

11567
Wyoming Area School District
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

The combined work session/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. Ten 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 7:20 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Philip Campenni, President
 Mrs. Kimberly Yochem, Vice President
 Mr. Carman Bolin, Treasurer
 Ms. Lara Best
 Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo
 Mr. Leonard Pribula
 Mrs. Toni Valenti

Absent: Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary
 Mr. Gerald Stofko

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, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Frank Pugliesi, Facilities Director, Kristi Naylor, School Psychologist, Vanessa Nee, Special Education Director, Chris Alberigi, School Police Officer.

At this time, Joseph Aliciene from Joseph R. Aliciene & Co., CPAs, presented the single audit report and the final tax collectors report.

Mr. Tom Melone, Business Consultant, gave a power point presentation regarding the 2021-2022 budget.

Communications Report

Mrs. Valenti read the Communications Report in the absence of Mr. Marianacci.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their regular meeting minutes of March 24, 2021.
2. Caroline Bulford, 10 month cleaner, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
3. Kara Kohler, Special Education Aide, requesting permission to take a maternity leave of absence.
4. Danielle LoPresto, Special Education Teacher, requesting permission to take a maternity leave of absence.
5. Julie Venezia submitting her letter of resignation as Speech Therapist.
6. Nancy Mae Anderson, 10 month cleaner, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
7. Gladys Lincoln, Clerical Aide, requesting permission to extend her leave without pay.
8. Janice Stefanelli, Kindergarten Aide, submitting her letter of intent to retire.

9. Right to Know Request submitted for student transportation services contract.
10. Brandi Evans, Elementary Teacher, requesting permission to take a leave without pay.
11. West Side Career & Technology Center submitting their minutes of Joint Operating Committee meeting on April 26, 2021.

Summary of Applications Received

Early Childhood - 3
Elementary (PreK-4) – 5
Elementary (K-6) - 2
Special Education – (K-12) - 3
Special Education – (K-8) - 6
Paraprofessional Aide – 2
English – 1
Administration – 1

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Campenni asked for approval of the minutes of April 27, 2021. Mrs. Yochem abstained. All other board members present vote aye.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. Students participated in the Governor's STEM Competition. This was the first time WA participated and received Honorable Mention.
Mrs. McAndrew was completely thrilled to receive this honor for her team.

Congratulations Mrs. McAndrew and her team!

2. The Wyoming Area Intermediate Center 4th Grade class participated in Sumdog's Computer Program Contest. Congratulations to the students who placed in the Top 50 out of 400 students.
There were a total of over 40 classes who participated in the program.
Congratulations to the following Intermediate Center Classes:

7th place: Mrs. Campenni's 4th Grade Class

10th place: Mrs. Broda's 4th Grade Class

16th place: Mrs. McDermott's 4th Grade Class

Congratulations to all!

3. The Science Olympiad team competed in the Northeast Regional Competition, virtually, on March 17th. The team placed 6th and qualified for the state competition.

The following students were awarded medals:

- 2nd place Forensics: Hailey Patts, Karina Soto
- 2nd place Astronomy: Madison Day, Matthew Pelleschi
- 2nd place Anatomy and Physiology: Hailey Patts, Halle Kranson
- 2nd place Designer Genes: Hailey Patts, Matthew Pelleschi
- 4th place Dynamic Planet: Gabriella Supey, Emily Nelson

Exeter, PA.

May 25, 2021

We would also like to wish our seniors well and thank them for their participation in Science Olympiad. Some of them have dedicated their time since 7th grade.

- Charlie Alfano
- Nicole Donvito
- Emily Lewis
- Aubriana Marranca
- Gabriella Supey
- Carli Tabone
- Grace Washney

Mrs. Molly Kearns is the head coach of the Science Olympiad team. Mr. Pizano, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Roman are assistant coaches. Mrs. Wall and Mrs. Bandru also assisted in preparing students for events. Congratulations to all!

4. The Wyoming Area Scholastic Team competed in WVIA’s Scholastic Scrimmage in a virtual competition in April and May. Team members were Grace Washney, Charlie Alfano, Nicole Donvito, and Adam Wisnewski. The team is coached by Mrs. Molly Kearns. The competition will air on WVIA on June 3rd, June 8th and June 11th at 7pm.
5. Jaden Pepe won the PIAA Class 2A title at 113 pounds on Friday, March 12, 2021 at Hershey’s Giant Center. The sophomore became the first Wyoming Area wrestler to win a state championship and the first from any Wyoming Valley Conference school to accomplish the feat in 14 years. Jaden was also the District 2 champ and selected as the Most Outstanding Wrestler in the District. Mr. Phil Campenni, our Board President, will be presenting the plaque to Jaden this evening. Congratulations Jaden!
6. Congratulations to all students who participated in the Wyoming Area Drama Club’s presentation of “Chicago – High School Edition” on May 20 through May 23 at the Secondary Center Auditorium. Congratulations to Thespian Throupe #4795! Chuck Yarmey is the Technical Director and Kate Mangan is the Artistic Director. Congratulations to all involved!
7. Awards day will be held tomorrow, May 26th at 9 AM. Awards will be given out recognizing our seniors, along with underclassmen winners of various competitions. Wyoming Area will celebrate awards in the following categories - Science, Coding, History, Band and Chorus, and Athletics.

