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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, February 22, 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. Twelve 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. Gerald Stofko
 Mrs. Toni Valenti

Absent: Mr. Leonard Pribula

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Building Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Secondary Center Assistant Principal, Brian Strazdus, Intermediate Center Building Principal, David Pacchioni, Primary Center Building Principal, Shaun Rohland, Director of Discipline/Kindergarten Principal, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Angelo Falzone, Director of Attendance/Transportation, 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 December 15, 2021.
2. West Side Career & Technology Center submitting their minutes of reorganization meeting on December 20, 2022 and regular meeting minutes on December 20, 2022.
3. Gloria Clarillo, part-time cleaner, submitting her letter of resignation.
4. Susan Alaimo, Paraprofessional Aide, requesting permission to take an unpaid medical leave of absence.
5. Lisa Hughes, Personal Care Aide, submitting her letter of resignation.
6. Right to Know Request submitted for a copy of employee names, address, title/position and primary department.
7. Right to Know Request submitted for a copy of collective bargaining agreements and any MOU's.
8. Gerald Stofko, Committee Member, on behalf of the Wyoming/West Wyoming Parade Committee, is cordially inviting the Administration, Board of Education, along with the band and cheerleaders to join them for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. The parade will end at the Wyoming cemetery followed by a ceremony.
9. Right to Know Request submitted for copies of various bonds, policies and liability insurance.

10. Attorney Bill Anzalone, requesting permission to hold the annual UNICO Charitable Football Game at the stadium.
11. Katelyn Moore, School Psychologist, requesting permission to extend her maternity leave.
12. Narda Sperrazza, Choral Teacher, requesting permission to attend the PMEA Region IV Choral Festival at Valley View High School along with two students.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Supey asked for approval of the regular meeting minutes of January 25, 2022. All board members present voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. **The Primary Center had a Red out on Wednesday, February 9th to bring awareness and celebrate Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week. The Primary Center honored one of their very own "heart warriors", first grader Zachary Milewski in Mrs. Bufalino's class. Zachary was born with a heart defect that required life-saving heart surgery. The Primary Center family celebrated his "Heartiversary", on Feb 9th, which was the day he had his heart "repaired".**

Pictured: Zachary is standing in the middle.



2. **The Primary Center collected donations during the month of February for our local SPCA's. The Primary Center collected 1695 items for our four legged friends. Second grade collected the most with 686 items. They will be rewarded with a movie and popcorn later this month which is sponsored by the school wide positive behavior team. Thank you to all the families that donated.**

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3. The Primary Center celebrated the 100th day of school on Thursday, February 11th. Students, faculty and staff were encouraged to dress up like they were 100 years old.



4. Again, we would like to thank NEPA Discount from West Wyoming for donating hand sanitizer to our schools

5. The Friends of Rachel Club, a club found in schools nationwide and formed in memory of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine school shootings, is dedicated to creating a chain reaction of kindness as a way of preventing bullying, violence and suicide. Wyoming Area's Friend of Rachel Club worked for a month to create personalized valentines for every person at the Secondary Center. Over 1,200 valentines were cut out, decorated and hung on students' lockers and teachers' classroom doors. Administration, maintenance and cleaning personnel, cafeteria workers and social works, aides, student observers and student teachers were also included. The Friends of Rachel wanted everyone to walk into school on Valentine's Day and feel special, respected, loved, appreciated, and a valued part of the Wyoming Area family. A contest was held and students were asked to take a selfie with their heart and post it to social media using the club's hashtag for a chance to win a \$10 Dunkin Donuts gift card. The middle school winner was Madison Evans, The high school winner was William Nazario. Thank you to the students and club advisors; Ms. Lisa Day, Mrs. Briana Littzi, Mrs. Carmie Magyar, Mrs. Trudy McAndrew, Mrs. Kate Menta, Mrs. Kelly Pacelli, Mrs. Christine Rutledge and Mrs. Jen Sieger.



