Morgan Chesna
Rylee Marotto
William Menta
Kimberly Johnson

2. Approve a \$1,000.00 donation to the Wyoming Area Ice Hockey Team for the 2025-2026 sports season.
3. Approve the request of Rhonda Pizano, Wyoming Area Field Hockey Parents Association, to hold a raffle ticket fundraiser on Friday, October 24, 2025 at the stadium.
4. Approve the request of Chuck Yarmey, Drama Club Advisor, for the district to cover the cost of transportation and driver housing for the Pennsylvania State Thespian Conference at Parkland High School in Allentown, PA. held January 2nd through January 4, 2026. The total cost for transportation and driver housing is \$4,576.69.
5. Approve the request of Kim Gittens, Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO, to hold the following fundraisers:
 - Class of Shirts fundraiser starting 11/12/25
 - Booyah Community Nights fundraiser - November 15th, 16th and 17th, 2025
 - Gertrude Hawk Catalog fundraiser – Starting 2/8/26
6. Approve the request of Joe Pizano, Athletic Director, to attend the annual Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Conference in March 2026 at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center in Hershey, PA., at a cost not to exceed \$800.00.
7. Approve the following appointments of assistant and volunteer coaches for the 2025-2026 winter sports season:

BASKETBALL, BOYS

Ian Gilmartin- Assistant Coach
Daniel Wiedl-9th Grade Coach
Tim DePriest-8th Grade Coach
Kevin Vincavage-7th Grade Coach
Alan Kiesinger-Volunteer Coach

BASKETBALL, GIRLS

Mary Price-Assistant Coach
Jada Sharp-9th Grade Coach
Lily Savoy- 8th Grade Coach (Pending clearances)
Morgan Slusser-7th Grade Coach (split salary) (Pending clearances)
Maggie Hallman-7th Grade Coach (split salary)
Ron Foy-Volunteer Coach

WINTER TRACK

Michael Fanti – Volunteer Coach
Kristen Lombardo – Volunteer Coach
Lou DeMark – Volunteer Coach

WRESTLING

Brian Hines-Assistant Coach
Daniel Larson- JH Coach
Pat Heck- Asst. JH Coach
Corey Mruk-Volunteer Coach
Tyler Lutecki – Volunteer Coach
Christopher Cummings-Volunteer Coach
Jon Lark- Volunteer Elem. Coach
Trevor Dennison-Volunteer Elem. Coach
Ted Lasher-Volunteer Elem. Coach
Stephen Arnold-Volunteer Elem. Coach
Todd Bonning- Volunteer Elem. Coach
Mark Chapman- Volunteer Elem. Coach
Charlie Johnson – Volunteer Elem. Coach
Gia Nina Larson – Assistant Wrestling Coach for Girl's Program

SWIM

Ashley Walker – Assistant Coach
Kayla Taddei – Diving Coach

8. Approve the request of Jacquelyn Kasa, FBLA Advisor, to attend the 2025 Pennsylvania Leadership Conference, along with FBLA students, at Kalahari Resort on November 2nd and 3rd, 2025. The club members will fund the event.
9. Approve the request of Vannessa Smith, Wyoming Area Wrestling Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers:
 - Calendar fundraiser for the month of December 2025
 - Yeti Cooler of Cheer – to be sold at wrestling tournament on December 14th
10. Approve the appointment of Tim Little as Head Boys Lacrosse Coach.

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

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, 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 additions to the Building Report.

1. Approve for Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals and Wyoming Area School District to mutually agree to allow any member of the support staff to voluntarily donate one (1) sick leave day during the 2025-2026 school year to be used at the discretion of employee #20076.
2. Approve the request of employee #20489 to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to October 14, 2025 with a tentative return date of December 15, 2025.

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3. Approve the request of employee #20044 to take a personal leave of absence retroactive to October 6, 2025 through November 26, 2025.
4. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list.
5. Approve the request of Kelly Bone, Tiny Learners Learning Center, to rent the auditorium and classrooms for their holiday show on Thursday, December 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal. The organization is responsible for payment of facilities use and security.
6. Approve the request of employee #20054 to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to October 14, 2025 through November 11, 2025.
7. Approve the request of Lori DeAngelo to use the Secondary Center student/faculty parking lot for the Exeter Borough Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 29, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Meeting place is St. Barbara's pavilion.
8. Approve for Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals and Wyoming Area School District to mutually agree to allow any member of the support staff to voluntarily donate one (1) sick leave day during the 2025-2026 school year to be used at the discretion of employee #20489.
9. Approve to adjust hours of Frank DeAngelo as food service worker from 4 hours to 3 hours.
10. Approve to adjust hours of Heather Bonanny as food service worker from 3 hours to 4 hours.
11. Approve the appointment of James Zarichak as 10 month Cleaner.
12. Approve the appointment of Jessica Endrusick as personal care aide.
13. Approve the appointment of Amanda Shay as personal care aide.
14. Approve the appointment of Suzanne Serino as personal care aide.
15. Approve the appointment of Chelsea Inman as personal care aide.
16. Approve the request of employee #13456 to extend a medical leave of absence to February 1, 2026.

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

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda abstained on item #14 and voted yes on remaining report. Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Kachmarski stated there were no additions to the Policy Report.

1. Approve the second reading of revised policies and adoption of new policies:

April 2025 - Volume II

Policy #317 – Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures

Policy #317.1- Educator Misconduct
Policy #320 – Freedom of Speech by Employees
Policy #718 – Service Animals in Schools

June 2025 – Volume III

Policy #626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance
Attachments to Policy 626
Policy #626.1 – Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs
Policy #827 – Conflict of Interest

August 2025 – Volume IV

Policy #102 – Academic Standards
Policy #105 – Curriculum
Policy #122 – Extracurricular Activities
Policy #122.1 – Nonschool-Sponsored Student Groups (new policy)
Policy #123 – Interscholastic Athletics
Policy #209.2 – Diabetes Management (new policy)
Policy #918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement

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

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

Motion passed.

Police Report

Mr. Kopko read the Police Report.

**Wyoming Area Police Department
Monthly Report for 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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Open Discussion:

- Brenda Yurchak, Exeter – Rebecca Yurchak was acknowledged by House of Representatives of PA. regarding her achievements. They were invited to come to Harrisburg where they took pictures and went on a tour.
- Rhonda Piano, Exeter – Establishing a turf facility complex that would be at the Atlas that would serve student athletes, band members, drama members, the entire school community, youth sports, youth club sports and high school club sports.

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

With no further questions or comments the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. Alberigi.

Philip Campenni, President

David Alberigi, Secretary