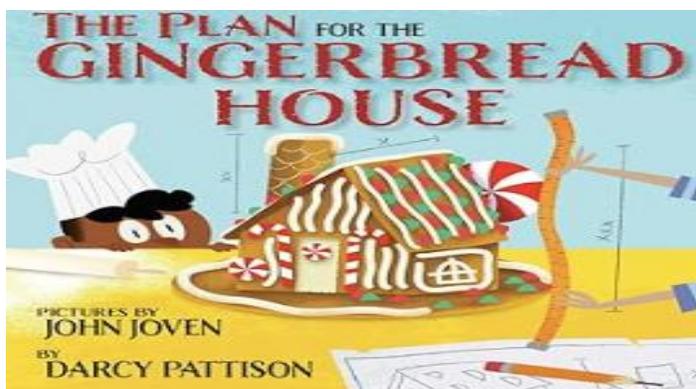


The club has grown this year to include 71 5th and 6th grade members. K-Kid advisors are Kory Angeli, Courtney DeLuca, Elizabeth Dessoie, and Melissa Stevens. Pictured are some members with Kiwanis President Jess Yurek.



3. The Kindergarten Center hosted a school-wide Title I event focused on building gingerbread houses. Students began by reading *The Plan for the Gingerbread House: A STEM Engineering Story*, which introduced them to STEM concepts and the engineering design process through an engaging story. Following the reading, students and their families worked together to design, build, test, and improve their own gingerbread houses.





4. On December 6th and 7th, members of the Wyoming Area Drama Club sang Christmas carols for guests at The Luzerne County Historical Society's "Christmas at Swetland Homestead"



- Throughout the month of December, Drama Students dressed as Holiday Characters and greeted and entertained guests during all 21 excursions of the Reading and Northern Santa Train. The train departed the Pittston Station and took travelers up to the Penobscot Station before returning to Pittston. This is the third year the Drama Club has been asked by the Reading and Northern company to participate in this holiday event.



- Recap for Thespian State Conference:

Wyoming Area Troup 4795 was awarded as a Gold Troup based on criteria such as student run technical crew during productions, community outreach, and participation in State Performances.

Thespian Hall of Fame Inductees:

Sophia Farrell - Excellence in Theater Performance

Emily Griglock - Excellence in Technical Theater

Caleb Kutteroff - Overall Excellence in Theater

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Our One Act performance scored an Excellent.

Ensemble was complimented on their overall connection and cohesiveness. Kaydence Miller was praised for her portrayal of Grandma as it's difficult to play an older character. Abby Lachenmayer and Sophia Farrell were complimented on their characters moving through the party planning into the absurdity of events. Off stage voices acknowledged for timing and steadily adding into the story.

The Technical Team was praised for light design, strong sound design in both soundscape and engineering of levels that were believable that not only enhanced but brought additional life to the show. Kelsey Jones was selected to the All Star Cast and Crew for lighting design, overcoming technical difficulties, and willingness to adapt so the show could go on. Sophia Chickson and Deidre Laue will receive certificates of excellence for their awesome creative and technical sound work from the impressive comments of the responders who scored our show.

Gwendolyn Keezer was selected to perform her Musical Theater Dance Solo Thespy - Isn't It A Trial from Alice by Heart. The Thespy Showcase has those who scored Superior the year before demonstrate what a high scoring Thespy looks like. Her Superior score qualified her to perform at the 2025 International Thespian Conference held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Wyoming Area has not had a student score a Superior or be selected to the Thespy Showcase since 2017.

The Wyoming Area Drama Club, Thespian Troupe 4795, WA Drama Boosters, and especially Advisors Chuck Yarmey and Kate Mangan are incredibly grateful to the Wyoming Area School Board for funding the transportation for the State Conference. Thank you for ensuring students could travel to compete, learn, and be celebrated.

7. PIAA Officials Appreciation Week is an initiative by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) to recognize officials during each sports season. The current Winter Sports Officials Appreciation Week is January 11-17, 2026, highlighting the vital role officials play.
8. Kindergarten students participated in an interactive experience with Corporal Flynn and K-9 Deputy Hylee from the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Hylee is specially trained to detect explosives and firearms. During the visit, students learned about the unique "superpowers" of K-9 dogs and the important role they play in keeping communities safe.



9. Kindergarten registration for the 2026–2027 school year will be held on March 4, 2026. Registration will take place at the Kindergarten Center, located at 50 Penn Ave., Exeter, PA. Additional information will be shared in the coming weeks.

