

**Wyoming Area School District
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Thursday, November 18, 2010, 7:00 p.m.**

Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Communications Report

**Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of October 26, 2010
 Special Meeting of November 4, 2010**

Superintendent's Report

Student Representative's Report

Treasurer's Report

New Business

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Activities Report

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Adjournment



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Communications Report**

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit submitting their regular meeting minutes for September 22, 2010.
2. Riane Hulme, Special Education Teacher, requesting permission to take a child bearing/child rearing leave.
3. Kate Mangan requesting permission for the Wyoming Area Kiwanis Club's Parent's to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "shopping night".
4. Tracey Carey, President of the Wyoming Area Boys Basketball Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center gymnasium, gym lobby and locker rooms for "Meet the Warriors".
5. Wyoming Area Wrestling Parent's Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors".
6. Tina Drahus, President of the Wyoming Area Diamond Club, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors".
7. Tina Drahus, President of the Wyoming Area Diamond Club, requesting permission for the baseball team and coaches to attend an exhibition tournament in Martinsburg, VA.
8. Jeanne Wisiewski, Secretary of the Wyoming Recreation Board, requesting permission to use the Tenth Street Elementary School cafeteria for a children's Christmas party.

Summary of Applications Received

Elementary – 2

Speech/Language – 1

Clerical - 1

Cafeteria – 3



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COMBINED WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOVEMBER 18, 2010

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. **Parent Conferences and Report Card Distribution** was held throughout the District on **Monday, November 10, 2010** from **12:00 Noon to 7:00 P.M.** I am happy to report the following percentages of parent participation throughout the District:

Secondary Center: 982 visited out of 1,181 = 83%

JFK: 158 visited out of 171 = 92%

Montgomery Ave.: 343 visited out of 382 = 89%

SJD: 172 visited out of 200 = 86%

Tenth Street: 545 visited out of 585 = 93%

2. Wyoming Area High School competed in the **2010-2011 WVIA-TV 5th annual Scholastic Scrimmage** during the month of **October**. The team consists of **Samantha Scott, Captain, Eric Werbin, Debbie Gross, Davide Fanelli** and **Trevor Alder**, who are returning **Grand Champions**. We defeated **Pittston Area, Wyoming Valley West** and **Meyers**; however, we lost to **Hazleton**. The Show will air on **WVIA-TV** starting in **December, 2010**. Congratulations to **Team Members and Moderator Eileen Palmer, Academic Teams Coach**.

3. The following are **Community Service Initiatives** that have been or will be completed shortly in the District:

- ✓ **Red Cross** asked schools to collect personal care and snack items for local soldiers stationed overseas. **Ms. Rutledge, Ms. Callaio, Ms. Hulme, Ms. Argento** and **Mr. DeLuca** requested student participation. **Key Club** also donated for a total of over **1,000** items for their "**Comforts from Home**" campaign.
- ✓ Students in **11th grade English** classes created **Holiday Cards** to be sent to area soldiers stationed overseas as well as Veterans at local hospitals. This project was in conjunction with reading "**A Separate Peace**". To offset the cost of mailing the cards, **Key Club** accepted donations of spare change at its refreshment stand during a recent home football game.
- ✓ Over **600** donations were collected for the **Feed-A-Friend Campaign**. **Mr. Hyzinski** and **Mr. Rutkoski** as well as **Ms. Rutledge** encouraged their students to participate. **Key Club** was also instrumental in the success of this project.
- ✓ During **December**, the **Key Club** will be aiding the **Salvation Army** by manning the kettles, collecting new toys and clothes for the "**Angel Tree**" Program as well as distributing food baskets to local residents in need. Also, **Key Club** will sponsor a **blood drive** on **December 22nd** in the multi-purpose room.

Congratulations to all the teachers and students who participated in these worthwhile projects.

4. Jim Slocum, **American Automobile Association (AAA)** Education Director, visited **Montgomery Avenue** and **SJD**; he spoke to **5th** grade students on **School Safety Patrol**. Members are selected for their leadership, courtesy, dependability, interest in their job, physical fitness, attitude toward others and scholastic standing. The primary goal of the **Patrol** is to help children cross the street safely on their way to and from school, help children become safe pedestrians and to foster qualities of leadership and good citizenship in patrol members. Thanks to **Principal, Bob Kaluzavich** for arranging this program. **Officer Alberigi** also participated in the event.
5. **Tammy Rodgers, Victims Resource Center** and **Joe Pizano, Health Teacher** at **Montgomery Avenue**, will soon be conducting a "**Bullying Program**" beginning in December in all health classes in grades K-5. **The Domestic Violence Service Center** is offering this program "**Boundaries**" for elementary and middle school students, which teaches children the importance of respecting other people's boundaries and personal space. Special thanks to **Mr. Pizano**.

