

**10212**  
**Wyoming Area School District**  
**Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting**  
**Wyoming Area Board of Education**  
**20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643**  
**Monday, May 23, 2011, 7:00 p.m.**

The combined work session/regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening at the Secondary Center auditorium, 20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, with approximately 100 + people in attendance. A non-public personnel meeting preceded the combined meetings. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:                    Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo, President  
                                  Mr. John Marianacci, Vice President  
                                  Mr. John Bolin, Secretary  
                                  Mr. David Alberigi, Treasurer  
                                  Mr. Sam Aritz  
                                  Dr. Estelle Campenni  
                                  Dr. Frank Casarella  
                                  Mr. Gil Dominick  
                                  Mrs. Toni Valenti

Also present were: Raymond J. Bernardi, Superintendent, Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, Attorney Raymond A. Hassey, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Vito Quaglia, Secondary Building Principal, Jon Pollard, Elementary Principal of Tenth St./JFK, Robert Kaluzavich, Elementary Principal of Montgomery Ave./SJD, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Dave Amico, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Jillian Balberchak and Morgan Bilbow, Student Representatives.

**Communications Report**

Mr. Bernardi read the communications report.

1. Sid Michaels Kavulich, State Representative, 114<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, thanking the Superintendent for his concern over the upcoming release of a violent video game titled "School Shooter: North American Tour 2012."
2. Phyllis Mundy, State Representative, 120<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, thanking the Superintendent for his concern over the upcoming release of a violent video game titled "School Shooter: North American Tour 2012." State Representative Mundy condemned the game, has urged Checkerboard Studios to cease its production and distribution and has warned parents.
3. Saundra Colwell, Music Parents, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a music banquet.
4. Barbara Bullions, Drama Advisor, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria and auditorium for Thespian Inductions.
5. Dianne Kalinoski, Professional Employee, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
6. Frank Orlando, Custodian, submitting his letter of intent to retire.
7. Charlie Jackson, Custodian, submitting his letter of intent to retire.
8. John Bodosky, Custodian, submitting his letter of intent to retire.

9. Ronald Tomalis, Department of Education, notifying the Superintendent that Wyoming Area School District's property tax reduction allocation for 2011-2012 is \$475,296.17.
10. Renee Palakovic, Department of Education, notifying the Superintendent the district's 2010-2011 Federal Programs Consolidated Amendment Application has been approved.
11. Barbara Bullions, Drama Advisor, requesting permission to accept a mobile home donated by Leroy and Linda Fettig to use as a storage facility for the Drama Club.
12. JFK PTO requesting permission to place a gazebo on the playground.
13. Mariclaire Jones, Computer Technician for Title I Reading Program, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
14. Lou Palermo, Special Education Para Educator, submitting his letter of intent to retire.
15. Luzerne Intermediate Unit requesting permission to use the Secondary Center auditorium for an in-service day.
16. Communication received from Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board regarding Matter of Fact Finding between Wyoming Area School District and the Wyoming Area Education Association.
17. Jessica Budzak, Prevention Specialist, submitting a thank you letter from the Wyoming Area SADD Club to the School Board for their approval to allow the SADD Club to hold the Mock Car Crash on May 5, 2011 at Pittston Area. The program was a complete success.
18. Ice Hockey Parents Association requesting a donation for the Ice Hockey Team for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Summary of Applications Received**

Elementary – 49  
English – 8  
Reading – 2  
Speech/Language Pathology– 1  
School Psychologist – 2  
Secondary School Counselor – 2  
Elementary School Counselor – 1  
Business Education – 1  
Social Studies – 3  
Family & Consumer Science – 1  
Mid Level Math – 2  
Secondary Math – 2  
Mid Level Science – 1  
Technology – 1  
Biology – 2  
Library Media Specialist - 1  
Marching Band Director – 1

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Approval of Minutes

Mr. DeAngelo asked for approval of the minutes. All board members responded aye. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bernardi read the Superintendent's Report.