10. The Class of 2026 scholarship portal is open. This is posted online in the Google Classroom and on the district webpage.

Communications Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting meeting minutes of November 19, 2025.
2. West Side Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee submitting meeting minutes of November 24, 2025.
3. Employee #20742 submitting a letter of resignation.

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4. Employee #15420 requesting permission to take a sabbatical leave of absence.
5. Employee #13456 requesting permission to extend a medical leave of absence.
6. Sharon Hollister, Wyoming Area Music Sponsors, requesting permission to hold an Apparel Sale fundraiser.
7. Ballots received from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for Wyoming Area Board Members to elect officers to the LIU Board.
8. Ballots received from the West Side Career & Technology Center for Wyoming Area Board Members to elect officers to the WSCTC Joint Operating Committee.
9. Employee #20413 submitting a letter of resignation.
10. Maria Sabatini, Wyoming Area Lacrosse Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
11. Right to Know Request submitted for information regarding bids for the Pool Sand Filter Tank Replacement.
12. Right to Know Request submitted for information regarding agreement for copiers.
13. Employee #20535 requesting permission to take an intermittent leave without pay.

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino reported that the board met with the support staff for our compliance meeting which commences our negotiations for the support staff’s collective bargaining agreement. We met on January 6th to be compliant, we had some progress in the negotiation. The board met this evening in executive session beginning at 5:15 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, some security issues and some personnel issues as well.

Student Representative’s Report

Kennedy Debo, Sr. Class, reported that the Winter Formal was this past December on the 19th. The winter formal Queen was Abigail Francis and the King was Aiden Allardyce. The prom is currently being held May 1st.

Ella Keefer, Jr. Class, reported the junior class is hosting the winter semi, February 6th, at The Banks in Pittston. Ticket sales ran all through last week and we are now setting up and organizing tables for that event.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer’s Report.

Peoples Security Bank & Trust	General Fund	12,891,877.50
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Payroll Account	7,293.41
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Cafeteria Account	209,224.30
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Student Activities Account	159,654.73

Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Athletic Fund Account	12,959.05
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	154,330.95
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Series 2022 GON Account	182,327.09
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Money Market Account	2,065,605.49

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

Finance Report

Mr. Butera read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	46,148.27
Local Services Tax	598.22
Per Capita Tax	1,555.42
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>2,987.80</u>
Total:	51,289.71

2025 Real Estate Taxes

Thomas Pizano, Exeter Borough	201,683.00
George Miller, West Pittston Borough	68,838.87
Robert Connors, West Wyoming Borough	87,863.24
Paul Konopka, Wyoming Borough	137,217.20
Carol Bardzel, Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	<u>58,341.87</u>
Total:	553,944.18

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Retirement	865,887.88
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	114,524.14
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	20,057.42
Title IV-Student Support & Academic Enrichment	7,729.28
Basic Education Funding	1,410,034.00
Bond Intercept Act 85	(254,918.00)
IU Contributions 25-26	(4,633.15)
School District Transportation	623,796.00
PCCD School Mental Health & Safety Grant 23-24	48,043.00
Non Public Transportation	<u>36,575.00</u>
Total:	2,876,095.57

Delinquent Real Estate Tax

Wyoming County	3,757.65
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Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County 21,068.60

2. Approve the January 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 January payment of \$68,161.62 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Approve Settlement Agreement for student #3001194 pending approval by the Superintendent and Solicitor.
5. Approve Appendix II – Authorized Official Resolution for a Public School Facility Improvement Grant, pending approval by the Superintendent, Solicitor and Business Manager.

6. Approve the following invoices for payment:

Vendor	Invoice #	Amount	Location	Description
CM3 Building Solutions	App# 14	93,139.00	Sec. Ctr.	Water Heater
CM3 Building Solutions	App# 15	<u>9,206.00</u>	Sec. Ctr.	Water Heater
		Total: 102,345.00		

7. Approve to authorize RFP’s for Environmental Controls, Building Automation Mechanical, Services and Repairs.

8. Approve the following refunds for paid property taxes for year 2025:

16-D11S2-006-005-000	7,122.60
16-E11NW4-003-001-000	1,806.24
67-E10SE3-006-040-000	1,486.18
66-E10NE4-005-014-000	<u>3,042.83</u>
Total:	13,457.85

9. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: January 2026	1,132,403.37	
Prepays: December 2025	<u>1,796,057.74</u>	2,928,461.11
Cafeteria Account:	44,103.04	
Athletic Account:	<u>7,918.00</u>	<u>52,021.04</u>
Total:		2,980,482.15

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

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Burke, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mrs. Valenti, 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 Program of Studies for secondary and middle school students for the 2026-2027 school year.
3. Approve the Resolution for Principles for Governance and Leadership.
4. Approve to extend Katelyn Moore's contract as a School Psychologist to June 30, 2027.
5. Approve the appointment of Jessica Podskoch as Special Education Teacher.
6. Approve the appointment of Melanie Tunaitis as Social Worker/Skills for Student Success Teacher.
7. Approve the appointment of Lauren Minor as a Long Term Substitute English Teacher.
8. Approve the request of employee #15420 to take a sabbatical leave of absence for the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year.

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

On the Question: Vannessa Smith, Exeter, asked if there were any major changes in item #2. Dr. Pollard responded yes, there are going to be significant changes as the number of electives to be offered, change in the schedule on how many periods per day and pretty big information coming to parents here over the next several weeks.

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

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mrs. Kunkle read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the request of Sharon Hollister, Wyoming Area Music Sponsors, to hold an Apparel Sale fundraiser starting Sunday, February 1, 2026.
2. Approve the request of Lesley Ratchford, Wyoming Area Girls Basketball Parents Association, to hold a Comedy Show fundraiser retroactive to January 15, 2026.
3. Approve the appointment of Karissa Kross as Assistant Junior High Softball Coach (pending clearances) for the 2025-2026 Spring sports season.

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4. Approve the request of Maria Sabatini, Wyoming Area Lacrosse Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers:

- March Madness Block Pool – 3/15/26
- Memorial Day Online Raffle – 5/1/26

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

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

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Campenni read the Building Report.

1. Approve to rescind the appointment of Valerio Zurla as cleaner.
2. Accept, with regret, the resignation of employee #20742 retroactive to January 16, 2026.
3. Accept, with regret, the resignation of employee #20413 retroactive to January 2, 2026.
4. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list for the 2025-2026 school year.
5. Approve the request of employee #13456 to extend a medical leave of absence through the 2025-2026 school year.
6. Approve the request of employee #20535 to take an intermittent leave without pay for ongoing medical reasons.

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

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky voted no on items #5 and #6 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Burke voted no on items #5 and #6 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Campenni voted no on items #5 and #6 and yes on remaining report. Mrs. Kunkle voted no on items #5 and #6 and yes on remaining report. Mrs. Gazda voted no on items #5 and #6 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Kopko voted no on items #5 and #6 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Butera voted no on item #6 and yes on remaining report. Mrs. Valenti voted no on items #5 and #6 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Alberigi voted no on items #5 and #6 and yes on remaining report.

Items #5 and #6 failed to pass. The remaining report passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Kachmarsky read the Policy Report.

1. Approve the first reading of Volume VI revised policies:

Policy #204 Attendance
Policy #218.1 Weapons
Policy #610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
Policy #611 Purchases Budgeted
Attachment to 626 – Procurement Federal Programs
Policy #805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
Policy #805.2 School Security Personnel
SAFE2SAY Procedures

2. Approve the second reading of Volume V revised policies:

- Policy #105.2 Exemption from Instruction
- Policy #122.1 Noncurriculum-Related, Nonschool-Sponsored, Student Initiated Groups
- Policy #816 District Social Media

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

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

Motion passed.

Police Report

Mr. Kopko read the Police Report.

**Wyoming Area Police Department
Monthly Report for December 2025
Total Calls for Service**

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0452	Threat Assessment	1
1890	Narcotics – Reports	1
2400	Disorderly Conduct	1
2450	Harassment	1
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	3
2664	All Other Offenses – All Other (Misc.)	1
3501	Suspicious Persons, Autos, Circumstances	2
7506	Assist Other Agencies – All Others	2
S2S	Safe-2-Say Reports	12
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	16
	Total	40

Open Discussion:

- Vanessa Smith, Exeter – Thanked School Board Members (January is School Director Recognition Month) Lunch Program with Metz, items #5 and #6, and protocol to make a capital purchase of equipment for the wrestling program.
- Brenda Jurchak, Exeter – Sports programs for special needs students.

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 or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Valenti, second by Mr. Alberigi.

Mara Valenti, President

David Alberigi, Secretary

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