6. The **Wyoming Area Guidance Department** is presenting a **Financial Aid** program on **December 2, 2010** in the high school library from **7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.** A **Question and Answer** period will follow. Topics will include: **How to plan for and manage college costs; types of financial aid available; options families have in developing a college funding strategy.** **Mr. Butler, Ms. Alaimo and Ms. Hannon, School Guidance Counselors,** will be available.

7. Once again, our District is participating in the **Dual Enrollment Program**, which has been partially funded by a State Grant in the past. Juniors and Seniors, living in the Wyoming Area School District, can register for Spring classes by attending a registration meeting on **November 22nd** at **7:00 P.M.** in Room 195 at the Secondary Center. **Dual Enrollment** affords qualifying seniors and juniors the opportunity to experience college life before actually becoming a college student. Qualifying students must have at least a **3.0** in the subject area in which they wish to enroll.

8. Congratulations to the **7th** and **8th** Grade **Students of the Month** for **October**:

Bree Bednarski

Ian Dobosh

Katharyn Dymond

Klaryssa Kolbeck

Cassandra Lockhart

Maria Pesta

Anthony Shaver

Megan Wysocki

Amy Alder

Alexander Dolan

Raymond Hopkins

Nicole Kolessar

Abby Orth

Garvin Paisley

Taylor Schechter

Jeremy Zezza

9. Congratulations to **Patti Baltusavich**, **Primary Autistic Support Teacher** at **Montgomery Avenue**, who was nominated by one of the **Misericordia University** students and won the **“Outstanding” Educator Award** from **Misericordia**. The faculty is recognizing her at a special presentation tonight.

10. On November 9th, our annual **Veterans Recognition Program** was held at the Secondary Center to honor all local **Veterans**. A **luncheon** was held at **noon** for approximately **75+** veterans in attendance. Afterwards, an **Assembly** was held with the entire student body in the **Gymnasium** to honor and recognize these special individuals. Congratulations to **Mr. Parra, Mr. Quaglia** and **Ms. Shovlin** for coordinating this special **Program**.
11. Congratulations to **Elizabeth Moore, 5th grade student** at **Tenth Street**, whose **Essay** was chosen as the **First Place Winner** for the **Wyoming Valley Veteran's Day Parade Essay Contest**, sponsored by the **American Legion District 12**. **Elizabeth** was recognized at the Veteran's Parade on November 7th and had a surprise reunion with her Dad, Sgt. First Class Gary Moore, who has served in Iraq and Afghanistan, currently stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. **Elizabeth will now read her composition.**

I want to wish everyone a **Happy Thanksgiving.**



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 Treasurer's Report**

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Checking Account</u>
First National Community Bank	General Fund	7,971,168.67
Wachovia Bank	General Fund	34,906.28
PNC Bank	Payroll Account	2,620.13
Fidelity Bank	Payroll Account	906.46
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	540.66
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	224,930.50
Landmark Bank	Student Activities Account	4,431.53
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	127,948.94
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	15,445.02
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,653.79
PNC Bank	Construction Fund Acct.	119,488.32
PNC Bank	Bank Investment Acct.	1,085,339.40

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Finance Report

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Don Wilkinson Agency (Oct.)</u>	
Earned Income Tax	103,220.03
Local State Tax	395.56
Per Capita, Current	10,692.20
Per Capita, Delinquent	<u>44.00</u>
Total:	114,351.79
<u>Local Realty Transfer Tax</u>	
James Red O'Brien	7,173.26
Luzerne County	
Dennis Montross	<u>245.00</u>
Wyoming County	Total: 7,418.26
<u>Delinquent Real Estate Tax</u>	
Wyoming County	16,081.31
<u>Donation</u>	
Pel Industries, Inc.	63.12
<u>Tuition</u>	
Wilkes-Barre Area School District	4,781.58
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
District Court 11-2-01	21.41
<u>State & Federal Subsidy Payments</u>	
Social Security	48,562.00
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	62,283.46
ARRA – Title I Part A	15,808.86
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	17,144.54
Rental Subsidy	174,143.11
Basic Education Funding	1,014,066.00
Reimbursement of Charter Schools	8,765.00
Property Tax Relief Payment	<u>237,504.63</u>

Total: 1,578,277.60
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2010 Real Estate Taxes

Richard Connors 59,520.54
West Wyoming Borough

Richard Connors – 2009 Supplemental 1,790.17

Paul Konopka 311,495.71
Wyoming Borough

George Miller 71,203.97
West Pittston Borough

Wayman Smith (Sept.) 1,021,097.86
Wayman Smith (Oct.) 58,690.70
Exeter Township, Luzerne County

2. **Approve the November payment of \$73,400.39 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2010-29011 school year.**
3. **Approve the November payment of \$47,128.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2010-2011 school year.**
4. **Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the balance due for providing Special Education services to the Wyoming Area School District for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$101,646.00.**
5. **Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing services related to the Alternative Learning Center for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$11,505.00.**
6. **Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Non-Public School Speech Services for the 2009-2010 school year at an annual district charge of \$11,762.00.**

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7. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing Social Work Services for the 2009-2010 school year to the Wyoming Area School District at a charge of \$8,370.17.