1. *Congratulations to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** for **April**:*

<i>Jessica Briggs</i>	<i>Austin Chervenitski</i>
<i>Gianna Gennetts</i>	<i>Jeff Hogan</i>
<i>Michael Murphy</i>	<i>Paige Norton</i>
<i>Stephanie Sokach</i>	<i>Chris Zagata</i>
<i>Alex Breisch</i>	<i>Cecelia Chisdock</i>
<i>Cordell Gresh</i>	<i>Joshua Hughes</i>
<i>John Marianacci</i>	<i>Carrie Pozaic</i>
<i>Nikki Sellitto</i>	<i>David Vincent</i>
  
2. *The **seventh** annual **Career Day** for the **Junior Class** was held on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony's Parish Center. Keynote speaker was Ed Ackerman, Sunday Dispatch Editor, Motivational speakers were Joseph DeLucca, Director of Federal, State and Non-Public Programs at the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18, Father Paul McDonnell, Congregation of the Oblates of St. Joseph, who was born and raised across the street from Wyoming Area Secondary Center and Attorney Michael Ferrence, a blind lawyer who practices in Wilkes-Barre. Special thanks to Mrs. Fedor, Special Consultant and the Guidance Department for planning this event.*
  
3. *The Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO) of District Elementary Schools, along with the Wyoming Area Food Service Department, held the annual "Take Your Parents to Breakfast" in conjunction with **National School Breakfast Week**. Over 1,427 meals were served. Congratulations to the PTO and Mrs. Boyer and her Staff for coordinating the Breakfast with Your Child Program.*
  
4. *Congratulations to Megan Bonomo, Bartholomew Chupka, John Hizny and Emily Kneeream who were appointed to the **Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre Class of 2012**.*
  
5. ***Wyoming Area Community Outreach and Scholarship Celebration**: On May 26<sup>th</sup>, the second annual **Community Outreach and Scholarship Celebration** will be held in the Secondary Center Cafeteria, which honors senior recipients, the donors and the committee who developed this program. Thanks to the vision of Mrs. Fedor and the Guidance Department.*

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**MR. QUAGLIA WILL NOW RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE**

**GREATER PITTSTON ANTI-DRUG COALITION MOCK CAR CRASH**

- ✚ On May 5, 2011, a **Greater Pittston Anti-Drug Coalition Mock Car Crash** was held. The SADD members who participated in this program are as follows:

**Juniors:**

*Rachel Campbell*

*Kristy Voychuk*

*Karlie Klocko*

*Jessica Hollister*

*Brittany Smetana*

*Riley Thomas*

*Dori Williams*

*Geena Dimattia*

*Paul Minelli*

**Sophomores:**

*Steph Spudis*

*Cassie Lescavage*

*Leslie Shumlas*

**Freshman:**

*Nicole Cumbo*

*Lindsay Carey*

*Abby Thorton*

*Justin Nocera*

*Advisor: Jessica L. Budzak.*

**Student Recognition 2010-2011 by Mr. Quaglia, Mrs. Ranieli and Mrs. Serino:**

At this time, *Certificates* will be distributed to students for their *scholastic and extra-curricular accomplishments* throughout the school year.

**AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES**

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The *Science Department* would like to recognize the following students for their recent accomplishments.

**University of Scranton "Kane" 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Physics Competition (April 7, 2011):**

The entire advanced placement physics class participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> annual University of Scranton Kane Physics Competition. The teams took the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies and medals. Senior *Eric Werbin* was awarded the *First* place plaque along with a \$2,000.00 scholarship as the individual quiz component champion from a field of approximately 100 students.

**Second Place Team:**

*Andrew Ambruso*

*Alyssa Cajka*

*Joshua Carey*

*David Dorbad*

*Anthony Richards*

*Samantha Scott*

**Third Place Team:**

*Kevin Anderson*

*Everal Eaton*

*Maria Kelly*

*Trevor Campenni Skene*

*Brittany Spak*

*Caitlin Vitale*

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**Individual Kane Physics Competition Quiz Champion:****Eric Werbin****Advisor is David Pizano**

- ✚ Wyoming Area High School Science Olympiad Team took SECOND place out of a field of 31 teams in the C-Division of the Northeast Regional Competition of the Pennsylvania Science Olympiad. The team once again qualified and moved on to the State Science Olympiad Tournament on April 29, 2011 @Juniata College:**

