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Wyoming Area School District  
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education  
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643  
Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening in the Secondary Center auditorium, 252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643. Fifteen people of the public were in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Mr. Supey, President of the Board, asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for James Belles and James Buxton, former teachers that passed away. Mr. Supey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:                      Mr. Michael Supey, President  
                                      Mr. Philip Campenni, Vice President  
                                      Mr. David Alberigi, Secretary  
                                      Mr. Joseph Kopko, Treasurer  
                                      Mr. Leonard Pribula  
                                      Mr. Gerald Stofko  
                                      Mrs. Toni Valenti

Absent:                         Ms. Laura Best  
                                      Mr. Paul Porfirio

Mr. Porfirio was excused for a medical reason.

Communications Report

Mr. Alberigi read additions to the Communications Report.

1. Samantha Vacula, Wyoming Area Class of 2023 Parents Association, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers.
2. John Bonin, Wyoming Area Lacrosse Parents Association, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers.
3. Susan Feeney, Wyoming Area Boys Basketball Parents Association, requesting permission to hold various hold fundraisers.
4. Brittany Lombardo, Health and Physical Education Teacher, requesting permission to take a maternity leave of absence.
5. Tracy Petrosky, Health Care Tech, requesting an extension to her medical leave without pay.
6. Kelly Bone, Tiny Learning Center, requesting permission to rent the Secondary Center auditorium and classrooms for a Holiday Show.
7. Attorney Jamie Anzalone requesting permission to hold the UNICO Football All-Star Game at the stadium.

Summary of Applications Received

Cleaners – 5  
Custodian – 3  
Maintenance – 5  
Special Education – (PreK-12) - 2  
Special Education – (7-12) – 2  
Special Education – (PreK-8) - 1

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Supey asked for approval of the minutes of regular meeting August 23, 2022. All members present voted aye.

Superintendent's Meeting

Dr. Pollard read his report.

1. The following students from the kindergarten center have been selected as Warriors of the Week for demonstrating consistency with our School Wide Behavior Intervention System. Every Friday, 1 student from all 7 classrooms is selected and are given a certificate and their picture is displayed on the bulletin board. Congratulations to all!!!
  - Aurora Diana – Mrs. Merkel/Mr. Gresh
  - Toreyanna Davis – Mrs. Love
  - Mark Kondraski – Mrs. Lawrence
  - Rocklyn Harris – Mrs. Augello
  - Maverick Fabbri – Mrs. Pellegrini
  - John Phillips – Mrs. Kachmarsky
  - Bryn Ciechoski – Mrs. Kearns



2. Kalista Weed, Kelsey Foy, Jillian Rogish from the high school art club have painted the front and inside entrance of the kindergarten center and they will be returning to bring life to the cafeteria walls as well.
3. Kindergarten teachers, aides, and students read the fairy tale – Johnny Appleseed and as an extension activity – they made homemade applesauce.
4. I would like to welcome Milanna Bocchiaro as the Junior Class Student Representative to serve on the Wyoming Area School Board. Congratulations Milanna!

5. On September 18th the Wyoming Area eSports team competed in a Super Smash Brothers tournament at Lackawanna College. It was the first tournament that our club participated in as a competitive gaming club.

We ended up taking 1st and 3rd place out of 16 total competitors from 4 different area schools.

- 1st place - Sophomore Jake Bonin
- 3rd place - Junior Chase Reynolds



- 6. Rachel’s Challenge Event, sponsored by Friends of Rachel will be held on Wednesday, September 28. Students will attend the event during their school day. The event will be held for the public tomorrow evening. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and the presentation will begin at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!!!**

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino read his report.

The board met last Tuesday evening and tonight in executive session. Discussed were pending litigation, some personnel changes in the district, also had a presentation. In addition, they discussed some changes to the MOU with the current professional review.

Student Representative’s Report

Dallas Woodruff, Senior, reported elections were held for senior officers and the Homecoming Court. Gertrude Hawk fundraiser is taking place for the winter formal dance which is set for December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Milanna Bocchiaro, Junior, reported the class of 2024 elected officers and are having their first fundraiser for the WA first PA game.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Kopko stated there were no additions to Treasurer’s Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	5,719,253.68
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	336,811.46
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	56,909.64
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	98,204.79
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	8,979.08
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	132,978.59
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	6,795.75

The Treasurer’s Report will be kept on file for audit.