8. Approve the request of Wyoming Area School District Tax Collectors to receive compensation regarding collection of installment payments for 2010 for real estate taxes in the amount of \$3,390.00.

9. Approve the following property tax refund for the year 2010 as requested by Mr. Paul Konopka, Tax Collector of Wyoming Borough. The refund reflects abatement for the year 2010 as directed by the Luzerne County Courthouse Assessor's Office subsequent to the district receiving property tax payment from affected property owner.

Pin#67-F10NE2-003-031	32.34
Pin#67-E10SE3-013-052	452.32

10. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing:	11-17-10	469,562.76	
Prepays:	10-31-10	<u>81,590.38</u>	551,153.14
Cafeteria Account:		93,226.59	
Athletic Fund Account:		<u>5,113.00</u>	<u>98,339.59</u>

Total: 649,492.73

Motion by _____, second by _____, to accept the finance report.

Roll Call:

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Education Report**

- 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 2010-2011 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum.**
- 2. Approve the request of Riane Hulme, Special Education Teacher, to take a child bearing/child rearing leave effective January 31, 2011 until March 28, 2011.**
- 3. Approve the following step placement for Temporary Professional Employee, Michael Pasquariello at Bachelor's Step 1 \$32,206.00.**

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Activities Report**

1. Approve the assistant coaches for the 2010 winter season.

Wrestling

Steve Sedon	Asst. Varsity Coach	2,912.00
Jim Manganiello	Jr. High Head Coach	2,912.00
Paul Johnson	Jr. High Asst. Coach	2,163.00
Brian Meehan	Elementary Coordinator	

Volunteers- Wrestling

**Chris Sedon
Carmen Mauriello
Charlie Burns
Anthony Heck
George Wolak
Mike Schutz
Joe Erzar
Greg Paglianite
Marc Chervenitski
Damon Barhight**

Swimming

Jill Powers	Asst. Coach	2,163.00
Kenny Bryden	Diving Coach	2,163.00
Lauren Shovlin	Volunteer	

Volunteers – Winter Track

**Lou DeMark
Joe DeMark
Dave Favata
Dave Ruggles
Mike Fanti
Dave Fetch
Tony Argo**

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Boys Basketball

Alex Brogna	Asst. Head Coach	2,781.00
Pete Sulla	Jr. Varsity Coach	2,781.00
Charlie McDermott	9 th Grade Coach	1,446.00
C.J. Chairge	8 th Grade Coach	1,446.00
Alex Brogna	Elementary	884.00
Dean Carey	Volunteer	
Ron Musto	Volunteer	

Girls Basketball

Vince Beseda	Asst. Head Coach	2,781.00
Ryan Kennedy	Jr. Varsity Coach	2,781.00
Kevin Fulton	9 th Grade Coach	1,446.00
Rich Musinski	7 th Grade Coach	1,446.00
Alison Wolfgang	Elementary	884.00

2. Approve the revised substitute support personnel list for 2010-2011.

3. Approve to ratify the request of Matt Crake, President of the West Pittston Rams, to use the practice fields behind the visitor stands and lights on the towers for practice on October 26th, October 27th, October 28th, November 2nd, November 3rd, November 4th, November 9th, November 10th and November 11, 2010, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for the up-coming Wyoming Valley West Youth Football and Cheerleading Conference Playoffs and Super Bowl.

4. Approve the request of Tina Drahus, President of the Wyoming Area Diamond Club, for the baseball team and coaches attend an exhibition tournament in Martinsburg, VA., from Friday, March 18th to Sunday, March 20, 2011, at no cost to the district, pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.

Motion by _____, second by _____, to accept the activities report.

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Building Report**

- 1. Approve the request of Kate Mangan for the Wyoming Area Kiwanis Club Parent's to hold "shopping night" in the Secondary Center cafeteria on Friday, December 17, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., pending approval of the building principal and cafeteria manager.**
- 2. Approve the request of the Wyoming Area Wrestling Parents to use the Secondary Center cafeteria on Sunday, November 28, 2010, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager.**
- 3. Approve the request of Tina Drahus, President of the Wyoming Area Diamond Club, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors" on Sunday, March 27, 2011, at 11:45 a.m., pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager.**
- 4. Approve the request of Jeanne Wisiewski, Secretary of the Wyoming Recreation Board, to use the Tenth Street Elementary School cafeteria for a children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 12, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.**
- 5. Approve the request of Tracy Carey, President of the Wyoming Area Boys Basketball Parents Association, to use the gymnasium and gym lobby area and have access to ice machine, microphone, scorers table and locker rooms for "Meet the Warriors" on Sunday, November 28, 2010, 11:45 a.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.**
- 6. Approve the appointment of _____ as part-time (4 hour) cashier for Secondary Center/JFK.**

Motion by _____, second by _____, to accept the building report.

Roll Call: