

Wyoming Area School District  
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting  
Wyoming Area Board of Education  
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643  
Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Communications Report

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 26, 2022  
Special Meeting of May 5, 2022

Superintendent's Report

Solicitor's Report

Student Representative's Report

Treasurer's Report

New Business

Finance Report

Education Report

Activities Report

Building Report

Police Report

Open Discussion

Adjournment



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1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their regular board meeting minutes of March 23, 2022.
2. West Side Career & Technology Center Joint Operating Committee submitting their meeting minutes of March 28, 2022.
3. Barbara Kile, Vice President of the Mt. Zion Bicentennial Volunteer Fire Co., requesting permission to rent the Secondary Center cafeteria for a craft/vendor show fundraiser.
4. Lisa Hogan, First Grade Teacher, requesting a medical leave of absence with a letter of intent to retire.
5. Chad Lojewski, Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, submitting his letter of resignation.
6. Kendra Evans, Food Service Employee, submitting her letter of resignation.
7. Right to Know Request submitted for the current Sports Medicine/Athletic Training Services Agreement.
8. Attorney Thomas Campenni, Vice President of Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, requesting permission to continue the Summer Recreation Program at the stadium and weight-room.
9. Attorney Thomas Campenni, Vice President of Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, requesting permission to hold the Warrior Pride Football Camp.
10. Attorney Thomas Campenni, Vice President of Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, requesting permission to hold a golf tournament.
11. Attorney Thomas Campenni, Vice President of Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, requesting permission to hold two fundraisers.
12. Attorney Thomas Campenni, Vice President of Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, requesting permission to hold the Ring of Pride Ceremony.

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13. Patricia Drendall, Teacher's Aide at Kindergarten Center, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.

Summary of Applications Received

Principal – 9

Elementary – 7

Special Education - 11



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COMBINED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022  
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. *Students at the Kindergarten Center observed Earth Day with a nature walk. See some of the photos below:*





2. ***Congratulations to Senior Bethany Sromoski, who has qualified for the second consecutive year for the PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association) All-State Concert Band. She is the Editor in Chief of the Yearbook, Vice President of both the Law and Board Game Clubs, and Treasurer of FBLA. Additionally, she participates in Concert Band, as well as the Art, Ski and Drama Clubs. Bethany also arranged music for the Senior Band Members to perform at the Spring Concert. In the fall, Bethany will attend Bucknell University, majoring in Chemistry and Russian. Congratulations Bethany!!***



3. ***Congratulations to the Wyoming Area Science Olympiad team. Members competed in the State competition and were awarded medals in the following events:***  
***It's About Time (Matt Pelleschi and Jocelyn Williams)***  
***Forensics (Hailey Patts and Karina Soto)***  
***Ping Pong Parachute (Madison Day and Sofia Sabatini)***  
***Wright Stuff (Hailey Patts and Amelia Golden)***  
***Write It Do It (Patrick Branley and Cadance Cable)***  
***Advisors for Science Olympiad are Molly Kearns, David Pizano, Nancy Roman and Gordon Williams. Congratulations to all!!***
4. ***Congratulations to Sean Burke, Hailey Patts and Matthew Pelleschi; they have been named to The Citizens's Voice Scholastic Superstars Class of 2022. They are part of a 25 member class chosen by a panel of five judges from nominations submitted by many of the school districts in The Citizen's Voice coverage area. The students received The Citizens' Voice Scholastic Superstars medals on April 19, 2022 at the FM Kirby Center.***
5. ***The WA Stem team designed an E.R.A. (Environmental Recognition Accessory) – please see excerpt from their Scientific Proposal below: Team members are: Samara Campenni, Mia Risley, Diem Keiu Bui-Phan and Gianna Pelligrino. Their Stem teacher is Trudy McAndrew. Great job!!***
- <https://youtu.be/67YocV7H0uQ>**
- Update:*** - ***Wyoming Area Secondary Center placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Pennsylvania Department of Education's ninth annual Governor's STEM Competition. Congratulations to Mrs. Trudy McAndrew and her team!!***
6. ***Congratulations to Erica Bartoli, who has been informed that she received a \$350 Classroom Grant from Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) that she can use to purchase Micro:Bits for her classroom.***
7. ***Awards day will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Awards will be given out recognizing our seniors, along with underclassmen winners of various competitions. Wyoming Area will celebrate awards in the following categories – Guidance, Science, History, FBLA, Band and Chorus, and Athletics***



8. *Students from the Secondary Center's computer science classes attended a trip to King's College to participate in their Computer Information Systems presentation. While there, the students listened to presenters from the college discuss future opportunities in the field of Computer Science. They also participated in a scavenger hunt involving local businesses. Finally, the students received a campus tour and met Leo the Lion!*





9. ***Congratulations to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade band members who represented our school at PMEA Band Fest: Gionna Deyarmin, Kelsey Jones Alexandra Jacobs, Ava Simko, and Madison Fronczek.***