**SECOND PLACE TEAM MEMBERS:**

<b>Josh Carey</b>	<b>Alyssa Cajka</b>
<b>Samantha Scott</b>	<b>Tia Spagnuolo</b>
<b>Eric Werbin</b>	<b>Angela Coco</b>
<b>Davide Fanelli</b>	<b>Tyler Gfeller</b>
<b>Paul Minelli</b>	<b>James Scrobola</b>
<b>Nick Szewczyk</b>	<b>Greg Cajka</b>
<b>Maria Marianacci</b>	<b>Stormy Ruiz</b>
	<b>Leslie Shumlas</b>

**THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM WON 12 INDIVIDUAL MEDALS AT REGIONALS:**

<b>First Place: Anatomy and Physiology</b>	<b>Maria Marianacci, Leslie Shumlas</b>
<b>First Place: Fossils</b>	<b>Leslie Shumlas, Stormy Ruiz</b>
<b>Second Place: Microbe Mission</b>	<b>Eric Werbin, Alyssa Cajka</b>
<b>Second Place: Forensics</b>	<b>Samantha Scott, Tia Spagnuolo</b>
<b>Third Place: Chemistry Lab</b>	<b>Samantha Scott, Tia Spagnuolo</b>
<b>Third Place: Optics</b>	<b>Josh Carey, Eric Werbin</b>
<b>Third Place: Disease Detectives</b>	<b>Greg Cajka, Stormy Ruiz</b>
<b>Third Place, Wind Power</b>	<b>Alyssa Cajka, Josh Carey</b>
<b>Fourth Place: Ecology</b>	<b>Samantha Scott, Tia Spagnuolo</b>
<b>Fourth Place: Technical Problem Solving</b>	<b>Alyssa Cajka, Greg Cajka</b>
<b>Fourth Place: Astronomy</b>	<b>Josh Carey, Greg Cajka</b>
<b>Fourth Place: Write It, Do It</b>	<b>Leslie Shumlas, Stormy Ruiz</b>

**STATE MEDALISTS:**

**Fifth Place: Microbe Mission**

**Eric Werbin, Alyssa Cajka**

**Wyoming Area Middle School Science Olympiad Team took SECOND place out of a field of 21 teams in the B-Division of the Northeast Regional Competition of the Pennsylvania Science Olympiad. The team has once again qualified and moved on to the State Science Olympiad Competition at Juniata College on April 29, 2011. Middle School Team placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of 36 schools at the State competition:**

**TEAM MEMBERS:**

**Emily Bellanco**

**Audrey Hiedacavage**

**Danielle Spagnuolo**

**Gabrielle Spagnuolo**

**Gared Zaboski**

**Amy Alder**

**Nikolas Gushka**

**John Marianacci**

**Brittany Thomas**

**Samantha Williams**

**Zachary Lagrue**

**Michael Murphy**

**Ryan Murphy**

**Lauren Perry**

**Krystina Stanczyk**

**The Middle School Team won 12 individual medals at Regionals:**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM:**

**First Place: Anatomy**

**Danielle Spagnuolo, Michael Murphy**

**First Place: Bottle Rocket**

**Lauren Perry, Michael Murphy**

**First Place: Awesome Aquifer**

**Gared Zaboski, Brittany Thomas**

**Second Place: Microbe Mission**

**Gabrielle Spagnuolo, Amy Alder**

**Second Place: Can't Judge A Powder**

**By Its Color**

**Danielle Spagnuolo, Gabrielle Spagnuolo**

**Second Place: Ecology**

**Lauren Perry, Krystina Stanczyk**

**Second Place: Meteorology**

**Gared Zaboski, John Marianacci**

**Second Place: Science Crime Busters**

**Emily Bellanco, Audrey Hiedacavage**

**Third Place: Disease Detectives**

**Emily Bellanco, Audrey Hiedacavage**

**Third Place: Tower**

**Danielle Spagnuolo, Gabrielle Spagnuolo**

**Fourth Place: Junkyard Challenge**

**Danielle Spagnuolo, Lauren Perry**

**Fourth Place: Ornithology**

**Emily Bellanco, Zachary Lagrue**

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Individual Medalists at States:**Third Place: Awesome Aquifer****Gared Zaboski, Brittany Thomas****Fourth Place: Anatomy****Danielle Spagnuolo, Michael Murphy****Fourth Place: Can't Judge a Powder****By Its Color****Danielle Spagnuolo, Gabrielle Spagnuolo****Fourth Place: Junkyard Challenge****Danielle Spagnuolo, Lauren Perry****Team Coaches are: Mr. Grivensky, Mr. Rutkowski and Mr. Pizano.**

