

12. Employee #515 requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.

13. Jacquelyn Kasa requesting permission to attend the Litter Hawk Youth Award Ceremony with students, staff and parents at the Pennsylvania State Capitol Building.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Campenni asked for approval for the minutes of February 24, 2026. All members present voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pollard read his report.

- 1. On Thursday, February 26, Coach Macario, Coach Fanti and Coach Lemoncelli along with over 20 senior student athletes, participated in the annual Northeast Polar Plunge at Montage Mountain. The event, which consisted of over 700 participants from school districts across Luzerne and Lackawanna counties, raised funding to benefit Pennsylvania Special Olympics. Together, the members of Wyoming Area School District's team helped raised a total of \$3,473. It was an extremely successful and fun day for all involved!**



- 2. Students from Mrs. Leandri's 4th and 5th grade gifted classes at the Intermediate Center participated in a STEM competition at Misericordia University sponsored by the LIU. The three teams designed a factory that produced a sustainable product. The students are as follows: Karl Kiwak, Jace Kellow, Lexi Mikielski, Lincoln Stevens, Tucker Musinski, Owen Griffith, and Nora Knepper.**

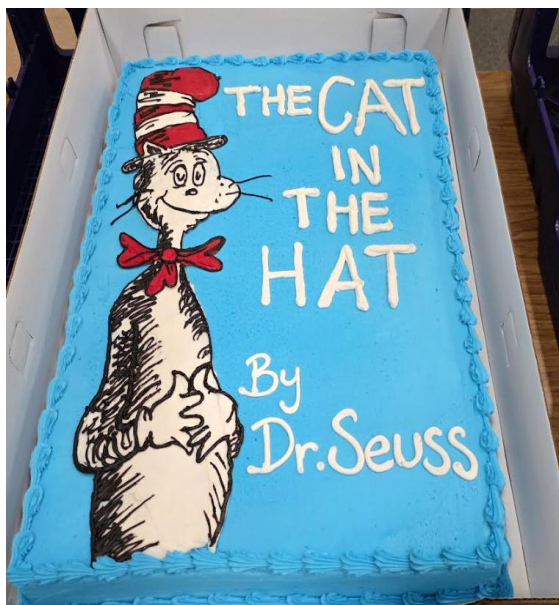


Exeter, PA.
March 24, 2026

3. On Friday, March 6th, our school community came alive as we celebrated Read Across America with a heartwarming cross-grade literacy event that filled the halls with excitement. To honor the joy of reading, 7th-grade students visited the kindergarten classrooms to share stories and foster a love for books among their younger peers. The middle schoolers captivated their young audience with a diverse selection of literature, including the whimsical Dr. Seuss classic, *Green Eggs and Ham*. Emphasizing the importance of inclusivity and language diversity, the students also shared two bilingual stories: *Señorita Mariposa* and *¿Cómo estás?* Among the talented readers, students Alice and Jeriel did an exceptional job of engaging their listeners and modeling a passion for literacy. The event was successfully coordinated with the support of ESL teacher Roxanne Campenni, who helped curate the bilingual book selection to reflect our diverse school community.



Read Across America was held the week of March second. The Primary Center celebrated by offering Dr. Seuss cakes, theme based dress up for students, high school students from the basketball and baseball teams read to the students and finished up the week with community readers. Thank you to everyone who participated in the week.



4. The students from the STEM Club recently participated in a Vibe Coding workshop a LCCC sponsored by tecBridge. They are also submitting their prototype entry into the tecBridge Business Plan Competition this month. Pictured: Mrs. Leandri, co-advisor, Kamryn Mcelwee, Deidre Laue, Ezra Gorkos, Zhiwen Tang, Sophia Tang, Dob Webster, tecBridge Executive Director.



5. The Secondary Center gifted students visited the JHA Companies Engineering firm in Moosic for a career learning session. They interacted with several engineers who demonstrated the many facets of daily life in the profession. Pictured with the engineers are: Mrs. Leandri, Ezra Gorkos, Sophia Tang, Hugh Doran and Simon Pollard.



