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Wyoming Area School District
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 7:04 p.m.

A combined work session/regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening in the Secondary Center library, 252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643. Six people of the public were in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Mr. Campenni, President of the Board, asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Campenni called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Philip Campenni, President

Mrs. Kimberly Yochem, Vice President

Mr. Carmen Bolin, Treasurer

Ms. Lara Best

Mr. Leonard Pribula Mr. Gerald Stofko Mrs. Toni Valenti

Absent: Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary

Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Center Principal, , Shaun Rohland, Kindergarten Principal/Director of Discipline, Kristi Naylor, School Psychologist, Vanessa Nee, Director of Special Education, Betsy O'Malley, Food Service Director, Frank Pugliesi, Facilities Director, Isaac Darby, Student Representative.

Communications Report

Ms. Best read the Communications Report in the absence of Mr. Marianacci.

- 1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting regular board meeting minutes of August 11, 2021.
- 2. West Side Career & Technology Center submitting minutes of the Joint Operating Committee of August 23, 2021.
- 3. Joseph Dolfi, Ten Month Cleaner, submitting his letter of resignation.
- 4. Danielle LoPresto, Special Education Teacher, requesting permission to extend her maternity leave.
- 5. Joan Shinko, Ten Month Cleaner, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
- 6. Rose Mary Litwin, Secondary Science Teacher, submitting her letter of resignation.
- 7. Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Basketball Parents Association, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers.
- 8. Joe Pizano, Athletic Director, requesting permission to attend the Pennsylvania State Athletic Director's Association conference.
- 9. Sharon Mazzeo (Sr), Personal Care Aide, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.

- 10. Alexandra Hughes, Special Education Teacher, requesting permission to extent her maternity leave.
- 11. Sharon Mazzeo (Jr), Personal Care Aide, requesting permission to use sick days every Thursday of every week for educational purposes.

Summary of applications received

Social Studies – 2 Teacher's Aide – 2 Custodian - 1

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Campenni asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 2021. Mrs. Yochem abstained. All other board members voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

- 1. Students at the kindergarten center practiced an evacuation drill on Wednesday, October 6. Immediately following the evacuation drill, the classes toured the Exeter Fire Department truck and asked questions as part of Fire Safety Week, which was October 4 8, 2021.
- 2. NEPA Discount from West Wyoming donated hand sanitizer to our schools Thank you NEPA Discount.
- **3.** Thank you to our Key Club and Builder's Club for helping out at the Free Children's Produce Market.

Solicitor's Report

Attorney Ferentino gave his report.

An executive meeting was held briefly on Tuesday, August 12th. Met Tuesday the 19th and had to postpone our work session until tonight and we met this evening for one hour in executive session to discuss administrative personnel matters, our Act 93 plan and I'm happy to say we did meet with our administration and we met with administration last Tuesday but tonight was the formal meet and discuss process for the Act 93 plan.

Student Representative's Report

Isacc Darby read his report.

There will be no in-person pep rally so they are encouraging all student body to participate in the walk over on Wednesday, October 27th. A Halloween parade for seniors will be held this Friday. Seniors will be excused at 10:00 a.m. Seniors are doing a Pen Pal event with kindergarteners.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bolin read the Treasurer's Report.

First National General Fund 8,462,464.47

Community Bank

First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,936.76
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	127,543.15
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	118,446.04
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	23,807.12
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Tru	General Fund Account st	132,452.16
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	256,744.06

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

Finance Report

Mr. Bolin read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Ber	<u>kheimer</u>	Income	Tax

Earned Income Tax 40,812.66
Local Services Tax 972.50
Per Capita Tax 5,180.08
Delinquent Per Capita 2,942.72
Total: 49,907.96

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Retirement 897,626.87

Title I – Improving Basic Programs 47,854.43

Ready to Learn Block Grant 357,527.00

School District Special Education 245,570.00

COVID-19 SECIM 2,069.00

Total: 1,550,647.30

2021 Real Estate Taxes

Ann Marie Farley – Exeter Twp., Wyoming County
George Miller – West Pittston Borough
2,242,834.92
Wayman Smith – Exeter Twp., Luzerne County
1,577,839.36
Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough
71,790,902.67
Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough
7,573,135.57
Robert Connors - (Supplemental)
381.93
Total:
8,465,443.97