- ✚ **The JETS TEAM took FIRST PLACE at this year's Regional Competition. (JETS/Junior Engineering Technical Society/Teams stands for Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science) on March 8, 2011. The "perpetual" trophy will reside at Wyoming Area until next year at this time, when the trophy must be defended. Team members received plaques for their accomplishments and include:**

**Andrew Ambruso****Alyssa Cajka****Josh Carey****David Dorbad****Xuan Kang****Samantha Scott****Tony Richards****Eric Werbin**

**In addition, the team tied for first place in the State within their division. The work the students completed was sent to the national level for additional scoring and placement. Our Team placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall in the Nation within their division.**

**Team coach is: Mr. Pizano.**

- ✚ **The 63<sup>rd</sup> annual Luzerne County Council of Teachers of Mathematics Contest was held on April 2, 2011 with **Eric Werbin** and **Meg Potoski**, respectively, scoring highest in both senior and junior divisions along with Wyoming Area winning both team titles. Eric and Megan together won over \$250,000.00 in Scholarship money to Wilkes University. Junior Team Title was won by **Jonathan Scrobola, James Scrobola, Michael Kohut, Jessica Hollister, Megan Potoski, Trevor Alder, Nat Miller, Tyler Gfeller and John Barcelon**. Senior Team Title included **Josh Carey, Eric Werbin, Linnae Homza and Robert Jones**. **Mike Romanowski and Deanna Mennig are Team Advisors****
- ✚ **Twenty members of the Wyoming Area Key Club recently attended the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania District Key Club Convention in Hershey. Once again this year, our club received numerous awards as follows:**
  - ✚ **Diamond-level Distinguished Club (The ONLY Club in Pennsylvania) scoring 193 out of a possible 200 points). This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row for the Club to earn this distinction.**
  - ✚ **Highest Club Total Service Hours (6410 hours of community service).**
  - ✚ **Highest Club Average Service Hours (101.75 hours per member).**
  - ✚ **Highest Individual Service Hours – **Ronald Klepadlo** (686.5 hours of service).**
  - ✚ **First Place Single Service Award-Gold Division (This was the 3 on 3 basketball tournament benefiting Anthony Lydon, a two year old boy with Hypo-Plastic Left Heart Syndrome).**
  - ✚ **First Place Major Emphasis Award (support of Ryan's Run, a fund-raiser for Allied Service Pediatric Services).**
  - ✚ **Second Place Club Digital Poster.**
  - ✚ **Second Place Club Video.**

- ✦ *The Major Emphasis and Single Service reports, along with the club's video and digital poster, will now compete at Key Club International Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, to be held June 27-July 3.*
- ✦ **Second Place Oratorical Contest – Linnae Homza.**
- ✦ **Distinguished Club Officers:** *President Linnae Homza, Vice-President, Sarah Connors, Secretary, Karisa Calvitti, Treasurer, Ronald Klepadlo and Webmaster, Sal Polit.*
- ✦ **Bob Bagans Unsung Hero Award – Lisa Chihorek** *(Lisa was recognized as the member of Division 15N who best exemplifies the ideals of service, giving unselfishly without being a club officer).*
- ✦ **William S. Brandamore Kiwanis Family Relations Award – The Club earned this recognition for the various projects performed in conjunction with the Builders Club.**

*Christine Rutledge is the Key Club Advisor.*

✦ **WVIA TV Scholastic Scrimmage:**

*Congratulations to the high school academic team which won the Grand Championship on WVIA TV's Scholastic Scrimmage. The team defeated Honesdale Area and won \$5,000.00 for the school's general fund. The Academic Teams have won \$9,000.00 for the school's general fund in the last 3 years and have won more Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 Championships than any other school.*