10. ***Congratulations to the High School Science Olympiad team, they participated in the Northeast Regional Competition. First place in Forensics (Hailey Patts and Karina Soto), Wright Stuff (Amelia Golden, Hailey Patts), Third place Gravity Vehicle (Hailey Patts, Zach Kostik), Fourth Place Ping Pong Parachute (Madison Day, Sofia Sabatini), Fourth Place, Trajectory (Matt Pelleschi, Joey Marranca), Fourth Place, Write It Do It (Halle Kranson, Patrick Branley). Our team once again qualified for the state competition.***

***Members competed in the State competition and were awarded medals in the following events: It's About Time (Matt Pelleschi and Jocelyn Williams), Forensics (Hailey Patts and Karina Soto), Ping Pong Parachute (Madison Day and Sofia Sabatini), Wright Stuff (Hailey Patts and Amelia Golden) and Write It Do It (Patrick Branley and Cadance Cable). Advisors for Science Olympiad are Molly Kearns, David Pizano, Nancy Roman and Gordon Williams. Other members of the science department also helped the students to prepare.***



11. ***Congratulations to our AP Physics Team #1 for winning the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Trophy at the annual University of Scranton Hayes Physics Competition. Team Members include:***

*Sean Burke*

*Richard Kachuba*

*Zachary Kostik*

*Hunter Lawall*

*Hailey Patts*

*Matthew Pelleschi*

*In addition, Matthew Pelleschi received the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Plaque for his performance in the individual quiz portion of the competition.*



12. ***I would like to acknowledge Isaac Darby for his outstanding service in representing the student body on the Wyoming Area School Board for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. His participation was an invaluable resource to the Board in its decision making process. Congratulations Isaac!***

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 Treasurer's Report

First National Community Bank	General Fund	6,500,434.14
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,947.77
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	107,933.81
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	108,447.58
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	17,232.21
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	132,476.60
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	6,795.75



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Finance Report

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	94,307.83
Local Services Tax	388.03
Per Capita Tax	297.00
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>2,220.72</u>
Total:	97,213.58

State & Subsidy Payments

Title I – Improving Basic Programs	112,604.92
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	15,138.46
Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment	7,740.00
Basic Education Funding	1,230,265.00
ARP ESSER 7%	7,065.51
Cares Act-ESSER II Fund	57,485.44
COVID-19 SECIM	<u>2,069.00</u>
Total:	1,432,368.33

Local Realty Tax

Luzerne County	27,288.59
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2. Approve the May 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 May payment of \$61,277.10 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2021-2022 school year.
4. Approve the May 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 the West Side Career & Technology Center budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

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6. Approve the budgeted library contribution for the 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 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 2022-2023 school year.
9. Approve the appointment of Golden Photo Studio as Official Yearbook Photography Studio for the 2022-2023 school year.
10. 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 2022-2023 school year.
11. Approve to authorize Albert B. Melone Company, Business Consultant, to solicit quotes if necessary for securing a 2022-2023 Tax Anticipation Note.
12. Approve the Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, as prepared by Joseph R. Aliciene & Co., CPA's.
13. Approve the Final Tax Collection Report of the Tax Collectors for the year ended December 31, 2020.
14. 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.



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15. Approve the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2022-2023 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 \_\_\_\_\_ and equity and revenues of a like amount and reflects a tax of \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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%.

16. Approve payment of \$23,095.50 to Luzerne Intermediate Unit for ESL instructional hours:

December hours – 67

January hours – 63.25

February hours – 129.25

259.5 hours at \$89.00 = \$23,095.50

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17. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: May 2022	834,423.55	
Prepays: April 2022	<u>195,674.64</u>	1,030,098.19
Cafeteria Account:	94,544.35	
Athletic Account:	<u>6,769.30</u>	<u>101,313.65</u>
		Total: 1,131,411.84

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



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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 for the mutual agreement of the Wyoming Area Education Association and Wyoming Area School District to allow any member of the professional staff to voluntarily donate one sick day to Lisa Hogan for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Approve the Flexible Instructional Day Program for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Approve the appointment of Rita Mauriello as Title I Consultant at a stipend of \$6,000.00, to be paid out of the Title I Federal Grant, for the 2022-2023 school year
5. Approve the appointment of Rosella Fedor as Chairperson for the Wyoming Area Scholarship/Awards Program at a stipend of \$5,000.00 (as previously approved at the March 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting) for the 2022-2023 school year.
6. Approve the appointment of Juel Anne Klepadlo as Chairperson for the Wyoming Area Scholarship/Awards Program at a stipend of \$3,000.00 (as previously approved at the March 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting) for the 2022-2023 school year.
7. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2021-2022 school year.
8. Approve the request of Lisa Hogan, First Grade Teacher for a medical leave of absence retroactive to May 4, 2022, with a letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
9. Approve the transfer of Mariah Stevens, Special Education Teacher at the Intermediate Center to first grade teacher effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
10. Approve the transfer of Janine Smith, Emotional Support Teacher at Secondary Center to first grade teacher effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

