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Wyoming Area School District
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
Wyoming Area School District
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

The combined work session/regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening in the Secondary Center auditorium, 252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643. Approximately ten people of the public were in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Mrs. Valenti, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mrs. Valenti asked for roll call.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Mara Valenti, President
Mr. Philip Campenni, Vice President
Mr. David Alberigi, Secretary
Mr. Joseph Kopko, Treasurer
Mr. Anthony J. Burke
Mr. Peter Butera
Mrs. Erica Gazda
Mr. Michael Kachmarsky
Mrs. Kirby Kunkle

Also present were: Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, Jarrett J. Ferentino, Solicitor, Mr. Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jason Jones, Technology Director, Greg Riley, Building Principal of Secondary Center, Doug Piazza, Principal of Discipline, Brian Strazdus, Building Principal of Intermediate Center, David Pacchioni, Building Principal of Primary Center, Stephanie Anuszewski, Director of Special Education, Lucy Menta, Student Representative.

Approval of Minutes

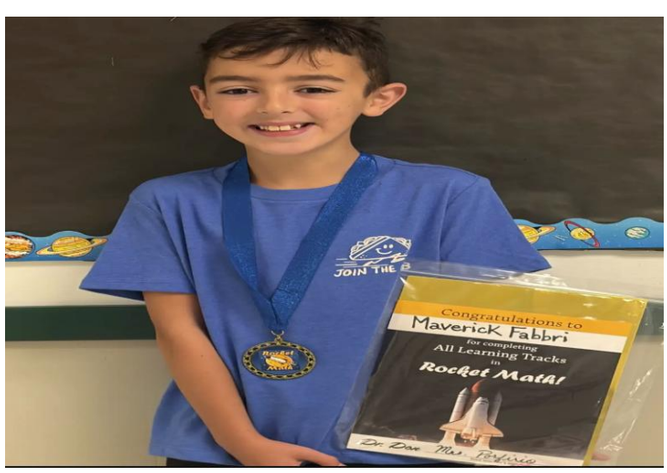
Mrs. Valenti asked for approval of the minutes of August 25, 2026. All board members present voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pollard read his report.

1. **Thank you to all of our families for attending the Get Acquainted Nights!**

2. **Maverick Fabbri, 4th Grade student, completed all 16 levels of Rocket Math. He was awarded a certificate and a medal for his accomplishment from Dr. Don Crawford, the creator of Rocket Math. This is a program our school uses to help young students develop fluency and mastery with math facts and enjoy the process. Maverick was motivated by seeing his own learning and success. He is only the second student in our district to ever complete the Rocket math program. We are all very proud of Maverick and know he will continue to excel and succeed.**



3. **Reminder to families, students, faculty, staff and administration, that we may use Virtual Instruction at different times throughout the year. This may include, but not limited to, weather emergencies and other instances where Virtual Instruction provides the most continuity for education and instruction.**

4. **I would like to welcome Ella Keefer as the Senior Class Student Representative and Lucy Menta as the Junior Class Student Representative to serve the Wyoming Area School Board. Congratulations Ella and Lucy.**

At this time, Mr. Kopko, Board Member, acknowledged Simon Pollard, a senior. Simon is also a Wyoming Fire Department volunteer who did a thousand steps at Montage Stadium and walked the bleachers with full gear on, 40 to 45 lbs. for 9/11.

Communications Report
Mr. Alberigi read the Communications Report.

1. West Side Career & Technology Center Joint Operating Committee submitting their minutes of July 27, 2026.

2. Kristina Anderson submitting a letter of resignation as Junior Class Advisor.

3. Sharon Hollister, Wyoming Area Music Sponsors, requesting permission to hold a fundraiser.

4. April Warke, Wyoming Area Kindergarten/Primary Center PTO, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.

5. Adele Barone, Wyoming Area Drama Booster Club, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.

6. Nikki Milcavage, Wyoming Area Diamond Club, requesting permission to hold a fundraiser.

7. Employee #6520 submitting a letter of resignation.

8. Employee #20628 submitting a letter of resignation.

9. Employee #20694 requesting permission to take a maternity leave of absence.

10. Employee #20684 submitting a letter of resignation.

11. Lori DeAngelo requesting permission to use the Secondary Center student/faculty parking lot for the Exeter Borough Turkey Trot.

