

Wyoming Area School District
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Monday, December 16, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

A combined work session/regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening at the Wyoming Area Secondary Center, 20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, with approximately fifty people in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Estelle Campenni, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Dr. Estelle Campenni, President
Mrs. Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, Vice President
Mrs. Deanna Farrell, Secretary
Mrs. Kimberly A. Yochem, Treasurer
Mr. John Bolin
Mrs. Mary Louise Degnan
Mr. John Marianacci
Mr. Gerald A. Stofko
Mr. Carl Yorina

Also present were: Raymond J. Bernardi, Superintendent, Janet Serino, Assistant Superintendent, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, Jon Pollard, Elementary Building Principal of Tenth St./JFK, Robert Kaluzavich, Elementary Building Principal of Montgomery Ave./SJD, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Jamie Broda, Director of Special Education, Angelo Falzone, Attendance/Transportation, Frank Pugliese, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, Sam Scarantino, Quad Three Group.

Communications Report

Mrs. Farrell read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit submitting their minutes of regular meeting of October 23, 2013.
2. Charles M. Barber, President and CEO of The Luzerne Foundation, on behalf of the DePrimo Family, thanking the Key Club for their contribution of \$250.00 for The First Lieutenant Jeffrey DePrimo Memorial Scholarship Fund of The Luzerne Foundation.
3. Joe Pizano, Athletic Director, requesting permission to attend the 47th Annual Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Conference in Hershey.
4. Received a School Safety Mini Grant of \$4,900.00 from Russ Alves, Educational Administrative Associate, Safe Schools Office, Pennsylvania Department of Education. This grant is to offset the cost of the redesign of the front entrance at the Secondary Center.
5. Received notification from Melissa Collevecchio, Food Service Director, the first round of USDA's on site inspections for all five school cafeterias/kitchens performed by William Luvender, Department of Agriculture's Food Sanitarian, completed during the months of October and November were "In Compliance" with the Department of Agriculture Chapter 46 Food Code.
6. Received Right to Know Request for the 3rd grade student count and 2nd grade student count of two classes at SJD that were merged a few weeks back. Who authorized the classes to be merged and a copy of the action or details of a school plan moving forward to prevent this from occurring again.

7. Received Right to Know Request from Robert Trusavage for an audio tape of the August 2013 board meeting.
8. Received Right to Know Request for the number of employee absences that occurred on November 29, 2013.
9. Received Right to Know Request from Pennsylvanians for Union Reform for information regarding the professional and support staff collective bargaining unit.
10. Leonarda Sperrazza, Music Teacher, requesting permission to attend the District 9 Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) Chorus Festival, along with students at Marywood University.

Summary of Applications Received

Elementary – 2
 French – 1
 Social Studies – 1
 General Science – 2
 English – 1
 Math – 1
 Physics – 1
 Mid Level Science – 1

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Campenni asked for approval on the minutes of October 22, 2013. All board members voted aye. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bernardi read the Superintendent's Report.

1. *Parent Conferences and Report Card Distribution was held throughout the District on Wednesday, December 11 and Thursday, December 12, 2013 from 11:40 A.M. to 2:29 P.M. at the Secondary Center and 12:40 P.M. to 3:20 P.M. at the Elementary Schools. I am happy to report the following percentages of parent participation throughout the District:*

Secondary Center: 70u

JFK: 87u

Montgomery Ave.: 90%

SJD: 92%

Tenth Street: 87%

2. *Congratulations to the Christmas Card Contest Winners: Bethany Bowser, 12th grade student at the Secondary Center and Joseph T. Gober, a 5th grade student at Tenth Street Elementary School.*
3. *I would like to thank Mr. Tony Callaio for his services with the Veteran's Program held last month. Mr. Callaio notified newspapers and TV channels which all covered the event. He created/designed the certificates for the Veterans, designed and printed the banners, photographed the event and secured photos for the Sunday Dispatch. Thanks also to Joe Healey of the Sunday Dispatch.*

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4. Congratulations to Wyoming Area Football Coaches and Players for having been awarded the 2013 Officials Sportsmanship Award by the PIAA Football Chapter.

5. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Student Representative's Report

Brittany Thomas read her report of upcoming activities.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Treasurer's Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	11,957,340.89
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	4,477.26
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	100,103.81
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	89,678.37
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	24,913.62
Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,952.12
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,753.98
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Construction Account	31,935.43
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	Earned Income Tax Revenue	310,367.63

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

Finance Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Berkheimer Tax Administrator</u>	
Earned Income Tax	214,510.43
Local Service Tax	3,479.06
Per Capita Tax	<u>2,696.40</u>
Total:	220,685.89
<u>Luzerne Intermediate Unit</u>	
ACCESS Reimbursement	11,114.70

Luzerne Intermediate Unit

IDEA-B Pass Thru Funds for 12-13 School year 272,362.00

Housing & Redevelopment Insurance Exchange

Workers Compensation Audit Premium Refund 15,269.00

Tuition Reimbursement

Pittston Area School District 12-13 217.92

Credit Reimbursement

Schutt Reconditioning 4,281.05

2013 Real Estate Taxes (Oct.)

Carol Bardzel – Exeter Twp., Wyoming County 27,973.72

2013 Real Estate Taxes (Nov.)

Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough 83,206.96

George Miller – West Pittston Borough 323,793.31

Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough 87,989.13

Wayman Smith – Exeter Twp., Luzerne County 63,979.95

Thomas Polacheck – Exeter Borough 323,878.61

Total: 882,847.96

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Retirement 45,636.00

Title II – Improving Teacher Quality 44,258.06

School District Special Education 204,248.00

Total: 294,142.06

PNC Bank

Capital Project Transfer for Montgomery Avenue 108,739.00

2. Approve the December payment of \$93,647.93 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2013-2014 school year.

