

Wyoming Area School District  
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education  
252 Memorial Street, Pennsylvania, 18643  
Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Communications Report

Approval of Minutes: Combined Meeting of January 21, 2026

Superintendent's Report

Solicitor's Report

Student Representative's Report

Treasurer's Report

New Business

Finance Report

Education Report

Activities Report

Building Report

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Adjournment

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1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their meeting minutes of December 17, 2025.
2. West Side Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee submitting their reorganization meeting minutes of December 18, 2025.
3. Ballot received by the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for Wyoming Area Board Members to elect an official to the LIU Board.
4. Carolyn Galenty, Wyoming Area Girls Softball Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
5. Attorney Laura Dennis-Bovani and Jaimie Truskowski, Special Olympics Northeast Region, requesting permission for use of the pool.
6. Kelly Bone, Tiny Learners Learning Center, requesting permission to rent Wyoming Area facilities to hold their Spring Show.
7. Employee #4350 requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
8. Kim Gittens, Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO, requesting permission to hold a fundraiser.
9. Wyoming Area Foundation requesting permission to hold a fundraiser.
10. Employee #20762 submitting a letter of resignation.
11. Employee #20535 requesting permission to take an intermittent leave without pay.
12. Employee #13456 requesting permission to extend a medical leave of absence.
13. Laura Johnson, Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18, requesting permission to use kindergarten facilities for Extended School Year program.
14. Right to Know Request submitted for information regarding a merger of 6<sup>th</sup> grade to the Secondary Center.

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15. Rachael Seamans, Wyoming Area Drama Boosters, requesting permission to hold a fundraiser.
16. Right to Know Request submitted for information relating to any leaks and/or mold issues at the Intermediate Center.
17. Employee #7158 submitting a letter of resignation.
- (18.) Employee #20044 requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.**

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**Treasurer's Report**

Peoples Security Bank & Trust	General Fund	11,044,966.69
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Payroll Account	7,336.57
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Cafeteria Account	292,003.12
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Student Activities Account	154,639.49
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Athletic Fund Account	8,568.42
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Purchasing Account	500.65
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	154,798.80
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Series 2022 GON Account	68,941.55
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Money Market Account	2,069,191.15

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1. Received the following checks:

<u>Berkheimer Income Tax</u>	
Earned Income Tax	122,132.29
Local Services Tax	848.89
Per Capita Tax	811.81
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>3,077.15</u>
	Total: 126,870.14
<u>2025 Real Estate Taxes</u>	
Wayman Smith, Exeter Twp., Luzerne County	40,364.92
<u>State &amp; Federal Subsidy Payments</u>	
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	57,262.07
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	7,114.71
Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment	3,864.64
School District Special Education	338,986.00
PA Cyber CS December 25-26	<u>(137,214.17)</u>
	Total: 544,441.59
<u>In Lieu of Taxes</u>	
Housing Authority of the County of Luzerne	2,370.85
Housing Authority of the County of Wyoming	<u>770.50</u>
	Total: 3,141.35
<u>Local Realty Transfer Tax</u>	
Wyoming County	154.35
<b>Luzerne County</b>	<b><u>22,020.55</u></b>
	<b>Total: 22,174.90</b>

2. Approve the February 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 February payment of \$68,161.62 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Approve the Resolution for the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 General Operating Budget for the years 2026-2027.

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

17-B10-00A-44D-000	1,590.81
17-D10-00A-027-000	1,650.60
17-C10-00A-82B-000	309.62
17-C11S3-002-030-000	<u>280.35</u>
Total:	3,831.38

6. Approve the Credit Adjustments effective February 1, 2026.

Name		From	To	Step	Increase
BALUCHA	KERIANN	M+24	M+30	7	\$ 874.00
EVANS	BRANDI	M+24	M+36	10	\$ 2,361.00
SLACK	KAILA	M+06	M+12	7	\$ 876.00
TOTAL					<u>\$ 4,111.00</u>

7. Approve the Tuition Reimbursements for February 2026.

		AMOUNT TO BE REIMBURSED
BALUCHA	KERIANN	\$600.00
DILEO	NICOLE	\$300.00
EVANS	BRANDI	\$900.00
FASCIANA	AMANDA	\$1,500.00
SANTEY	KRISTEN	\$331.00
SLACK	KAILA	\$600.00
		<u>\$4,231.00</u>

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8. Approve the payment of \$4,200.00 to Pennoni Associates for services rendered through February 1, 2026.

(9.) Approve the appointment of Golden Photo Studio as the Official Yearbook Photography Studio for the 2026-2027 school year.

(10.) Approve a Resolution that the Wyoming Area School District of Luzerne County hereby request a Public School Facility Improvement grant of \$\_\_\_\_\_ from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for facilities upgrades.

(11.) Approve to ratify the following payments:

Bluum USA	Invoice #1074096	11,113.00	Sec. Ctr.	Newline Panels
Action Lift	Invoice #EI6852	<u>8,852.45</u>	Sec. Ctr.	Skyjack Scissor Lift
		<b>Total: 19,965.45</b>		

(12.) Approve the following payments:

PA Paper & Supply	Inv. #S1606684.001	7,621.80	Sec. Ctr.	Desks
Uline	Inv.#203186062	830.04	Sec. Ctr.	Portable Folding Security Gate
Uline	Inv. #200849573	2,108.18	Sec. Ctr.	Security Gates
Rock Street Music	Inv. #04/29/15	<u>20,322.19</u>	Sec. Ctr.	Gym Sound System
		<b>Total: 30,882.21</b>		

(13.) Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: February 2026	929,118.41	
Prepays: January 2026	<u>151,106.43</u>	1,080,224.84
Cafeteria Account:	48,113.02	
Athletic Account:	<u>9,452.22</u>	<u>57,565.24</u>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>1,137,790.08</b>

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to accept the finance report.

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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 Keriann Balucha for tenure having completed three years of satisfactory service as a temporary professional employee.
3. Approve the step placement of temporary professional employee, Melanie Tunaitis, at Masters, Step 4, \$53,237.00, (pro-rated according to start date).
4. Approve the step placement of long term substitute, Lauren Minor, at Bachelors, Step 4, \$42,638.00, retroactive to September 18, 2025 (pro-rated according to duration of assignment).
5. Approve the appointment of Alexandria Arndt as long term substitute retroactive to September 10, 2025 through the end of the 2025-2026 school year, at the step placement at Bachelors, Step 6, \$45,869.00, (pro-rated according to duration of assignment).
- (6.) Approve to rescind the appointment of Jessica Podskoch as Special Education Teacher.**
- (7.) Approve the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as Special Education Teacher.**
- (8.) Approve the grade reconfiguration changes for the following schools: Secondary Center grades 9 through 12 for high school, middle school 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2026-2027 school year. The Intermediate Center will house grades 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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Activities Report

1. Approve the request of Kim Gittens, Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO, to hold a Spring Apparel Sale starting Monday, March 2, 2026 through Monday, March 23, 2026.
  2. Approve the request of Carolyn Galenty, Wyoming Area Girls Softball Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers:
    - Bagging Groceries at Gerrity's West Pittston – 4/12/26, 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
    - Mother's Day Purse Raffle on Mondays, April 13<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 27, 2026.
    - Car Wash at A&A- 4/26/26, 10 p.m. to 2 p.m.
  3. Approve the request of the Wyoming Area Foundation to hold a Rummage Sale on June 12<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 14, 2026.
  4. Approve the request of Rachael Seamans, Wyoming Area Drama Boosters, to hold an online apparel sale on February 23, 2026 to March 23, 2026.
- (5.) Approve the appointments of the following volunteer/assistant coaches/head coach for the 2025-2026 Spring sports season:**

Track & Field

Frank Braccini	Junior High Coach
Rocco Pizano	Volunteer

Softball

Maggie Hallman	Junior High Assistant
Morgan Slusser	Junior High Volunteer

Baseball

<b>Caleb Graham</b>	<b>Varsity Volunteer</b>
<b>Steve Mytych, Sr.</b>	<b>7/8 Coach</b>
<b>Jack Long</b>	<b>Junior High Coach (pending clearances)</b>

Boys/Girls Lacrosse

<b>Mason Byers</b>	<b>Volunteer Coach</b>
<b>Carl DeLuca</b>	<b>Volunteer Coach</b>

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**Boys/Girls Lacrosse (continued)**

**Lindo Sabatini      Volunteer Coach**

**Elizabeth Poor      Volunteer Coach**

**Head Girls Lacrosse Coach**

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Building Report

1. Approve the request of Kelly Bone, Tiny Learners Learning Center, to rent Wyoming Area facilities for their Spring Show. Date and building to be announced, pending approval by the building principal.
2. Approve the request of Attorney Laura Dennis-Bovani and Jaimie Truskowski, Special Olympics Northeast Region, for use of the pool for Special Olympics swim practices on eleven Mondays starting March 2, 2026, from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., pending approval by the building principal, athletic director and solicitor. The rental fee will be waived.
3. Approve the request of employee #4350 to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to February 1, 2026 with an intent to return on March 16, 2026.
4. Accept, with regret, employee #20762 letter of resignation retroactive to February 2, 2026.
5. Approve the request of employee #20535 to take a medical leave without pay retroactive to January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 with the expectation to return to position for the 2026-2027 school year.
6. Approve the request of employee #13456 to extend a medical leave of absence through the 2025-2026 school year with the expectation to return to position for the 2026-2027 school year.
7. Approve the request of Laura Johnson, Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18, to use the kindergarten cafeteria, class rooms and playground for Extended School Year (ESY) program on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays starting June 30, 2026 through August 6, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
8. Accept, with regret, a letter of resignation from employee #7158 retroactive to February 13, 2026.
9. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list for 2025-2026 school year.
- (10.) Approve the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ for 3 hour food service position.**
- (11.) Approve the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as a ten month cleaner.**
- (12.) Approve the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as a ten month cleaner.**

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**(13.) Approve the request of employee #20044 to take a medical leave of absence beginning March 20, 2026 through June 3, 2026.**

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Policy Report

1. Approve the second 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

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to accept the policy report.

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**Bids Report**

Request for proposals for Environmental Controls, Building Automation, and Mechanical Maintenance & Repairs Services were advertised on the following dates:

Times Leader/Citizens Voice

Friday, January 23, 2026

Friday, January 30, 2026

Friday, February 6, 2026

The opening was Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

Successful Bidder(s)

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to accept the bids report.

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

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0002	Transport	1
0294	Childline 104	1
0452	Threat Assessment	1
1440	Criminal Mischief – All Other	1
2400	Disorderly Conduct	3
2450	Harassment	1
3400	Mental Health	2
3900	Traffic & Parking Problems	1
4090	Non-Criminal – Reports	3
7505	Assist Other Agencies – WARP	1
7506	Assisting Other Agencies – All Others	1
S2S	Safe-2-Say Reports	10
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	1
	<b>Total</b>	<hr/> 27