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11. Approve the transfer of Michelle Klaproth, Gifted Teacher to second grade teacher effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
12. Approve the transfer of Jennifer Confletti, Special Education Teacher at the Intermediate Center to fourth grade teacher effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
13. Approve the transfer of Amy Esposito, Math Teacher at Secondary Center to Gifted Teacher effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
14. Approve the transfer of Sara Mazzitelli, Sixth Grade Teacher, to Math Teacher effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
15. Approve the transfer of Samantha Pisano, Special Education Teacher at the Secondary Center to sixth grade teacher effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

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Activities Report

1. Accept, with regret, Chad Lojewski's letter of resignation as Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach.
2. Approve the following assistant coaches and volunteer coaches for the 2022-2023 Fall sports season at a salary as per the collective bargaining agreement:

**CHEERLEADING**

Kendra Radle – Asst. Advisor

**Football**

Michael Fanti – Asst. Coach  
Rich Musinski – Asst. Coach  
Ken Kopetchny – Asst. Coach  
Jason Speece – Asst. Coach  
Tom Loftus – Asst. Coach  
Corey Popovich – Asst. Coach (1/2 salary)  
John McNeil – Asst. Coach (1/2 salary)  
Don Hindmarsh – Asst. Coach (1/2 salary)  
Bryce Hinkle – Asst. Coach (1/2 salary)  
Jim Pizano – Volunteer Coach  
Eric Speece – Volunteer Coach  
Kim Pace – Volunteer Coach  
Tom Campenni – Volunteer Coach  
Paul Angeli – Volunteer Coach  
Farrad Condry – Volunteer Coach  
John Hindmarsh – Volunteer Coach  
Mike Laffey – Strength Coach  
Dave Pacchioni – Volunteer Strength Coach

**Golf**

Rob Yatsko-Asst. Coach

**SOCCER, BOYS**

Robert Dougherty – Asst. Coach  
Brittany Dunn(Lombardo)JH Coach

**SOCCER, GIRLS**

Ashley Evans – Asst. Coach  
Aleah Kranson – Volunteer Coach

**TENNIS**

Joe Skrip – Volunteer Coach

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3. Approve the request of Attorney Thomas Campenni, Vice President of Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, to hold a golf tournament on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Four Seasons Golf Club in Exeter.
4. Approve the request of Attorney Thomas Campenni, Vice President of Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, to hold two fundraisers: Funding Zone's Goal Tracker program (WAFAA will receive a custom website for the football team with their own specific video message which will enable them to share fundraising information). The second is selling of discount cards.
5. Approve the request of Attorney Thomas Campenni, Vice President of Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, to hold the Ring of Pride Ceremony at the Wyoming Area game against Lake Lehman on October 14, 2022 to announce the 2022 Ring of Pride inductees, pending approval by the athletic director.
6. Approve the following coaches for the 2022 Summer Recreation Program:

Mike Fanti	1,251.00
Ken Kopetchny	1,251.00
Jason Speece	1,251.00
Mike Laffey	426.00
7. Approve to rescind the appointment of Gina Manganiello as Head Volleyball Coach for the 2022-2023 Fall sports season.

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1. Approve the request of Barbara Kile, Vice President of the Mt. Zion Bicentennial Volunteer Fire Co., to rent the Secondary Center cafeteria for a craft/vendor show fundraiser on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 27, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The organization is also responsible for custodial fees and security.
2. Approve the appointment of James Stoss as a 4 hour food service employee.
3. Approve the appointment of Brenda Jurchak as a 4 hour food service employee.
4. Accept, with regret, Kendra Evan's letter of resignation as food service employee retroactive to May 13, 2022.
5. Approve the request of Attorney Thomas Campenni, Vice President of Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, to continue the 2022 Summer Recreation Program at the stadium and weight-room from June 10, 2022 to July 29, 2022, pending approval by the athletic director. The program is funded by the WAFAA.
6. Approve the request of Attorney Thomas Campenni, Vice President of Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, to hold the Warrior Pride Football Camp between the ages of 6 and 14, at the stadium and Boston Avenue garage July 22, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., pending approval by the athletic director.
7. Approve the request of Patricia Drendall, Teacher's Aide at Kindergarten Center, to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to May 9, 2022 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
8. Approve the agreement between Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals Association and Wyoming Area School District to allow any member of the support staff to voluntarily donate one sick day leave to Caroline Kudasik, Secretary, during the 2021-2022 school year.



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9. Approve the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as Level I Secretary at the Secondary Center.
10. Approve the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as Level I Secretary at the Primary Center.

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**Wyoming Area Police Department  
 Monthly Report for April 2022  
 Total Calls for Service**

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0690	Theft – Reports	1
2400	Disorderly Conduct	2
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	4
3100	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
3610	Disturbances - Juvenile	2
3870	Medical Emergency	1
4020	Non-Criminal – Suspicious Auto	1
4090	Non-Criminal – Reports	4
7016	Follow Up Information	15
7504	Assist Other Agencies – Other Police	7
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	4
Total		42

<u>March Calls for Service</u>	<u>Monthly Comparison</u> <u>April Calls for Service</u>	<u>Plus/Minus Comparison</u>
42	0	42