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Finance Report

Mr. Kopko read the additions to the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	473,081.31
Local Services Tax	5,602.75
Per Capita Tax	18,691.68
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>2,808.51</u>
Total:	500,184.25

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security	145,792.43
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	274,529.20
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	59,930.85
Title IV- Student Support & Academic Enrichment	30,990.00
Medicaid Admin Claims	13,316.65
Basic Education Funding	1,316,067.00
Instr Time Penalty SY 2020-2021	(6,553.12)
PSERS Delinquency 2021-2022	(104,888.45)
School District Transportation	174,264.00
Cares Act-ESSER II Fund	1,149,708.80
ARP ESSER II	636,349.28
ARP ESSER 7%	14,131.02
ARP ESSER 2.5%	1,841.28
Property Tax Relief Payment	<u>294,935.00</u>
Total:	4,000,413.94

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	18,564.34
Wyoming County	<u>29.40</u>
Total:	18,593.74

2022 Real Estate Taxes

Thomas Pizano – Exeter Borough	1,166,731.47
Wayman Smith – Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	407,238.71
George Miller – West Pittston Borough	844,684.61
Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough	639,201.52
Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough	657,168.06
Carol Bardzel – Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	<u>432,461.48</u>
Total:	4,147,485.85

2. Approve the September payment of \$136,428.89 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for Special Education Services and other related services for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Approve the September payment of \$67,705.13 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Approve the September payment of \$4,958.33 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the Lighthouse Academy Dual Diagnosis Services for the 2022-2023 school year.



5. Approve a motion authorizing the adoption by the Board of School Directors of Wyoming Area School District of a Resolution authorizing the issuance of a general obligation note for the purposes of funding a project consisting of among other things: (1) the design, acquisition, construction, installation, furnishing and equipping of alterations, renovations, additions and improvements to existing facilities of the School District, including, but not limited to, the School District’s athletic facilities; (2) the purchase of capital equipment for use in or in connection with the facilities of the School District; and (3) the payment of the costs and expenses of issuance of the Note, all as more fully described in the complete text of the Resolution.
6. Approve Tuition Reimbursements for September 2022.

EMPLOYEE NAME		AMOUNT TO BE REIMBURSED
AMITIA	AMANDA	\$600.00
ANTHONY	KARA	\$1,200.00
ARGENIO	JEAN MARIE	\$300.00
ARGO	ANTHONY	\$300.00
BARTH	IRA	\$600.00
BONOMO	LISA	\$600.00
BRUSEO	HANNAH	\$600.00
CAMPENNI	CHRISTINE	\$1,200.00
COLLURA	KAYLA	\$900.00
CONFLETTI	JENNIFER	\$1,200.00
COOLBAUGH	CHRISTA	\$600.00
DOLMAN	MELISSA	\$600.00
EVANS	ASHLEY	\$1,200.00
GFELLER	MARC	\$333.00
HANCZYC	ALAN	\$1,200.00
HARDEN	MICHELLE	\$900.00
HINES	JENNIFER	\$600.00
HIZYNSKI	CHRISTOPHER	\$600.00
HUGHES	ALEXANDRA	\$600.00
KOSCO	AMY	\$600.00
LEMONCELLI	ROBERT	\$1,200.00
LOPRESTO	DANIELLE	\$1,200.00
MATOSKY	JULIE	\$600.00
MCDERMOTT	MICHELLE	\$1,200.00
MCKENNA	MOLLY	\$300.00
MENTA	KATE	\$600.00
MITKUS	JANINE	\$1,200.00
MOSCATELLI	CARLA	\$600.00
PASQUARIELLO	MICHAEL	\$600.00
PENTKA	COURTNEY	\$1,100.00
PORFIRIO	DEEDRA	\$600.00
SEIGER	JENNIFER	\$300.00
SELENSKI	JENNIFER	\$1,200.00
SELTZER	MELANIE	\$600.00
STEVENS	MARIAH	\$600.00
SUPEY	JEANINE	\$1,200.00
TIERNEY	LINDSAY	\$1,200.00
VANNESS	KATIE	\$285.00
WAGNER	COURTNEY	\$1,500.00
WEBER	AMY	\$1,200.00
WYSOCKI	LAUREN	\$900.00
		<u>\$32,918.00</u>

