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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening virtually and publicly in the Secondary Center Auditorium, 252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pa., 18643. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Mr. Campenni asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for Hunter Donnelly, a student that passed away. Mr. Campenni, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Philip Campenni, President
 Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary
 Mr. Carman Bolin, Treasurer
 Ms. Lara Best
 Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo
 Mr. Leonard Pribula
 Mr. Gerald Stofko
 Mrs. Toni Valenti

Absent: Mrs. Kimberly Yochem, Vice President

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Principal, Joann Pepsin, Kindergarten Building Principal/Assistant Special Education Director, Shaun Rohland, Assistant Principal of Discipline, Brian Strazdus, Intermediate Building Principal, Dave Pacchioni, Primary Building Principal, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum, Betsy O'Malley, Food Service Director, Frank Pugliesi, Facilities Director, Angelo Falzone, Director of Transportation/Attendance, Kristi Naylor, School Psychologist, Vanessa Nee, Special Education Director, Chris Alberigi, School Police Officer, Eyewitness News.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their regular meeting minutes of February 15, 2021.
2. Jerry Rynkiewicz, Custodian, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
3. Madison Mimnaugh, Jr. High Track & Field Coach, submitting her letter of resignation.
4. Leo Lulewicz submitting his letter of resignation as Senior Class Advisor.
5. Rachael Leandri, Broadway on the Boulevard, requesting permission to rent the Secondary Center auditorium, lobby and band room for the Third Annual Spring Dance Recital.
6. Ann Marie Kachmarsky, Kindergarten Teacher, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
7. West Side Career & Technology Center submitting their minutes of Joint Operating Committee of March 22, 2021.

Summary of Applications Received

Reading Specialist – 1
Elementary – 2
Spanish – 1
English - 1
Special Education (PK-12) – 1
Cleaner – 1
Para Professional – 3
Personnel Care Aide – 3

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Campenni motioned for approval of the virtual regular meeting minutes of March 23, 2021. Second by Mrs. Valenti.

Roll call: All board members presents voted aye. Motion passed.

Superintendent’s Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. **Rebecca Jurchak, a 5th grade Life Skills student at the Intermediate Center participated in the annual Pennsylvania Miss Amazing pageant in the Allentown area. Rebecca won the queen crown for her age division (pre-teen 10-12). Rebecca plans to attend the national summit in Nashville, TN. Congratulations Rebecca!**
2. **Rhonda Pizano, Cheerleading Advisor, was selected as the PIAA cheer coach of the year. Congratulations Rhonda!**
3. **Charles Alfano has been named a Citizen’s Voice Scholastic Superstars Class of 2021. He is one of 25 students chosen from throughout the Citizen’s Voice coverage area. He will be recognized at a ceremony in May. Congratulations Charles!**
4. **Congratulations to our Administrative Assistants who were honored on “Administrative Assistants Day” (April 21)**

**Nancy Alberigi
Debbie Andiaro
Gloria Bovani
Rebecca Boyle
Donna Chupka
Donna Collins
Rachelle Furman
Michele Hoeffner
Denise Holmes
Caroline Kudasik**

**Gladys Lincoln
Loriann Napkora
Elizabeth Poor
Theodora Rabel
Jean Marie Radle
Amy Ragantesi
Lesley Ratchford
Gina Steve
Kimberly Thomas
Jackie Vasquez
Kathy Youells**

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino welcomed everyone back and reported an executive session was held tonight to discuss special education litigation matters and collective bargaining negotiations. Attorney Ferentino addressed the public about a personnel matter that was on social media. Attorney Ferentino stated he could not talk about it because it is being investigated. It is being taken very, very seriously and will be addressed.

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Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bolin read the Treasurer's Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	8,915,338.77
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	381,728.97
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	68,419.15
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	103,734.04
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	20,050.69
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	132,445.01
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	263,613.53

The treasurer's report will be kept on file for audit.