6. In celebration of "Read Across America" week at the Wyoming Area Intermediate Center, sixth grade students went to read to fourth and fifth graders. All students who participated were excited and thankful to read to the younger students.



7. The Kindergarten Center welcomed several guest readers during the Read Across America event, including members of the WA Kiwanis, senior members of the WA boys' baseball and basketball teams, Lori Petrillo and her dog Allie, William Ginovino, and students from Mrs. Campenni's ESL class.



8. Winter Sports Wrap-Up:

Boys Basketball:

The Boys Basketball team completed the season with a 21-5 record, winning its second consecutive league championship. Luke Kopetchny achieved the 1000 point milestone this year and was named WVC Division 2 MVP for the second straight season. Drew Keating was named to the WVC Division 2 First Team All Stars, and seniors Shane Pepe and Bruno Pizzano were nominated to participate in the George Moses Senior All Star Game later this month. Coach Macario was also selected as the WVC Division 2 Coach of the Year.

Girls Basketball

The 25-26 Lady Warriors season was defined by growth, resilience, and program building. We carried a small varsity roster of just 13 players, including six freshmen, and often competed against larger, more experienced teams with significant senior leadership. The 7th & 8th grade teams also showed much improvement over the season, especially the 7th grade team, which ended the season with a 10-4 record.

Individually, several athletes earned notable honors. Jailynn Park was named to the Akens' All-Tournament Team to start the season and was selected to WVC Coaches' All-Star Team. Freshman Londyn Sobek was named MVP of the annual Pittston Area game. Abi Francis, a first-year basketball player in her senior year, was selected to participate in the Senior All-Star Classic.

Beyond competition, one of the most impactful accomplishments this season was the expansion of our elementary basketball program. Our varsity players served as coaches and mentors for younger students, creating meaningful connections and strengthening the long-term sustainability of the program. This initiative has already begun building excitement at the elementary level and reinforcing a strong sense of continuity within Wyoming Area girls' basketball.

Overall, the season reflected steady progress, strong individual achievement, and a clear commitment to building a sustainable and competitive program for the future.

Indoor Track

Taylor Gashi placed first at Ocean Breeze in triple jump and first at Garden State Open in triple jump. She had a mark that qualified her for the State Meet.

Swim

The Wyoming Area Swim and Dive team completed another successful season with the Lady Warriors finishing 9-2 in the Wyoming Valley Conference. At the AA District competition, the following athletes placed in the top 6 and received medals:

Diving: 3rd Place Francene Graham

200 Medley Relay: 6th place of Amara Tiernan, Lucy Menta, Molly Kratz, and Taylor Gashi

200 Free Relay: 4th place of Bree Harry, Emma Kratz, Sofia Menta, and Ameriana Walker

100 Free: 4th Place Ameriana Walker

100 Backstroke: 4th place Bree Harry

400 Free relay: 4th place Bree Harry, Emma Kratz, Sofia Menta, and Ameriana Walker

Multiple swimmers placed in the top 12 which gained enough points for the Lady Warriors to place 4th overall in District competition. The only WVC team above them was Dallas.

Varsity Wrestling

Our dual meet record was 5-13. We finished with 16 wrestlers on the team. We had 3 wrestlers place at Districts Chase Wilhelm 5th, Emerson Langdon 5th, and Tyler Randazzo 6th. At the Wyoming Valley Conference Tournament. Chase Wilhelm placed 4th. At the Tunkhannock Tournament Riley Pierce placed 2nd, Tyler Randazzo 4th, Chase Wilhelm 5th, Lincoln Smith 6th, and Evan Lark 8th. We had 5 wrestlers with winning records, Riley Pierce 19-16, Caden Swartwood 7-5, Chase Wilhelm 24-16, Tyler Randazzo 24-17, and Cade Reynolds at 9-8.

Our Girls Team had 4 girls finish the season with district Champion Martyna Bonning. Martyna also placed 4th at Regionals which qualified her for the PIAA State Championships in Hershey. She went 0-2 as a freshman. Gia Chapman placed 3rd and also qualified for the Regional Tournament and was 1 match away from going to the State Championships. Martyna placed at every Tournament they entered, Queen of the Hive 2nd, Hanover Area 3rd, Ralph Wentzel 1st, WVC 2nd, Southern Tier 5th, Coal Cracker 3rd, WVW 2nd, Gia Chapman placed 2nd at Hanover Area, 2nd, Ralph Wentzel, 8th at Southern Tier, 3rd at WVW Tournament. Zeta Lord placed 5th at Wyoming Valley West.

Our Jr High Team finished with 11 wrestlers. Jordan Rosario finished with an undefeated record capped off with a District Championship. Dane Griffin finished with a 2nd place finish. We had 7 Wrestlers place at Jr High Districts. Joey Gula, Burton Smith, Alex Chapman, Jordan Rosario, Bradley Smith, Dane Griffin, and Kam Hubbert.

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino reported that the Board met in executive session at 5:15 p.m. to discuss ongoing support negotiations with our support bargaining unit along with some personnel matters in the district and some ongoing litigation matters.

Student Representative’s Report

Ella Keefer, Jr. Class, reported they are in the initial phases of planning another fundraiser to offset the costs for the Jr. Class prom tickets. This fundraiser is set to take place after Easter break. More information will be posted then. We are also discussing the possibility of planning a Jr. Class field trip if there is enough interest.

Kennedy Debo, Jr. Class, reported that they are currently working on the prom to do list. As of now it is scheduled for May 2nd at the Mohegan Sun.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko read the Treasurer’s Report.

Peoples Security Bank & Trust	General Fund	10,730,508.60
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Payroll Account	7,367.15
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Cafeteria Account	295,511.53
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Student Activities Account	150,598.96
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Athletic Fund Account	7,643.50
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	155,218.05
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Series 2022 GON Account	327,142.64
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Money Market Account	2,072,314.21

Finance Report

Mr. Butera read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	532,861.86
Local Services Tax	4,480.10
Per Capita Tax	593.00
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>1,577.13</u>

Total: 539,512.09

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security	225,618.58
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	57,262.07
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	14,229.42
Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment	11,593.92
Medicaid Admin Claims	1,705.42
Basic Education Funding	1,410,034.00
Bond Intercept Act 85	(254,918.00)
Ready to Learn-Adequacy Supplement	270,186.81
Ready to Learn Foundation	<u>627,728.87</u>
Total:	2,363,441.09

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	10,850.36
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2. Approve the March 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 March payment of \$68,161.62 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Approve the appointment of Lifetouch Photography for three years 2026-2029.
5. Approve a three year agreement between the Board of Education of the Wyoming Area school District and the Wyoming Area Police Officers Association subject to final writing and approval by the Solicitor.
6. Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release for student #3000122 pending approval by the Superintendent and Solicitor.
7. Approve Notice of Adoption of Approved LEA Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds by Wyoming Area School District received by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association for the 2026-2027 school year.
8. Approve extension of Metz Culinary Management for the 2026-2027 school year pending approval by the Superintendent, Solicitor and Business Consultant.
9. Approve the payment of \$4,032.80 to PA Paper & Supply, invoice #S1613423.001 for Secondary Center desks.
10. Accept, with regret, George Miller’s letter of retirement as West Pittston Tax Collector effective March 31, 2026.
11. Approve to engage in general appraisal services with J.J. Mantione Appraisal Realty Group, Inc., not to exceed \$5,000.00.
12. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: March 2026	1,749,593.03	
Prepays: February 2026	<u>134,810.46</u>	1,884,403.49

Cafeteria Account:	4,304.04	
Athletic Account:	<u>6,668.17</u>	<u>10,972.21</u>
	Total:	1,895,375.70

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

At this time Mr. Campenni thanked George Miller, West Pittston Tax Collector, for his many years of service. He wished him well on his retirement.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Burke, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, 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 #1135 to take sabbatical leave effective March 5, 2026 through the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Approve the Comprehensive Plan for 2026-2027 school year.
4. Approve the request of employee #20143 to take a maternity leave of absence on or around May 1, 2026, with a tentative return to work at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.
5. Approve Agreement Regarding Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Free Appropriate Public Education Stipulation for student #3000495 pending approval by the Superintendent and Solicitor.
6. Approve the revised school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.
7. Accept, with regret, employee #9650 submitting a letter of intent to retire effective January 2027.
8. Approve the request of Employee #515 to take a medical leave of absence effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

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

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mrs. Kunkle read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the request of Jacquelyn Kasa and Christopher Hizynski to attend the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA., along with twelve students, April 12th through April 15, 2026.