7. Approve Credit Adjustments submitted September 1, 2022.

Wyoming Area School District 2022/2023 Credit Adjustments Submitted 09/01/2022					
Name		From	To	Step	Columnar Increase
AMITIA	AMANDA	M+30	M+36	7	1,487.00
ANTHONY	KARA	M+18	M+30	8	1,750.00
ARGENIO	JEAN MARIE	M+54	M+60	7	1,482.00
BARTH	IRA	M	M+06	6	874.00
BONOMO	LISA	M	M+06	10	874.00
BRUSEO	HANNAH	M	M+06	6	874.00
CONFLETTI	JENNIFER	M+36	M+48	7	4,186.00
EVANS	ASHLEY	M	M+12	6	1,750.00
GFELLER	MARC	M+06	M+12	18	876.00
HANCZYC	ALAN	M+36	M+48	7	4,186.00
HARDEN	MICHELLE	M+48	M+54	17	1,481.00
HINES	JENNIFER	M+36	M+42	7	2,093.00
HIZYNSKI	CHRISTOPHER	M+30	M+36	8	1,487.00
HUGHES	ALEXANDRA	M+12	M+18	7	874.00
KOSCO	AMY	M+54	M+60	12	1,482.00
LEMONCELLI	ROBERT	M+24	M+36	7	2,361.00
LOMBARDO	BRITTANY	M+42	M+54	7	3,574.00
LOPRESTO	DANIELLE	M+18	M+30	7	1,750.00
MATOSKY	JULIE	M+12	M+18	7	874.00
MCDERMOTT	MICHELLE	M+30	M+42	7	3,580.00
MENTA	KATE	M+30	M+36	11	1,487.00
MITKUS	JANINE	M	M+12	6	1,750.00
MOSCATELLI	CARLA	M+30	M+36	7	1,487.00
PASQUARIELLO	MICHAEL	M+48	M+54	7	1,481.00
PORFIRIO	DEEDRA	M+48	M+54	11	1,481.00
SELENSKI	JENNIFER	M	M+12	5	1,750.00
SELTZER	MELANIE	M+24	M+30	6	874.00
STEVENS	MARIAH	M	M+06	7	874.00
SUPEY	JEANINE	M	M+12	6	1,750.00
TIERNEY	LINDSAY	M+06	M+18	7	1,750.00
TONDORA	BOBBIE LYNN	M+54	M+60	7	1,482.00
WAGNER	COURTNEY	B+12	B+24	6	2,629.00
WEBER	AMY	M+18	M+30	6	1,750.00
WYSOCKI	LAUREN	B+18	B+24	5	1,104.00
				Total	\$59,544.00

8. Approve the step placements for the following temporary professional employees:

Sarah Solano	Bachelors+12	Step 4	\$44,345.00
Joseph Malocheski	Bachelors	Step 4	41,183.00

9. Approve the step placements for the following professional employees:

Sarah Kester (Pro-rated according to start date)	Masters	Step 4	\$51,782.00
Audra Ciampi	Masters	Step 5	\$53,282.00

10. Approve the step placements for the following long term substitutes:

Douglas Womelsdorf	Masters+54	Step 4	\$63,310.00
Ami Bealla	Masters	Step 5	53,282.00

11. Approve to ratify the following invoices for payment:

Troy Mechanical, Inc.	Invoice# App#3	55,907.82	District Ionization
Grace Industries, Inc.	Invoice# App#1	<u>11,340.00</u>	Tennis Courts
Total:		67,247.82	

12. Approve the following invoices for payment:

Quad Three Group	Invoice#10454.320-2	5,625.00	Sec. Pool
Quad Three Group	Invoice#10454.300-2	5,100.00	District Ionization
Midlantic Engineering	Invoice#22-08017	1,755.00	Tennis Court Inspection
Grace Industries, Inc.	Invoice# App#3	127,886.85	Tennis Courts
Richard Mellow Corp.	Invoice# App#2	24,650.00	Tennis Courts
Troy Mechanical Inc.	Invoice# App#1	<u>594,576.00</u>	Dehumidification System
Total:		759,592.85	

13. Approve the step placement for Tina Yukenavage as a temporary professional employee at Masters+18 Step 4, \$54,406.00.