**Team members are:**

*Samantha Scott, Captain*

*Trevor Alder*

*Davide Fanelli*

*Debbie Gross*

*Eric Werbin*

*The team is coached by Eileen Palmer.*

✦ **Bloomsburg University Science Iditarod:**

*The Wyoming Area Science Bowl Team completed at the Bloomsburg University Science IDITARO where students are challenged based on their knowledge of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Geosciences. From a field of 20 teams, Wyoming Area received a trophy for placing THIRD overall and received a plaque for being the overall champion in Physics.*

**THIRD PLACE OVERALL:**

*Trevor Alder*

*John Bankus,*

*Jonathan Scrobola*

*Danielle Spagnuolo.*

**PHYSICS CHAMPIONS:**

*Jonathan Scrobola*

*Trevor Alder*

*John Bankus*

*Danielle Spagnuolo*

*Team Coaches are Dave Pizano and Eileen Palmer.*

✦ **AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY EXAMINATION:**

*Eric Werbin placed SECOND in the American Chemical Society Examination for Second Year Chemistry Students. Eric completed against students from 6 counties in Northeast and Central Pennsylvania. Eric took FIRST place in the contest for first year chemistry students as a sophomore.*

*Team Coach: Dave Pizano.*



- ✦ **National Spanish Exam:** *The following Spanish II/III students have received national recognition for excelling at the National Spanish Exam and will be honored at a dinner at King's College this month:*
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<i>Megan Potoski III/Junior</i>	<i>"Premio de Oro" Gold (above 99% in the nation)</i>
<i>Ashley Melendez III/Junior</i>	<i>"Premio de Bronce" (Bronze) scoring above 84%</i>
<i>John Bankus II/Sophomore</i>	<i>"Mencion Honorifica"/Honorable Mention</i>

*The **National Spanish Exam** is an online, standardized assessment for grades 6-12. It recognizes student achievement in the study of the Spanish language, promotes proficiency, assesses the national standards and stimulates further interest in the teaching and learning of Spanish. It is the first national world language exam administered online and is the most widely used test of the Spanish language in the U.S. There are 7 levels of competition, containing 2 parts: achievement and proficiency and 3 exam categories. Over 140,000 students participated in the online version of the exam this year.*

*Spanish Teacher is Christine Marianacci.*

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#### **CHORAL/MUSIC FESTIVALS 2010-2011**

##### **WYOMING AREA PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE/April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 1, 2011:**

*The Indoor Percussion Ensemble won First Place at the Chapter 7 Championship on April 17<sup>th</sup> at Central Mountain High School in Mill Hall. The group participated in 6 competitions throughout the season and took first place each time. The show this year was titled "The Age of Anthracite: A Day in the Life".*

*April 28 – May 1, 2011: **Tournament Indoor Association:** Atlantic Coast Championships, Wildwood, N.J. Scholastic Standstill Percussion Bronze Medalists directed by Brendan Carter and Eric Boylan.*

##### **Percussion Bronze Medalists:**

<i>Jessica Dauber</i>	<i>Dave Thomas</i>
<i>Nick Viccica</i>	<i>Greg Lynch</i>
<i>James Rose</i>	<i>Aaron Steve</i>
<i>Tanner Homa</i>	<i>Jessica Martin</i>
<i>Sarah Stoss</i>	<i>Rebecca Colwell</i>
<i>Thomas Rose</i>	<i>Carly Costello</i>
<i>Emily Endres</i>	<i>Meaghan Mahle</i>
<i>Alorah Colwell</i>	<i>Scarlett Coolbaugh</i>
<i>Ethan Crake</i>	<i>Ashley Donovan</i>
<i>Miranda Jones</i>	<i>Katie Mahle</i>

*Director of Bands: Shea Riley*

**Boy Choir Festival:** *The annual **Boy Choir Festival** was held on November 3, 2010 at Honesdale Area High School. This festival is open to boys with unchanged voices in grades 4-7. Students from 28 different school districts in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 9 area were permitted to participate. Wyoming Area Students were:*

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TENTH STREET:

Thomas Walkowiak

Justin Randazzo

James Kosco

Marywood University Junior High Wind Band Celebration: was held December 3 and 4, 2010.