3. Approve the December payment of \$32,160.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2013-2014 school year.

4. Approve the following payments of invoices from the Capital Projects fund for the Montgomery Avenue Project:

Gordon Baver, Inc.	46,104.01	General Construction
Brennan Electric, Inc.	21,027.72	Electrical Work
TGW Corporation	76,250.65	Mont. Ave. Roof
Don Cooper Plumbing & Heating	16,560.00	Plumbing/Heating
Yannuzzi, Inc.	45,638.24	Mont. Ave. HVAC
Quad Three Group, Inc.	<u>20,181.33</u>	Consulting/Admin. Development/Design
	Total: 225,761.95	

5. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing:	12/13/13	547,487.59
Prepays:	9/2013	<u>44,260.16</u>
		591,747.75

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Cafeteria Account:	95,240.07
Athletic Account:	<u>1,172.66</u>
	<u>96,412.73</u>
Total:	688,160.48

Motion by Mrs. Yochem, second by Mrs. Farrell, to accept the finance report.

Roll Call: Mr. Bolin voted yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Degnan, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Dr. Campenni, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mrs. Gober-Mangan read 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 2013-2014 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Assistant Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2013-2014 school year.
3. Approve the Jessica Turner for tenure, having completed three years of satisfactory service as temporary professional employee as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.
4. Approve the following teachers for tenure, having completed three years of satisfactory service as temporary professional employees as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, retroactive to November:

Michael Pasquariello
Rebecca Hines

Motion by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, second by Mr. Bolin, to accept the education report.

On the question: Mrs. Degnan questioned tenure. Mr. Bernardi responded that the teacher is evaluated and after three years the teacher is granted tenure and will have a written contract.

Roll Call: Mr. Bolin voted yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Degnan abstained on item #3, Mr. Yorina, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Dr. Campenni, yes.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mrs. Farrell read the Activities Report.

1. Approve to rescind the appointment of Anthony Heck as a volunteer wrestling coach.
2. Approve the appointment of Anthony Heck as assistant junior high wrestling coach at a salary of \$2,163.00 for the 2013-2014 school year.

3. Approve the request of Joe Pizano, Athletic Director, to attend the 47th Annual Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Conference in Hershey, Tuesday, March 18th to Friday, March 21, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$800.00. Also requesting meals and mileage reimbursement.
4. Approve the request of Leonarda Sperrazza, Music Teacher, to attend the District 9 Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) Chorus Festival, along with two students, at Marywood University and Dunmore High School on Wednesday, January 8th, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Marywood University, Thursday, January 9th, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Marywood University, Friday, January 10, 2014, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at a total cost of \$412.38. A driver will be needed to transport the two students to Dunmore High School one way only on January 8th.
5. Approve the appointment of John McNeil as Head Softball Coach at a salary of \$3,965.00 for the 2014 Spring season.

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, second by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, to accept the activities report.

Roll Call: Mr. Bolin voted yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Degan abstained on item #2 and voted yes on the remaining report. Mr. Yorina abstained on item #5 and voted yes on the remaining report. Mrs. Yochem abstained on items #1,2,5 and voted yes on the remaining report. Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Dr. Campenni, yes.

Motion passed.

Open Discussion:

Mr. Stofko wanted it noted that Mr. McNeil was the top candidate for the position and received recommendations from the community. Bob Trusavage of West Pittston, asked under Robert Rules do you have to explain why you abstain. Mr. Stofko responded yes, you should, you can ask but the board can refuse. Mrs. Yochem and Mrs. Degan stated they abstained because they didn't have enough of information. Mr. Yorina stated the policy should be modified.

Joe McCabe of Exeter, commented that at the last meeting it was brought up who is responsible if our athletic director makes a mistake with a player on the team. The principal intervened and said he is responsible. Mr. McCabe asked if the board is making decisions in the future for who is responsible? Mr. McCabe didn't think the athletic director should be making the decisions and asked if the board made any decisions on it. Dr. Campenni responded that the athletic director reports to the principal. Mr. Quaglia stated there has never been an issue. Mr. McCabe asked Mr. Bernardi at last month's meeting if Wyoming Area ever applied for referendum for exceptions and Mr. Bernardi responded no. Mr. McCabe read a report on referendum exceptions. Mr. McCabe also commented that at the reorganization meeting he entered the building, went to the men's room and then entered the lobby where John Marianacci and Mrs. Farrell were standing. Mr. McCabe stated he had background checks for many positions that he held. He stated he came to the meeting and explained if he has a question as a taxpayer he is going to ask it. He was asked by Mrs. Farrell "What are you doing here?" and said he had a right to be here as a taxpayer. Mr. Marianacci asked him how he was doing. At this time, Mr. McCabe asked Mr. Marianacci if he remembers the statement "What are you doing here." Mr. McCabe then asked if Wyoming Area has any security set up to protect the audience and the board. Response was we have officers at the meetings. Attorney Ferentino stated he doesn't know what one has to do with the other. Mr. McCabe stated he just wanted to let the board know what happened. Mr. McCabe stated anyone has a right to come to the meetings to express themselves. Mrs. Farrell stated she never said that.

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Melissa Dolman, President of the Teacher's Union, commented of a second strike approaching. They haven't met since August 29th and urged the board to get together and make an initial plan of what's going to happen.

At this time, Dr. Campenni wished everyone a wonderful holiday.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by Dr. Campenni.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Estelle Campenni".

Estelle Campenni, Ph.D., President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mrs. Deanna Farrell".

Mrs. Deanna Farrell, Secretary