2. Approve the appointments of the following volunteer coaches for the 2025-2026 Spring sports season:

Boys Lacrosse

Nick Laskaris

Boys Tennis

Joe Skrip

3. Approve the request of Jacquelyn Kasa to attend the Litter Hawk Youth Award Ceremony, along with students, staff and parents at the Pennsylvania State Capitol Building on April 2, 2026.

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, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Campenni read the Building Report.

1. Approve to rescind the appointment of Nancy Turner for 3 hour food service position.
2. Approve the request of Cindy Mitchell, Wyoming Area Class of 1979, to tour the Secondary Center on Friday, October 2, 2026 in the afternoon, pending approval by the building principal.
3. Accept, with regret, employee #20361 letter of intent to retire retroactive to March 30, 2026.
4. Accept, with regret, employee #20157 letter of resignation retroactive to July 23, 2024.
5. Approve Settlement Agreement between Wyoming Area Educational Support Personnel Association and Wyoming Area School District pending approval by the Superintendent and solicitor.
6. Approve to advertise bids for internal doors at Secondary Center pending approval by the Superintendent, Business Manager and Solicitor.
7. Approve to advertise RFP for electrical switchgear at the Secondary Center pending approval by the Superintendent, Business Manager and Solicitor.

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

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

Motion passed.

Exeter, PA.

March 24, 2026

Policy Report

Mr. Kachmarsky read the Policy Report.

1. Approve the first reading of the following revised March Volume I policies:

- Policy #140 Charter Schools
- Policy #221 Dress and Grooming (Pupils)
- Policy #236.1 Threat Assessment
- Policy #325 Dress and Grooming (Employees)
- Policy #332 Working Periods
- Policy #619 District Audit
- Policy #810 Transportation

2. Approve the first reading of the following revised policies:

- Policy #114 Gifted Education
- Policy #249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

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

On the Question: Joanna Pechal, Exeter, asked if the Dress and Grooming policy is intended to put a uniform in place. Dr. Pollard responded no, it's mostly to become compliant with the Crown Act. It's a piece of legislation about ethnic care styles. There is no movement to have a uniform dress code. Mrs. Pechal commented regarding the Gifted Education policy she asked that the Board look at Schuylkill County and State Colleges before finalizing.

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

Motion passed.

Police Report

Mr. Kopko read the Police Report.

**Wyoming Area Police Department
Monthly Report for February 2026
Total Calls for Service**

<u>CODE</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
0294 Childline 104	1
0452 Threat Assessment	3
1440 Criminal Mischief – All Other	2
1810 Drug Violations	1
2400 Disorderly Conduct	8
2450 Harassment	5
2601 Use of Tobacco in Schools	1
2811 Curfew Violation	1
3501 Suspicious Persons, Autos, Circumstances	1
4090 Non-Criminal – Reports	5
7501 EMS Assist	2
7506 Assisting Other Agencies – All Others	2
S2S Safe-2-Say Reports	6
TRUA Compulsory School Attendance	16
Total	
	54

Open Discussion:

Joanna Pechal, Exeter – Gifted Son

Chelsea Serino, PCA at WA - Shortages on Paras/PCA – other districts give incentives

Joel Skursky, Fire Police Captain of Wyoming Hose Company #2 – asking for a small stipend for the fire police who volunteer their time at events.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. Alberigi.

To listen to the meeting in its entirety log on to the Youtube Channel on our district's website.

Mara Valenti, President

David Alberigi, Secretary