Finance Report

Mr. Bolin read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	82,366.48
Local Services Tax	1,187.83
Per Capita Tax	452.60
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>2,806.26</u>
Total:	86,813.17

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Retirement	809,894.15
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	244,852.15
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	35,798.95
Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment	21,665.00
School District Special Education	244,517.00
School District Transportation	453,185.00
Cares Act-ESSER Fund	345,772.70
COVID-19 SECIM	2,069.00
aTSI GEER	<u>3,001.95</u>
Total:	2,160,755.90

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County 61,122.12

2. Approve the April payment of \$146,562.97 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for special education services and other related services for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Approve the April payment of \$56,528.00 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Approve the April payment of \$20,000.00 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Liberty Academy dual Diagnosis Services for the 2020-2021 school year.
5. Approve the following refunds of paid property taxes for the year 2020:

#17-C10-00A-009-000	1,853.78
#66-E10SE2-005-005-000	255.29
#17-B10-00A-11G-000	556.27
#17-A10-00A-030-000	<u>117.00</u>
Total:	2,782.34

6. Approve the following debt service invoice payments to Wilmington Trust Company for May 1, 2021:

Registered Interest Due (19A)	17,256.25
Registered Interest Due (19B)	<u>113,103.75</u>
Total:	130,360.00

Registered Interest Due (21A)	47,791.67
Sinking Fund Credit	<u>(4,848.20)</u>
Total:	42,943.47

Registered Interest Due (21B)	30,905.26
Sinking Fund Credit	<u>(12,021.01)</u>
Total:	18,884.25

7. Approve the PSBA Policy Maintenance Program Participation Agreement effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 program year and shall remain in effect for subsequent program years until the district elects to discontinue its participation.
8. Approve to extend Katelyn Moore’s agreement for 2 years as school psychologist. Salary to come out of ESSER funds.
9. Motion to extend the Employment Agreement between the Wyoming Area School District and Elizabeth O’Malley, Food Service Director from 1st day of July 2021 and ending on the 30th day of June 2022 all other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect.

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10. Approve the Lackawanna College Proposal for Dual Enrollment Agreement with the Wyoming Area School District for the 2021-2022 school year.

11. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing:	April 2021	833,862.83	
Prepays:	March 2021	<u>56,515.31</u>	890,378.14
Cafeteria Account:		7,357.36	
Athletic Account:		<u>4,100.00</u>	<u>11,457.36</u>
		Total:	901,835.50

Motion by Mr. Bolin, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the finance report.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, no, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mr. Stofko read the Education Report in the absence of Mrs. Yochem.

1. Reporting as per Federal Regulations Requirement that the District’s Federal Programs (Title I, Title II, and Drugs and Alcohol) are currently being planned for the 2021-2022 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District’s Business Office.
2. Approve the appointment of Kayla Radle as a long term substitute teacher for Alexandra Hughes, Special Education Teacher, retroactive to April 14, 2021 through the last school day prior to the Christmas break of the 2021-2022 school year, at the step placement of Bachelor’s Step 3, \$38,733.00 pro-rated according to duration of assignment.
3. Accept, with regret, Leo Lulewicz’s letter of resignation as Senior Class Co-Advisor for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2020-2021 school year.
5. Approve the request of Ann Marie Kachmarsky, Kindergarten Teacher, to take a medical leave of absence from May 17, 2021 through approximately June 14, 2021.
6. Approve the tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement between Wyoming Area School District and Wyoming Area Education Association for two years September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2022. (THIS ITEM WAS READ FROM THE FLOOR)