6. The PSADA Foundation and the Forst Family Foundation have partnered to present the Pennsylvania Student Leadership Seminars throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The PSADA Foundation supports Coaching Education, Professional Development and Student Scholarship. This partnership allowed six students (sophomores and juniors) and one advisor from each high school in Pennsylvania to attend the "Student Section Hype Booster Seminar." In attendance at the 60 minute zoom seminar were:
 Advisor: Joe Pizano

 Sophomores: Samara Campenni, Dane Schutter

 Juniors: Casey Noone, Dylan Petrucci, Bianca Pizano, Sofia Sabatini

7. Miss Sperrazza was notified that she received a \$500 grant from the Luzerne Foundation, which is given in memory of First Lt. Jeffrey F. DePrimo. The grant is to be used to help cover the cost of taking the Primary Center Third Grade students to the Northeast PA Philharmonic Young Peoples' Concert on May 5, 2022. Miss Sperrazza applies for this grant every year and has been fortunate to receive it for the last several years.

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino reported that an executive session was held last Tuesday and tonight regarding ongoing personnel issues, administrative changes, our upcoming negotiations and some pending litigations.

Student Representative’s Report

Isaac Darby reported the senior class has a Gertrude Hawk fundraiser until March 11th. Dallas Woodruff reported the semi-formal was rescheduled from February 4th to March 4th due to icy weather. They are working on bettering communication with administration and principals due to the inequality and adequate communication we felt we weren’t receiving prior. And then, on behalf of the class she thanked the board for reducing its restrictions on the dress code.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer’s Report

First National Community Bank	General Fund	10,110,653.61
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,942.84
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	152,493.80
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	121,447.97
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	29,218.57
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	132,458.18
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	6,793.29

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	104,527.25
Local Services Tax	873.00
Per Capita Tax	920.02
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>2,230.27</u>
Total:	108,550.54

State & Subsidy Payments

School District Special Education	245,570.00
Cares Act-ESSER Fund	<u>57,485.44</u>
Total:	303,055.44

Local Realty Transfer Tax
Luzerne County

26,452.93

- 2. Approve the February 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 February payment of \$61,277.10 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 4. Approve the February 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 2022-2023 Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 General Operating Budget.
- 6. Approve extension of the Pace Transportation bus contract for the next five years subject to the approval of the district solicitor. (2023-2024 through 2027-2028)
- 7. Approve the Credit Adjustments effective for February 1, 2022.

Name	From	To	Step	Increase
AMITIA, AMANDA	M+24	M+30	6	\$ 874.00
ANTHONY, KARA	M+12	M+18	7	\$ 874.00
BARTOLI, SUSAN	B+24	M	10	\$ 4,274.00
GLATZ, MARJORIE	M+42	M+48	6	\$ 2,093.00
HIZYNSKI, CHRISTOPHER	M+24	M+30	7	\$ 874.00
HUGHES, ALEXANDRA	M+06	M+12	6	\$ 876.00
KOSCO, AMY	M+48	M+54	11	\$ 1,481.00
MANTA, JEANINE	B+24	M	5	\$ 4,751.00
MATOSKY, JULIE	M+06	M+12	6	\$ 876.00
RADLE, KAYLA	B+06	B+12	5	\$ 1,580.00
STEVENS, MARIAH	B+24	M	6	\$ 4,274.00
SMITH, JANINE	B+24	M	5	\$ 4,751.00
TOTAL				\$ 27,578.00

- 8. Approve the Tuition Reimbursements for February 2022.