14. Approve the appointment of Kaila Slack as spanish teacher retroactive to September 1, 2022, with a step placement at Bachelors Step 4, \$47,031.00.

15. Approve a Partial Agreement with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the 2022-2023 school year. Partial Hospitalization Therapeutic services will be billed to Wyoming Area School District at \$112.42 per day.

16. Approve and accept the \$5,405.00 for the 2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIA as tendered by the Liberty Mutual insurance.

17. Motion to approve an automobile borrowing agreement between Wyoming Area School District and West Pittston Borough for a period of at least five weeks subject to final written approval of the district and borough solicitors. (THIS ITEM WAS TABLED)

18. Motion to approve the purchase of 2022 Police Interceptor Utility AWD Base not to exceed \$49,000 for use as a cruiser and incident command vehicle by the Wyoming Area Police Department and authorize Jon Pollard, Superintendent, to sign paperwork for purchase.

19. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing:	September 2022		
Prepays:	August 2022	38,555.47	1,966,056.28
Cafeteria Account:		36,654.91	
Athletic Account:		<u>12,088.50</u>	<u>48,743.41</u>
Total:		2,014,799.69	



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

At this time, Mr. Pribula motioned to table item #17, second by Mrs. Valenti.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed to table item #17.

On the question:

There were numerous comments regarding item #18, the purchase of a 2022 Police Interceptor Utility vehicle. Lynn Burbank, West Pittston, Anthony Rosati, West Pittston, Daneen Kearns, Teacher at Kindergarten Center, Lisa Woodruff, Harding, William Sorokin and Sharon Sorokin, Harding and Dallas Woodruff, Student Rep., voiced their comments.

Comments consisted of why a SUV was needed for our small district. Mr. Kopko responded that this would be a command center. It would be used to transport and take care of business here. Lights and sirens are needed. The 2008 they have now is costing money for repairs.

- Many people of the public thought it was a lot of money to spend which could be used elsewhere. Couldn't an older model be bought instead of brand new? A crisis person for the students was recommended by Mrs. Kearns.
- Are there records to see how often we used the car in the past and see if it's worth spending \$49,000? Officer Alberigi responded that the car is used every day to patrol the grounds and to take several students home.
- There will be 2022 cars sitting in the parking lot that depreciates in value. Why get a brand new one?
- Mr. Pribula is always trying to save the district money. Surprised he (Mr. Pribula) is going along with this.
- We don't have the incidents to warrant a police vehicle to cruise around our district. We don't have the data and statistics to warrant this vehicle.
- We added a Chief of Police and 3 police officers. It's continually more things for the police department. That's why people are so angry.
- Why were you talking about this for months when it happened a week or so ago?
- Melissa Dolman, teacher, virtually commented that a 2008 vehicle with over 100,000 miles driven 180 school days a year means driving 49 miles a day.
- A few of the public would have liked to have #18 tabled.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Stofko voted no on item #18 and yes on remaining report, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

#### Education Report

Mr. Pribula read the additions to the Education Report in the absence of Ms. Best.

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 2022-2023 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Jon Pollard, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the following teachers for tenure having completed three years of satisfactory service as a temporary professional employee:

Ira Barth  
Amy Weber  
Ashley Evans  
Jeanine Supey  
Melanie Seltzer  
Kayla Collura

3. Approve to rescind the appointment of Meaghan Broderick as special education teacher.
4. Approve the Health and Safety Plan for the 2022-2023 school year.
5. Approve the request of Brittany Lombardo, Health and Physical Education Teacher, to take a maternity leave of absence on or around December 7, 2022 with a return date of approximately April 1, 2023.
6. Approve the revised guest teacher list for the 2022-2023 school year.
7. Approve the appointment of Samantha White as special education teacher.
8. Approve the resignation of Jerry Stofko as representative to serve on the West Side Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee effective immediately.