<u>Local Realty Transfer Tax</u>

Luzerne County 34,894.96

- 2. Approve the October 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 October payment of \$61,277.10 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 4. Approve the October 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 to ratify the payment in the amount of \$457,026.90 due to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Special Education Contracted Professional Services and other related services to the Partial Hospitalization Program, Lighthouse Academy and PAL Program. This amount represents advances for services for the months July 2021 through September 2021.
- 6. Approve to ratify the payment in the amount of \$44,625.00 due to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for services related to the Lighthouse Academy Dual Diagnosis Program. This amount represents advances for services for the months July 2021, August 2021 and September 2021.
- 7. Approve the payment of \$34,260.50 due to the Luzerne Intermediate unit for ESL instructional hours from March 2021 to June 2021.

March (total of 50.5 hours utilizing option 1 at \$76.00)	3,838.00
March (total of 7.5 hours utilizing option 2 at \$89.00)	667.50
April (total of 157 hours utilizing option 1 at \$76.00)	11,932.00
April (total of 17.5 hours utilizing option 2 at \$89.00)	1,557.50
May/June (total of 186.5 hours utilizing option 1 at \$76.00)	14,174.00
May/June (total of 23.5 hours utilizing option 2 at \$89.00)	2,091.50
	Total: 34.260.50

8. Approve the November 1, 2021 payments to Wilmington Trust (M&T Bank) for the following debt obligations:

General Obligation Bonds Series 19A	Interest Principal	17,256.25 <u>0.00</u> 17,256.25
General Obligation Bonds Series 198	Interest Principal	113,103.75 <u>5,000.00</u> 118,103.75
General Obligation Bonds Series 21A	A Interest Principal	116,250.00 0.00 116,250.00
General Obligation Bonds Series 218	Interest Principal	75,175.00 <u>845,000.00</u> 920,175.00

9. Approve the agreement with Berkheimer One Source to assist in the printing and mailing of the annual Homestead/Farmstead invitation letters to eligible residents that reside within the Luzerne County of the District.

- 10. Motion to approve the filing of a claim Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Settlement arising from a class action antitrust lawsuit called In re: Blue Cross Blue Shield Antitrust Litigation MDL 2406, N.D. Ala. Master File No. 2:13-cv-20000-RDP.
- 11. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Billing Listing: October 2021 1,033,257.27

Prepaids: September 2021 <u>102,009.20</u> 1,135,266.47

Cafeteria Account: 23,990.11

Athletic Account: <u>8,845.00</u> <u>32,835.11</u>

Total: 1,168,101.58

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

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

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mrs. Yochem 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 2021-2022 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
- 2. Approve the revised professional substitute teacher list.
- 3. Approve the request of Danielle LoPresto, Special Education Teacher, to extend her maternity leave to November 22, 2021.
- 4. Accept, with regret, Rose Mary Litwin's letter of resignation as Secondary Science Teacher retroactive to October 15, 2021.
- 5. Aprove the step placement of Sarah Bolton, Temporary Professional Employee, at Bachelors, Step 4, \$40,883.00 (pro-rated according to her start date).
- 6. Approve the request of Alexandra Hughes, Special Education Teacher, to extend her maternity leave to January 31, 2022.

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

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

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. Pribula read the Activities Report in the absence of Mr. DeAngelo.

1. Approve the request of Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Basketball Parents Association to hold the following fundraisers:

- Lottery Tickets
- Annual Pizza Sale
- Christmas Wreaths
- Sell Ads for Year-End Booklet
- 2. Approve the request of Joe Pizano, Athletic Director, to attend the Pennsylvania State Athletic Director's Association conference in Hershey, March 15, 2022 through March 18, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$800.00. Mr. Pizano is also requesting reimbursement for mileage.
- 3. Approve the appointment of the following volunteer elementary wrestling coaches for the 2021-2022 winter sports season:

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- 4. Approve to rescind the appointment of Steve Price as a volunteer wrestling coach for the 2021-2022 winter sports season.
- 5. Approve the appointment of Steve Price as an assistant junior high wrestling coach for the 2021-2022 winter sports season.
- 6. Approve to rescind the appointment of Joe DeLucca as 7th grade boys basketball coach for the 2021-2022 winter sports season.
- 7. Approve the appointment of Ken Kopetchny as 7th grade boys basketball coach for the 2021-2022 winter sports season.