		AMOUNT TO BE REIMBURSED
AMITIA	AMANDA	\$600.00
ANTHONY	KARA	\$300.00
ARGENIO	JEAN MARIE	\$300.00
BARTOLI	SUSAN	\$600.00
GLATZ	MARJORIE	\$300.00
HIZYNSKI	CHRISTOPHER	\$600.00
HUGHES	ALEXANDRA	\$600.00
KOSCO	AMY	\$600.00
LITZTI	BRIANNA	\$100.00
LOMBARDO	BRITTANY	\$1,200.00
MATOSKY	JULIE	\$600.00
RADLE	KAYLA	\$600.00
SMITH	JANINE	\$600.00
		\$7,000.00

- 9. Approve the Resolution of the Board of School Directors of the Wyoming Area School District and the Redevelopment Authority of Luzerne County authorizing the sale of 2022 tax claims and anticipated 2023 and anticipated 2024 tax claims.
- 10. Approve to extend the contract of Betsy O’Malley as Food Service Director for one year (2022-2023).
- 11. Approve amended Act 93 Plan with addition of the position of Human Resources Coordinator/Payroll Technician.
- 12. Approve the termination of prior agreement of Deborah Andiaro dated July 1, 2012 with the addition of Human Resources Coordinator/Payroll Technician to the Act 93 plan.
- 13. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: February 2022	1,092,672.30	
Prepays: January 2022	<u>45,175.83</u>	1,137,848.13
Cafeteria Account:	142,929.98	
Athletic Account:	<u>4,408.00</u>	<u>147,337.98</u>
Total:		1,285,186.11

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Ms. Best read the 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. On January 25, 2022, the Board regrettably accepted Superintendent, Janet Serino’s retirement letter and it being at least ninety (90) days from the expiration/retirement of Superintendent Serino’s term of office. Approve the District to notify Superintendent Serino that other candidates will be considered for the office of Superintendent in accordance with 24 Pa. C.S.A. 10-1073(b) as a result of her retirement.
- 3. Approve the revised guest teacher/professional teacher sub list for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 4. Approve the appointment of Sean Hart as a long term substitute for Amy Esposito, Math Teacher, retroactive to 9/07/2021 through the end 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).
- 5. Approve the request of Katelyn Moore, School Psychologist, to extend her maternity leave to May 2, 2022.

6. Approve the Program of Studies for middle school and high school for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Ms. Best second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the Education Report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. Porfirio read the additions to Activities Report.

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

Baseball

Sam Parente	Assistant Coach
Joseph DeLucca	Jr. High Coach
Geoff Baumes	7/8 Grade Coach
Robert Lemoncelli, Sr.	Volunteer Coach
Cody Patton	Volunteer Coach
Justin Martinelli	Volunteer Coach

Girls Lacrosse

Robert Switzer	Volunteer Coach
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Softball

Dean Carey	Assistant Coach
Nicole Turner	Jr. High Coach
Kayla Taddei	Assistant Jr. High Coach

Boys Tennis

Joe Skrip	Volunteer Coach
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Track & Field

Mike Fanti	Assistant Coach
Ron D'Eliseo	Assistant Coach
Kristen Lombardo	Assistant Coach
Bree Bednarski	Jr. High Coach
Janine Smith	Jr. High Coach
Jason Speece	Jr. High Coach
Drew Bednarski	Volunteer Coach
Mark Farrell	Volunteer Coach
Randy Spencer	Volunteer Coach

2. Approve the appointment of Angelo Bufalino as Indoor Winds Director at a budget (this originally read salary) not to exceed \$4,000.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Approve the request of Attorney Bill Anzalone, to hold the annual UNICO Charitable Football Game at the stadium on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.

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4. Approve the request of Narda Sperrazza, Choral Teacher, to attend the PMEA Region IV Choral Festival at Valley View High School along with two high school students on Thursday, March 24th and Friday, March 25, 2022. Cost of the festival is \$60 per student plus \$12 music fee.

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. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Campenni reported there were no additions to the Building Report.

1. Accept, with regret, Gloria Clarillo's letter of resignation as part time cleaner retroactive to February 1, 2022.
2. Accept, with regret, Lisa Hughes' letter of resignation as personal care aide retroactive to February 4, 2022.
3. Approve the request of Susan Alaimo, Paraprofessional Aide, to take an unpaid medical leave of absence retroactive to January 31, 2022 through approximately March 25, 2022.
4. Approve the revised support substitute list for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. Kopko, to accept the Building Report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Supey reported there were no additions to policy report.