12. Ami Bealla Alberigi, Wyoming Area Swim Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.

13. Tiffany Little, Wyoming Area Boys Soccer Parents Association, requesting permission to hold a fundraiser.

Summary of Applications Received
Level I Administrative Assistant – 9
Food Service – 2

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Custodian – 5
Cleaners – 2
LPN – 1
Level II Administrative Assistant - 10

Solicitor's Report
Attorney Ferentino reported the Board met this evening and September 8th in executive session and discussed on-going collective bargaining, special education litigation, along with some personnel matters as well.

Student Representative's Report
Lucy Menta, Junior, reported that on behalf of the junior class, I'm glad to have this opportunity to represent my grade and excited to help my fellow officers with events and fundraising this year. To start off the beginning of the school year we are currently in the process of designing t-shirts for the WA vs PA game at the end of October. We are also holding our annual basket raffle at the homecoming game. We are working with the other officers and advisors and are hoping for a successful junior year.

Treasurer's Report
Mr. Kopko read the Treasure's Report.

Peoples Security Bank & Trust	General Fund	3,713,421.80
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Payroll Account	7,571.09
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Cafeteria Account	15,863.75
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Student Activities Account	154,129.40
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Athletic Fund Account	23,054.48
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	157,960.02
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Series 2022 GON Account	308,400.47
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Money Market Account	2,092,447.83
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	Facilities Grant Account	752,439.03

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

Finance Report

Mr. Butera read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax		
Earned Income Tax		516,735.42
Local Services Tax		5,027.51
Per Capita Tax		2,972.01
Delinquent Per Capita		3,870.20
	Total:	528,605.14
State & Federal Subsidy Payments		
Social Security		200,375.34
Basic Education Funding		1,412,656.00
School District Transportation		260,312.00
DCNR-PILOT 98 Acres		294.00
PCCD School Mental Health & Safety Grant 25/26		78,304.41
Property Tax Relief Payment		408,123.00
	Total:	2,360,064.75
2026 Real Estate Taxes		
Paul Konopka-Wyoming Boro.		735,432.97
Carol Bardzel – Exeter Twp., Wyoming County		138,339.25
Carol Bardzel- Exeter Twp., Wyoming County		123,744.62
Robert Connors – West Wyoming Boro.		627,912.08
Thomas Pizano – Exeter Boro. (Supplemental)		4,925.47
Thomas Pizano – Exeter Boro.		1,546,901.93
Paul Argenio – West Pittston Boro.		840,496.81
Heather Santee – Exeter Twp., Luzerne County		657,328.96
	Total:	4,675,082.09
Local Realty Transfer Tax		
Luzerne County		21,226.80

2. Approve the September payment of $83,990.04 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for Special Education Services and other related services for the 2026-2027 school year.

3. Approve the September payment in the amount of $73,161.16 due to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for other related services to Partial Hospitalization, Lighthouse Academy, Behavior Health and Forty Fort Therapeutic Autism Programs. This amount represents an advance for services for the months of July and August 2026.

4. Approve to ratify the September payment of $65,668.09 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2026-2027 school year.

5. Approve to ratify the engagement letter relative to performing the District's Single Audit Report from Brian T. Kelly, CPA & Associates, LLC for the year ended June 30, 2026.

6. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 and Wyoming Area School District for the 2026-2027 IDEA Allocation.

7. Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release for student #3003495 pending approval by the superintendent and solicitor.

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8. Approve the appointment of Conrad Siegel Actuaries to provide services regarding compliance with Section 6055 and 6056 Employer Reporting Mandate under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The 2026 fee for the proposed consulting service is $5,750.00.

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. Approve a donation of $1,000.00 to the Wyoming Area Ice Hockey Association for the 2026-2027 school year.