Motion by Mr. Stofko, second by Mr. DeAngelo, to accept the education report.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, no on item #6 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Marianacci, no on item #6 and yes on remaining report.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. DeAngelo read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the appointment of Mark Farrell as a volunteer Pole Vault Coach for the 2020-2021 Spring sports season.
2. Accept, with regret, Madison Mimnaugh's letter of resignation as Jr. High Track & Field Coach for the 2020-2021 springs sports season retroactive to April 14, 2021.
3. Approve the appointment of Janine Smith as Jr. High Track & Field Coach for the 2020-2021 spring sports season. (1/2 season)
4. Approve to vacate all extra-curricular positions at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
5. Approve the following head coaches for the 2021-2022 Fall sports season with a salary as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Cheerleading	Rhonda Pizano
Cross Country	Kristen Lombardo
Field Hockey	Erin McGinley
Football	Randy Spencer
Golf	Gordon Williams
Boys Soccer	Rick Branco
Girls Soccer	Chad Kranson
Tennis	Bill Roberts
Volleyball	John Bonin

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

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Stofko read the Building Report.

1. Approve the request of Jerry Rynkiewicz, Custodian, to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to March 8, 2021 through approximately May 27, 2021.
2. Approve the request of Rachael Leandri and Brad Chikowski, Broadway on the Boulevard, to rent the Secondary Center auditorium, lobby and band room for the Third Annual Spring Dance Recital. Friday, June 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is a dress rehearsal. Saturday, June 19th will be two smaller shows, one at 1:00 p.m. and one at 5:30 p.m., pending approval. Class E is \$750 to rent auditorium, dress rehearsal is \$375.00, band room \$50.00 and security at \$40 per hour.
3. Approve the appointment of Gloria Clarillo as 10 month cleaner retroactive to March 25, 2021.

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4. Approve the appointment of JoAnn Reyes as 10 month cleaner retroactive to March 25, 2021.
5. Approve the appointment of Anna Carannante as 10 month cleaner retroactive to March 25, 2021.
6. Approve the appointment of Rosemary Hines as full time custodian.
7. Approve the appointment of Patti Auiere as a paraprofessional.
8. Approve the appointment of Suzanne Serino as a paraprofessional.
9. Approve the appointment of Sharon Mazzeo as a personal care aide.
10. Motion to deny the grievance of Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals Association/PSEA pertaining to Act 80 Days.
11. Motion to develop and solicit bids for the replacement of pool filters/filtration system. (THIS ITEM WAS ADDED FROM THE FLOOR)
12. Motion to develop and solicit bids for the replacement of the dehumidification system in the natatorium pursuant to ESSER funding guidelines. (THIS ITEM WAS ADDED FROM THE FLOOR)

Motion by Mr. Stofko, second by Mr. Marianacci, to accept the building report

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Campenni read the Policy Report.

1. Approve the first reading of Volume I 2021 revised policies:

Policy 004 Oath of Office Certificate Update

Policy 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students

Policy 150 Title I – Comparability of Services

Policy 335 Attachment - Families First Coronavirus Response Act Emergency Paid Leave (This attachment will be retired)

Policy 810.1 School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers

Policy 810.3 School Vehicle Drivers

2. Approve the adoption of attachment 335.1 Wyoming Area School District - Paid COVID Leave. This is an attachment to Policy 335 Family and Medical Leaves.

Motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. Marianacci, to accept the policy report.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

At this time, Mr. Campenni stated that a combined work session/regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. due to the primary election taking place on May 18th.

Open Discussion:

- Kate Mangan Assistant Drama Advisor – Audit policy for all clubs – clearances
- Process of an investigation and the Board’s role in the investigation.
- Matt Kearns – Emails sent from public to board members - a board member using personal email to answer a question - misinformation or lack of information - petition with 216 signatures to stay with Hybrid model - decision to return to full time one day after Hybrid model- purely political and not in the best interest of the kids.
- Dallas, Sophomore Student – After emailing administration and board she received only one response - Unprofessional - The board should have the decency to answer the student’s questions.
- With an investigation taking place regarding an employee – any contact with kids? It was stated that a board member may have been present where this employee made certain comments.
- Tom Campenni – The pool.
- Melissa Dolman – Air conditioning at Kindergarten Center.
- Nepotism policy rescinded.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. DeAngelo.

Philip Campenni, President

John Marianacci, Secretary