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino read his report.

At the executive meeting held this evening discussion of on-going personnel matters, Act 93 compensation plan and litigation matters.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Bolin read the Treasurer’s Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	8,703,999.75
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,923.31
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	81,440.56

First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	114,113.14
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	17,215.57
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	132,446.22
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	263,635.20

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	80,238.71
Local Services Tax	459.39
Per Capita Tax	417.00
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>7,103.08</u>
Total:	88,218.18

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Title I – Improving Basic Programs	48,970.43
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	7,159.79
Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment	3,095.00
Basic Education Funding	1,192,680.00
Cares Act-ESSER Fund	24,698.10
COVID-19 SECIM	2,069.00
aTSI GEER	<u>3,001.95</u>
Total:	1,281,674.27

Delinquent Real Estate Tax

Wyoming County	15,943.84
----------------	-----------

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	20,965.43
Wyoming County	<u>716.31</u>
Total:	21,681.74

2. Approve the May 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 May payment of \$56,528.00 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Approve the May payment of \$20,000.00 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Liberty Academy dual Diagnosis Services for the 2020-2021 school year.

Exeter, PA.

May 25, 2021

5. Approve the following refunds of paid property taxes for the year 2020:

#16-E11NW3-001-046-000	111.83
#16-E11NW3-001-045-000	89.47
#66-E10S1-001-004-000	<u>53.98</u>
Total:	255.28

6. Approve the budgeted library contribution for the 2020-2021 fiscal year: \$2,000 each to the Wyoming Free Library and West Pittston Library.
7. Approve the budgeted ambulance contribution of \$300 to Greater Pittston Regional Ambulance for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
8. Approve the appointments of Dr. Steven Bonomo, Dr. Erani Pagliarini, Dr. Ann McDonough and Dr. Ryan McDonnell as school dentists, to do examinations as state mandated for grades K, 3 and 7 for the 2021-2022 school year.
9. Approve to authorize the Secretary, in consultation with the Superintendent, Solicitor and Business Manager to solicit bids, as needed, for items in excess of the final adjusted base amount issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry for the 2021-2022 school year.
10. Approve to authorize the Albert B. Melone Company, Business Consultant, to solicit quotes if necessary for securing a 2021-2022 Tax Anticipation Note.
11. Approve the Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, as prepared by Joseph R. Aliciene & Co., CPAs.
12. Approve the Final Tax Collection Report of the Tax Collectors for the year ended December 31, 2019, by Joseph R. Aliciene & Co., CPAs.
13. Approve retroactively the West Side Career & Technology Center's final budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
14. Approve the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2021-2022 school year and authorize the Secretary of the Board to advertise the budget notice of the adoption of the Proposed Final General Fund Budget according to law.

The Proposed Final General Fund Budget provides for the expenditures of \$39,369,965 and equity and revenues of a like amount and reflects a tax of 17.5554 mills for the Boroughs of Exeter, Exeter Township, Luzerne County, West Pittston, West Wyoming and Wyoming per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation on real estate, and a tax of 84.8529 mills for Exeter Township, Wyoming County per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation on real estate. The budget also maintains the following: a per capita tax of \$5.00 on all persons over twenty-one (21) years of age who are residents or inhabitants of the school district under the authority of the Act of March 10, 1949, P.L. 30, Article VI, Section 679 and its amendments an additional per capita tax of \$5.00 per person on all persons over twenty-one (21) years of age who are residents or inhabitants of Exeter, Exeter Township, Luzerne County, Exeter Township, Wyoming County, West Pittston, West Wyoming, and Wyoming under the authority of Act 511 and its amendments, the forgoing being applicable to taxpayers less than sixty-five (65) years of age, and a Local Services Tax for individuals (formerly the occupational privilege tax) within the Wyoming Area school boundaries, real estate transfer tax 1% and wage or earned income tax of 1%.

15. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 to provide services to Wyoming Area School District students for the 2021-2022 school year subject to the approval of the business consultant and school solicitor.
16. Approve a letter of notice to the Northeast Health Care Trust that the Wyoming Area School District is reserving its right to withdraw participation in the Trust (12) twelve months from this date. This is in accordance with section 5.4 of the Trust agreement.
17. Approve the 2020-2021 Credit Adjustments effective May 1, 2021 - retroactive to September 1, 2020.

Wyoming Area School District 2020-2021 Credit Adjustments Effective 05/01/2021 - Retroactive to 09/01/2020				
Name	From	To	Step	Increase
AMITIA, AMANDA	M+06	M+18	5	\$ 1,750.00
BIAGO, NICOLE	M+54	M+60	5	\$ 1,482.00
BRUSEO, HANNAH	B+18	B+24	4	\$ 1,104.00
COLLURA, KAYLA	B+06	B+18	4	\$ 3,162.00
CONFLETTI, JENNIFER	M+12	M+24	5	\$ 1,750.00
DUNN, BRITTANY	M+18	M+30	5	\$ 1,750.00
EVANS, ASHLEY	B+06	B+24	4	\$ 4,266.00
GIGLIO, ANN	M+36	M+48	5	\$ 4,186.00
GLATZ, MARJORIE	M+24	M+36	5	\$ 2,361.00
HAMSTRA, STACEY	M+42	M+54	7	\$ 3,574.00
HINES, REBECCA	M+54	M+60	5	\$ 1,482.00
HUGHES, ALEXANDRA	B+24	M	5	\$ 4,751.00
JARDEN, LORRAINE	M+42	M+48	8	\$ 2,093.00
LEMONCELLI, ROBERT	M+12	M+24	5	\$ 1,750.00
LOPRESTO, DANIELLE	M	M+12	5	\$ 1,750.00
MACARIO, ANTHONY	M+48	M+60	5	\$ 2,963.00
MANTA, JEANINE	B+06	B+18	4	\$ 3,162.00
MAZZITELLI, SARA	M+48	M+60	5	\$ 2,963.00
MURTHA, SHEILA	M+48	M+54	9	\$ 1,481.00
PACELLI, KELLY	M+48	M+60	5	\$ 2,963.00
PORFIRIO, DEEDRA	M+36	M+42	9	\$ 2,093.00
POWERS-ORTH, JILL	M	M+06	6	\$ 874.00
RUTLEDGE, CHRISTINE	M+54	M+60	15	\$ 1,482.00
SELTZER, MELANIE	B+12	M+12	4	\$ 9,187.00
STEVENS, MARIAH	B+18	B+24	5	\$ 1,104.00
STEVENS, MELISSA	M+54	M+60	17	\$ 1,482.00
TIERNEY, LINDSAY	M	M+06	5	\$ 874.00
TONDORA, BOBBIE LYNN	M+30	M+42	5	\$ 3,580.00
TURNER, JESSICA	B+24	M	5	\$ 4,751.00
WEBER, AMY	M	M+06	4	\$ 874.00
WIEDL, LAUREN	M+36	M+48	5	\$ 4,186.00
YATSKO, ROBERT	M+48	M+60	17	\$ 2,963.00
			TOTAL	\$ 84,193.00

Exeter, PA.

May 25, 2021

18. Approve the payment of \$18,563.00 to Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for ESL instructional hours for December through February:

December (total of 58.75 hours utilizing option 1 at \$76.00)	4,465.00	
December (total of 0 hours utilizing option 2 at \$89.00)	.00	
January (total of 62.5 hours utilizing option 1 at \$76.00)	4,750.00	
January (total of 0 hours utilizing option 2 at \$89.00)	.00	
February (total of 123 hours utilizing option 1 at \$76.00)	9,348.00	
February (total of 0 hours utilizing option 2 at \$89.00)	<u>.00</u>	
Total:	18,563.00	

19. Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release for student #669384469.

20. Approve that the Wyoming Area School District has applied via Erate Category 2 for wireless and networking equipment upgrades. In addition, after filing a Form 470 for each category, the district has selected Northeast Data to complete a wireless networking upgrade at a cost of \$34,642.00 and Prismworks for a complete network switch infrastructure replacement at a cost of \$86,530.00. Each project qualifies for a 60% reduction of cost based on the district's current discount rate.

21. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing:	May 2021	877,747.77	
Prepays:	April 2021	<u>73,129.90</u>	950,877.67
Cafeteria Account:		27,684.00	
Athletic Account:		<u>17,215.57</u>	<u>44,899.57</u>
		Total:	995,777.24

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Best, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, 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) 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 Janet Serino, Superintendent, to oversee preparation of submission to PDE for approval: Title I, Title II, and Title IV grant programs and applications for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Accept, with regret, Julie Venezia's letter of resignation as Speech Therapist effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Approve the request of Danielle LoPresto, Special Education Teacher, to take a maternity leave of absence effective at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year with intent to return November 1, 2021.

5. Approve the appointment of Paula Cecil as Class Day Advisor for the 2020-2021 school year.
6. Approve the 2020-2021 school calendar change: June 15th will be a ½ Act 80 day/early dismissal.
7. Approve the school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.
8. Approve the Flexible Instructional Day Program for the 2021-2022 school year.
9. Approve the Emergency Instructional Days Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.
10. Approve the revised professional and guest teacher substitute lists for the 2020-2021 school year.
11. Approve the request of Brandi Evans, Special Education Teacher, to take a leave without pay effective June 3, 2021 until end of the school year.

Motion by Mrs. Yochem, second by Ms. Best, to accept the education report.

On the Question: Walt Stevens, West Wyoming, questioned item #8 and #9. Mrs. Serino responded the Flexible Instructional Day Program is allowing students up to five snow days to do their work virtually. We wouldn't have many snow days to make up. The Emergency Instructional Days Plan is because of the pandemic. We had to make sure we had enough days and hours, so this is just requesting PDE to be flexible for the 2020-2021 schedule.

Melissa Dolman, Wyoming Area Union President/Teacher, asked if item #6 was a misprint. Response was it is an addition. June 15th, 16th and 17th will be act 80 ½ days.

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

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. DeAngelo read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the appointment of the following head coaches for the 2021-2022 winter sports season at a salary as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Boys Basketball	Anthony Macario
Girls Basketball	Chad Lojewski
Swimming	Ken Bryden
Winter Track	Joe Pizano
Wrestling	Steve Mytych

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

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

Motion passed.

Exeter, PA.
May 25, 2021

Building Report

Mr. Campenni read the Building Report in the absence of Mr. Stofko.

1. Accept, with regret, Caroline Bulford submitting her letter of intent to retire as a ten month cleaner effective June 20, 2021.
2. Approve the request of Kara Kohler, Special Education Aide, to take a maternity leave of absence tentatively on the first day of the 2021 school year with a return date approximately February 2022.
3. Approve the collapse of Level II clerical aide position in principal's office.
4. Approve to rescind the appointment of Suzanne Serino as paraprofessional aide.
5. Accept, with regret, Nancy Mae Anderson submitting her letter of intent to retire as a ten month cleaner effective June 17, 2021.
6. Approve the request of Gladys Lincoln, Clerical Aide, to extend her leave without pay retroactive to April 7, 2021.
7. Accept, with regret, Janice Stefanelli's letter of intent to retire as kindergarten aide effective June 17, 2021.

Motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Ms. Best, to accept the building report.

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

Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Campenni read the Policy Report.

1. Approve the second 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

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

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

Motion passed.

Open Discussion:

Received email from Tracy Sokoloski – When will schedule for next year be released? Mr. Campenni responded the calendar was just approved tonight. Question: Children wearing masks outside and in hot weather?

Mrs. Serino responded it will be discussed in a staff meeting. Question: When will they not be required to wear them at all? Mrs. Serino responded that in school the rules are different. Schools have been wearing masks.

Zach Houston, Exeter - Thanked the board for bringing students back to school – the education is so much better in the classroom. As a senior, so happy for things getting back to normal. Mr. Houston thanked the board for working with the students.

Matt Kearns, Exeter – Mask wearing – Mrs. Serino responded that parents and visitors are to wear masks in the building. Mr. Kearns also thanked the board and administration for bringing the students back safe. Budget questions for Mr. Melone were asked.

Walt Stevens, West Wyoming, Bussing situations, classrooms, gym, recess, etc. for next year. Attorney Ferentino responded that we hope to have CDC recommendations by July. We should have updated numbers on where COVID is at that point. Mrs. Serino stated she hoped to bring all the students back in the Fall. We are still going to be cautious and continue with safety precautions. Information will be on the Wyoming Area web site.

Melissa Dolman asked if ESSER funds can be used for training teachers or educating teachers with AP programs and STEM programs. AP teachers need AP training. Attorney Ferentino responded that ESSER funds has to go to certain things within addressing the COVID pandemic. The pool is being fixed as brought up by Mrs. Dolman. Attorney Ferentino responded yes, the pool is being fixed. Also, the air infiltration system and exterior windows and doors identify as that. Mrs. Dolman stated she would say it's an educational deficit. Why would we not be investing in these programs?

Mr. Campenni acknowledged the Drama Club for the extraordinary job they did on the production of "Chicago". Very talented students in the district. He congratulated Sara Mangan and Chuck Yarmey.

Mr. Campenni also congratulated J.J. Hood from the baseball team. He won the first annual Joe Agolino award for the MVP of the Battle of the Bridges against PA.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. DeAngelo.

Philip Campenni, President

John Marianacci, Secretary of the Board