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

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

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Stofko read the Building Report.

- 1. Accept, with regret, Joan Shinko's letter of intent to retire as ten month cleaner effective November 9, 2021.
- 2. Accept, with regret, Joseph Dolfi's letter of resignation as ten month cleaner effective October 22, 2021.
- 3. Approve the request of Sharon Mazzeo (Sr), Personal Care Aide, to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to September 7, 2021 through approximately October 29, 2021.
- 4. Approve the transfer of Erica Campbell from Paraprofessional to Level II Clerical Aide.
- 5. Approve the request of Sharon Mazzeo (Jr), Personal Care Aide, to use sick days every Thursday of every week for educational purposes through December 2, 2021.

- 6. Approve the request of Debbie Lamoreaux to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to September 27, 2021, pending return date at next doctor's visit.
- 7. Approve the appointment of Debbie Lamoreaux as full time custodian.

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

Roll Call: Ms. Best voted no on item #5 and yes on the remaining report. Mr. Pribula voted no on item #5 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Stofko voted no on item #5 and yes on remaining report. Mrs. Valenti voted no on item #5 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Bolin voted no on item #5 and yes on remaining report. Mrs. Yochem voted no on item #5 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Campenni voted no on item #5 and yes on remaining report.

Item #5 failed. The remaining report passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Campenni read the Policy Report.

1. Approve the second reading of Volume II 2021 revised policies and adoption of new policies:

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Policy 800.1 – Electronic Signature/Records (new policy)
Policy 816 – District Social Media (new policy)
Policy 916 – Volunteers
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2. Approve the second reading of Volume III 2021 revised policies and adoption of new policies:

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Policy 146.1 – Trauma Informed Approach (new policy)
Policy 218.1 – Weapons
Policy 218.2 – Terroristic Threats
Policy 236.1 – Threat Assessment (new policy)
Policy 247 – Hazing
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Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying

Policy 252 – Dating Violence

Policy 805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response

Policy 805.2 – School Security Personnel

3. Approve the second reading of Volume IV 2021 revised policies:

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Policy 006 – Meetings
Policy 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings
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Motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. Pribula, to accept the policy report.

Mrs. Yochem questioned the revised and new policies. Attorney Ferentino responded that when a new law comes out through the PSBA policy maintenance we review them with the policy committee and adopt them.

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

Motion passed.

Police Report

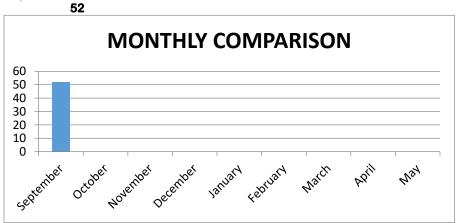
Mr. Campenni read the Police Report.

Wyoming Area Police Department Monthly Report for September 2021 Total Calls for Service

CODE			COUNT
0002	Transport		3
1490	Criminal Mischief – Reports		5
2400	Disorderly Conduct .		6
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools		5
2690	All Other Offenses - Reports		4
2910	Lost/Missing Property		2
3610	Disturbances – Juvenile		5
3830	Service Call – Assist Other Agency		1
3870	Medical Emergency		1
3900	Traffic & Parking Problems		3
4010	Traffic Offenses		1
4020	Non-Criminal – Suspicious Auto		1
4022	Non-Criminal – Suspicious Person		1
4090	Non-Criminal – Reports		3
6690	Traffic Related Services - Reports		2
7016	Follow Up Information		5
7504	Assist Other Agencies – Other Police		3
9997	Child Custody		1
		Total	
		Total	52

Monthly Comparison

September Calls for Service



Open Discussion:

- John Disenferdinand, West Pittston congratulated all the football team, players and coaches on the great job they did this year. Ms. Best stated not to forget all other sports too along with band and the cheerleaders.
- Virtual question from Vanessa Smith Dress Code and lawsuit BCBS

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Campenni, seconded by Mr. Stofko.

 Philip Campenni, President
 John Marianacci, Secretary