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

#### Activities Report

Mr. Campenni read any additions in the absence of Mr. Porfirio.

1. Approve the request of Samantha Vacula, Wyoming Area Class of 2023 Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers:
  - Bingo – November 6, 2022
  - Raffle or Lottery
  - Basket of Cheer
  - Cornhole Tournament
  - Pasta Dinner/Craft Fair
2. Approve the request of John Bonin, Wyoming Area Lacrosse Parents Association to hold the following fundraisers:
  - Octoberfest in October at Sabatini's Bottleshop
  - Boden Clothes Sale Winter 2022 or Spring 2023
  - Gerrity's Bagging, prior to or during 2023 season
  - Wagon of Cheer, Winter 2022 or Spring 2023
  - Electronic recycling drop off program, Spring 2023

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3. Approve the request of Susan Feeney, Wyoming Area Boys Basketball Parents Association, to hold various hold fundraisers:

- T-shirt Sale
- Sabatini's Bottleshop Night Out – November 15<sup>th</sup> 6 pm to 9 pm

4. Approve the following volunteers for the 2022-2023 Fall sports season:

Cross Country

Ron D'Eliseo

Field Hockey

Lunda Dickson

Christina Granteed

Volleyball

Lisa Day

Alan Hanczyc

Lacy Gashi

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Campenni read additions to the Building Report.

1. Approve to rescind the appointment of Jennifer Anderson as Police Officer.
2. Approve the appointment of James Bernosky as Police Officer, retroactive to September 1, 2022.
3. Approve the revised substitute support list for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Approve the appointment of John Brennan as custodian.
5. Approve the appointment of Brian Ash as maintenance worker.
6. Approve the appointment of Mike Dziedzic as maintenance worker.
7. Approve the appointment of Robert Robbins as cleaner.
8. Approve the appointment of Annette Wickizer as cleaner.
9. Approve the appointment of Michelle Bolton as cleaner.
10. Approve the appointment of Noah Threath as cleaner.
11. Approve the appointment of Michelle Berger as a paraprofessional aide.

12. Approve the request of Tracy Petrosky, Health Care Tech, to extend her medical leave of absence without pay retroactive to September 1, 2022 through October 21, 2022.
13. Approve the request of Kelly Bone, Tiny Learners Learning Center, to rent the Secondary Center auditorium, Chorus Room and Band Room on Monday, December 19, 2022, 9:00 am to 8:30 pm, pending approval by the Building Principal. Rental cost is \$390.00 plus constable fees.
14. Approve the request of Attorney Jamie Anzalone to hold the UNICO Football All-Star Game at the stadium on either Friday, June 2, 2023 or Saturday, June 3, 2023, pending approval by the Athletic Director.

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Campenni abstained on item #6 and voted yes on remaining report, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

#### Policy Report

Mr. Supey read additions to the Policy Report.

1. Approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of revised Policy #915.1 Booster Organizations.
2. Approve the amendment to the attachment to Family Leave policy for three paid COVID days retroactive to July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Motion by Mr. Supey, second by Mr. Alberigi, to accept the policy report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mr. Kopko, yes, Mr. Supey, yes, Mr. Alberigi, yes.

Motion passed.

Open Discussion:

- An audience member asked since a police vehicle is being purchased, can they possibly look into getting a wheelchair van for students of the district. Dr. Pollard responded they are already looking into it.
- John Disenferdinand questioned the nepotism proposal. Mrs. Valenti stated why should they (relatives) suffer if they are qualified because they are related to someone on the board.
- Daneen Kearns, Teacher, thanked the board for having Bob Galella at the Kindergarten Center and also stated that Dr. Pollard stopped by also on the first day of school to help escort students to the classrooms.

To listen to entire questions, comments and responses of the meeting go to the Wyoming Area website: [www.wyomingarea.org](http://www.wyomingarea.org).

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Supey, second by Mr. Kopko.

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Michael Supey, President

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David Alberigi, Secretary