11. Approve a refund of $2,469.10 to 17-B10-00A-79A-000 for paid property taxes for the year 2025.

12. Approve the credit adjustments submitted September 1, 2026.

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2026/2027 Credit Adjustments
Submitted 09/01/2026

Name		From	To	Step	Columnar Increase
AMITIA	AMANDA	M+54	M+60	11	$1,482.00
BALUCHA	KERIANN	M+30	M+36	8	$1,487.00
BARTH	IRA	M+12	M+18	10	$874.00
BARTOLI	SUSAN	M+12	M+18	15	$874.00
BEALLA-ALBERIGI	AMI	M+24	M+36	9	$2,361.00
CIAMPI	AUDRA	M	M+06	7	$874.00
COLLURA	KAYLA	B+24	M	10	$4,274.00
DUNN	ASHLEY	M+48	M+60	10	$2,963.00
FASCIANA	AMANDA	M+24	M+36	8	$2,361.00
GATTO	OLIVIA	M	M+12	6	$1,750.00
GFELLER	MARC	M+30	M+42	18	$3,580.00
HUGHES	ALEXANDRA	M+54	M+60	11	$1,482.00
JENSEN	MARIAH	M+42	M+54	11	$3,574.00
KASA	JACQUALYN	M+06	M+18	6	$1,750.00
KLAPROTH	MICHELLE	B+24	M	11	$4,274.00
MALOCHESKI	JOSEPH	B+12	B+24	8	$2,629.00
ROMAN	NANCY	M+18	M+30	11	$1,750.00
SANTEY	KRISTEN	M+18	M+24	8	$876.00
SCIANDRA	KATHRYN	B	B+18	6	$5,197.00
SELENSKI	JENNIFER	M+48	M+60	9	$2,963.00
SELTZER	MELANIE	M+54	M+60	10	$1,482.00
SUPEY	JEANINE	M+48	M+60	10	$2,963.00
TUNAITIS	MELANIE	M	M+12	5	$1,750.00
TURNER	JESSICA	M+12	M+18	11	$874.00
VANNESS	ROBERT	B	B+06	5	$1,582.00
VIGLIONE	ERIN	B+24	M	12	$4,274.00
WAGNER	CHRISTINE	B+12	B+24	8	$2,629.00
WAGNER	COURTNEY	M+24	M+36	10	$2,361.00
WHITMAN	KAYLA	B+06	B+12	6	$1,732.00
				Total	$67,022.00

13. Approve the tuition reimbursements for September 2026.

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SCHEDULE FOR TUITION REIMBURSEMENT
SEPTEMBER, 2026

EMPLOYEE NAME		AMOUNT TO BE REIMBURSED
AMITIA	AMANDA	$600.00
BALUCHA	KERIANN	$600.00
BARTH	IRA	$600.00
BARTOLI	SUSAN	$300.00
BEALLA-ALBERIGI	AMI	$1,500.00
CIAMPI	AUDRA	$600.00
COLLURA	KAYLA	$1,800.00
DILEO	NICOLE	$600.00
DUNN	ASHLEY	$1,200.00
GATTO	OLIVIA	$1,200.00
GFELLER	MARC	$1,313.00
HUGHES	ALEXANDRA	$600.00
JENSEN	MARIAH	$1,154.00
KASA	JACQUALYN	$2,100.00
KLAPROTH	MICHELLE	$300.00
MALOCHESKI	JOSEPH	$1,500.00
ROMAN	NANCY	$1,500.00
SANTEY	KRISTEN	$333.00
SCIANDRA	KATHRYN	$1,800.00
SELTZER	MELANIE	$600.00
SUPEY	JEANINE	$1,200.00
TUNAITIS	MELANIE	$1,200.00
TURNER	JESSICA	$600.00
VANNESS	ROBERT	$600.00
VIGLIONE	ERIN	$2,100.00
WAGNER	CHRISTINE	$1,200.00
WAGNER	COURTNEY	$1,500.00
WHITMAN	KAYLA	$600.00
		$29,200.00

14. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: September 2026	863,433.65	
Prepaids: August 2026	151,028.67	1,014,462.32
Cafeteria Account:	14,728.13	
Athletic Account:	6,260.00	20,988.13
	Total:	1,035,450.45

Motion by Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Campenni, to accept the finance report.

On the Question:
Vannessa Smith, Exeter – questioned item #12, if it should be for 2026? Response was yes.

Mrs. Valenti welcomed Lesley Ratchford to the meeting.

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Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Burke, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mrs. Gazda read the Education Report.

1. Reporting as per Federal Regulations Requirement that the District's Federal Programs (Title I, Title II, Title III and Title IV) are currently being planned for the 2026-2027 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Dr. Jon Pollard, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.

2. Approve resignation letter from Kristina Anderson as Junior Class Co-Advisor effective immediately.

3. Approve the following teachers for tenure having completed three years of satisfactory service as a temporary professional employee:

   Employee #20393
   Employee #20492
   Employee #20614

4. Approve the appointment of Dr. Jon Pollard as Trustee for the Northeast Pennsylvania School Districts Health Trust. Mara Valenti will serve as the alternate.

5. Approve the following candidates to serve as officers for the PSBA 2027 elections:

President (1 yr. term)	Matt Vannoy
Vice President (1 yr. term)	Kristy Bolte
Treasurer (3 yr. term)	David Hein
Eastern Zone Representative (1 yr. term)	Jason Mell
E-1 Sectional Advisor (1 yr. term)	Christina Cosmello
Insurance Trustee (3 yr. term)	Marianne L. Neel
Insurance Trustee (3 yr. term)	Dr. Michael Faccinetto
School Board Secretaries Forum (2 yr. term)	Betsy Gates
School Board Secretaries Forum (2 yr. term)	Lauryn Weaver

6. Approve the appointment of Celeste Calpin as Driver Theory Instructor for the 2026-2027 school year.

7. Approve the appointment of Kayla Collura as Junior Class Co-Advisor.

8. Approve the appointment of Anthony J. Burke to the WSCTC Joint Operating Committee to replace Phil Campenni.

9. Approve to deny Grievance #26-27:06.

10. Accept, with regret, employee #6520 letter of resignation retroactive to September 11, 2026.

11. Approve the appointment of Doug Womelsdorf for the Scholarship Committee for the 2026-2027 school year at a salary of $3,000.00.

12. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education of the Wyoming Area School District and the Wyoming Area Education Association, PSEA/NEA, amending Article XI, Professional Compensation, Section 7, Cyber/Twilight, of the 2025–2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement to provide that cyber physical education teachers may have a class size of up to fifty (50) students, subject to full approval by the solicitor.

13. Approve the appointment of Tom Loftus as cyber teacher for Social Studies and Family & Consumer Science.

Motion by Mrs. Gazda, second by Mr. Kopko, to accept the education report.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Burke, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mrs. Kunkle read the Activities Report.

1. Approve head coaches for the 2026-2027 winter sports season:

Anthony Macario	Boys Basketball
Joseph Chacke	Girls Basketball
Maureen Pikas	Swimming
Joe Pizano	Winter Track
Steve Mytych	Wrestling (Resigned from this position)

2. Approve the request of Nikki Milcavage, Wyoming Area Diamond Club, to hold monthly block pools as a fundraiser October 1, 2026 through April 1, 2027. (This item was amended to read retroactive to September 22, 2026 through April 1, 2027.)

3. Approve the request of Adele Barone, Wyoming Are Drama Booster Club, to hold the following fundraisers:

- 13 Days of Halloween Raffle – 10/1/26 through 10/13/26
- Daily Number Sale – Starting 10/5/26
- A Frightfully Dramatic Night – Set up stand to sell cocoa, treats and a haunted walk in HalloweenTown -10/31/26
- Broadway Prize Raffle – 11/2/26 through 12/14/26
- Bingo – 3/7/27

4. Approve the request of April Warke, Wyoming Area Kindergarten/Primary Center PTO, to hold the following fundraisers:

- Apparel Sale – retroactive to 8/2026 to 9/11/26
- Smencils (Primary) – 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12
- Smencils (Intermediate) – 9/10, 10/8, 11/5, 12/3
- Fizzi Pop – 9/16 to 9/30
- Poinsettias – 11/2 to 11/13
- Santa's Workshop – 12/1 to 12/4 for Primary – 12/7 to 12/8 for Kindergarten – 12/10 to 12/11 for Intermediate (possibly 12/9 too)
- Bingo – 1/16/27

5. Approve the request of Sharon Hollister, Wyoming Area Music Sponsors, to hold a KLCatering fundraiser retroactive to September 17, 2026 through October 15, 2026.