1. Approve the second reading of the 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 Mr. Kopko, to accept the Policy Report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Porfirio, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

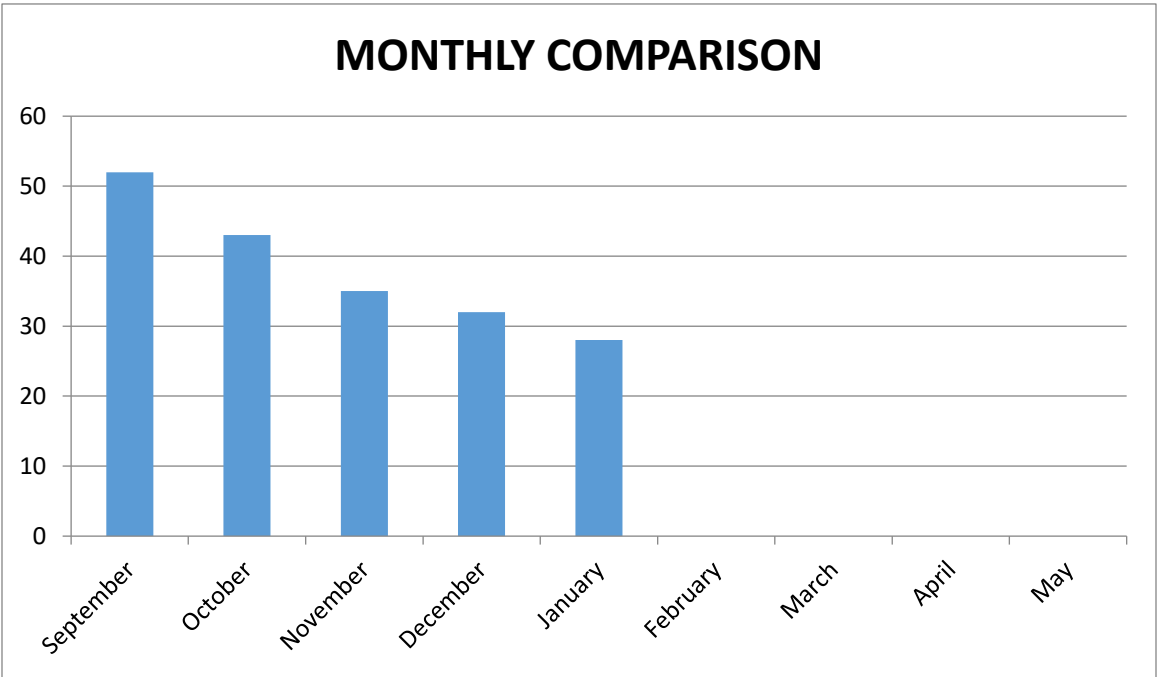
Motion passed.

Police Report

Mr. Kopko read the Police Report.

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
2400	Disorderly Conduct	2
2450	Harassment	2
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	2
2690	All Other Offenses - Reports	1
2910	Lost/ Missing Property	1
3610	Disturbances – Juvenile	2
3900	Traffic & Parking Problems	4
4090	Non-Criminal – Reports	2
7016	Follow Up Information	2
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	10
Total		28

<u>Monthly Comparison</u>		
<u>December Calls for Service</u>	<u>January Calls for Service</u>	<u>Plus/Minus Comparison</u>
32	28	-4



Motion by Mr. Kopko, second by Mrs. Valenti to accept the Police Report.

Open Discussion:

Mr. Campenni asked if there was a job description for the new police chief yet. Mr. Kopko responded he will have a written one soon.

- Lynn Burbank, West Pittston: Masking
- Walter Stevens, West Wyoming: Budget
- Melissa Dolman, Wyoming Area Teacher: Grant Writer
- Daneen Kearns, Wyoming Area Teacher: Kindergarten Principal needed more hours in the building.

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

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Campenni, seconded by Ms. Best.

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Michael Supey, President

David Alberigi, Secretary