6. Approve the request of Ami Bealla Alberigi, Wyoming Area Swim Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers:

   - Meet the Warriors Raffle-Outdoor signs
   - College Block Pool
   - Gerrity's Bagging
   - Sponsorship Banners
   - Apparel Sale
   - Blast Athletics on-line
   - Duck Toss

7. Approve the request of Tiffany Little, Wyoming Area Boys Soccer Parents Association, to hold a Boys Soccer Pie Sale beginning October 19, 2026 through November 2, 2026.

Motion by Mrs. Kunkle, second by Mr. Campenni, to accept the activities report.

On the Question:
Vannessa Smith, Exeter – Asked if the wrestling coach position will be posted. Dr. Pollard responded it will be posted tomorrow.
Nikki Milcavage, Wyoming Area Diamond Club, informed the board that the monthly block fundraiser started in September not October. Also, the bingo fundraiser is before the senior bingo and asked if this would be a conflict. Dr. Pollard responded he will remind the booster and parent organizations that they are not to advertise until the fundraiser gets board approval first.

The board amended item #2 to read retroactive to September 22, 2026.

Mr. Campenni motioned the amendment followed by a second from Mr. Burke.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Burke, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed to amend item #2.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Burke, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed to accept the finance report.

<u>Building Report</u>
Mr. Campenni read the Building Report.

1. Approve one year amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Wyoming Area School Board and the Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals Association, ESPA-PSEA-New for the period July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2027.

2. Approve the transportation drivers for the 2026-2027 school year.

3. Accept, with regret employee #20628 letter of resignation retroactive to August 31, 2026.

4. Approve the request of employee #20694 to take a maternity leave of absence retroactive to September 4, 2026 with an anticipated return date of November 2, 2026.

5. Approve the appointment of Jim Zarichak as custodian.

6. Approve the appointment of Brenda Schreiber as cleaner.

7. Approve the appointment of Linda Kibbler as cleaner.

8. Approve the appointment of Melissa Appel as Level I Administrative Assistant.

9. Approve the appointment of Morgan Benton as Level II Administrative Assistant.

10. Approve the appointment of Jaqueline Bley as Level II Administrative Assistant.

11. Approve the appointment of Kelly Castellino as an LPN.

12. Approve the appointment of Julie Remus for food service for 5.5 hours per day.

13. Accept, with regret, employee #20684 submitting a letter of resignation retroactive to August 25, 2026.

14. Approve the request of Lori DeAngelo to use the Secondary Center student/faculty parking lot for the Exeter Borough Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 28, 2026, pending approval by the building principal.

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

On the Question:
Vannessa Smith, Exeter – questioned item #2. Is it for the busses or the vans? Don't we have a private company that does our bussing? Dr. Pollard responded it's to ratify the drivers for Pace Transportation. They do it and we double check. Dr. Pollard stated they are required to have a physical, their drivers license and clearances.

Roll Call: Mr. Kachmarsky, yes, Mr. Burke, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mrs. Kunkle, yes, Mrs. Gazda, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Butera, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

At this time, Mr. Kopko thanked the administration and the police officers for the assistance they offered to Wyoming Area Catholic when they had their recent fire. The district brought the kids here and then helped them to get with their families at home. They did an excellent job helping out.

Open Discussion:
Vannessa Smith, Exeter – Infinite Campus Portal, there were no calls only emails. Dr. Pollard responded he will check on it. They are working through some problems. Mr. Jones, IT Director informed Mrs. Smith that there are instructions in the interim until he gets to it. You have the option to update your own demographics. When you get into the portal in the upper corner there's a little account in settings. You can go down to your demographics and check off all the options.

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With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. Alberigi.

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Mara Valenti, President

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David Alberigi, Secretary