Tanner Homa	Sarah Campbell	Nick Granteed	Joe Roach
Gared Zaboski	Brittany Thomas	Thomas Rose	

Marywood University Senior High Wind Band Celebration was held January 21 and 22, 2011:

Nick Viccica	Greg Cajka
Tony Dominick	Josh Carey
Brittany Bubblo	Nick Dominick
Dave Thomas	Jessica Dauber
Danielle Conflitti	Alyssa Cajka

Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District Orchestra

(January 27 - 29, 2011)

Jessica Dauber

Dave Thomas

Jessica Hollister

Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) District Band held February 10-12, 2011)

Jessica Dauber	Josh Carey	Dave Thomas
Alyssa Cajka	Nick Viccica	Angela Coco
Danielle Conflitti	Jessica Hollister	Katie Oravitz

Luzerne County Band (March 7, 2011):

Nick Viccica	Danielle Conflitti	Stormy Ruiz	Carly Costello
Dave Thomas	Angela Coco	Sarah Campbell	Meaghan Mahle
Tony Dominick	Jessica Hollister	Rebecca Colwell	Emily Endres
Brittany Bubblo	Greg Cajka	Tanner Homa	Sarah Sabatelli
Emily Smith	Zack Scrobola	Ray Hopkins	Joe Roach
Nick Granteed	Hannah Troy	Riley Thomas	Nick Dominick

Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) Region IV/V ORCHESTRA (March 10-12, 2011)

Jessica Dauber

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**Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) District Jazz/March 18 and 19, 2011**

**Riley Thomas**

**Gared Zaboski**

**Dave Thomas**

**Nick Granteed**

**Joe Roach**

**Ray Hopkins**

**Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) Region IV BAND/March 24-26, 2011:**

**Jessica Dauber**

**Jessica Hollister**

**Alyssa Cajka**

**Dave Thomas**

**Danielle Confletti**

**MENC All-Eastern Band/March 31-April 3, 2011:**

**This is a National level Conference that covers the Eastern Seaboard. This student is the first to attain this level since the late 80's:**

**Jessica Dauber**

**Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) All-State Conference/April 13-16, 2011:**

**This is Jessica Dauber's third consecutive year attending and her second consecutive FIRST PLACE finish.**

**Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) Junior High Band Fest/April 29, 2011:**

**Emily Smith**

**Joe Buczynski**

**Ray Hopkins**

**Hannah Klaproth**

**Nick Granteed**

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**Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 9 Chorus:** **The festival was held at North Pocono High School in January, 2011. 160 students from PMEA District 9 schools were chosen by competitive audition. This year's participants were:**

**Riley Thomas, Alto 2, Grade 11**

**Eric Wrbin, Tenor 2, Grade 12**

**Chorus Fest (May13, 2011) @Tunkhannock Area High School:**

**This is a District 9 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) sponsored festival where students were chosen on vocal ability and director's recommendation. This year's participants were:**

**Tenth Street**

**Jessica Hopkins**

**Olivia Bellanco**

**Thomas Walkowiak**

**Morgan Chesna**

**Alexander Gonzales**

**Eden Stella**

**Nina Sypniewski**

Secondary Center

Mari Taggart

Sarah Stoss

Lisa Guido

Britney Benkoski

Luzerne County Chorus Festival (May 5, 2011)/Pittston Area/Grades 7-12):

This year's participants were:

Brina Platt

Stormy Ruiz

Nikki Giordano

Danielle Dolhon

Megan Bonomo

Kelly Clarke

Melanie Wrubel

Brittany Thomas

Alorah Colwell

Victoria Pennington

Sherry Klaproth

Ashley O'Valle

Samantha Kudrako

Lisa Chihorek

Victoria Reno

Billy Weiss

Billy Romanowski

Dave Thomas

Derek Wrubel

Jeffrey Hogan

Congratulations to these talented young musicians and their **Director, Ms. Leonarda Sperrazza.**

✚ Congratulations to **Caitlin Vitale**, who was selected as the **winner** of the Times Leader **Best and Brightest** in the category of "English and Literature" held on May 11, 2011. **Finalists were:** **Ron Klepadlo (Community Service)**, **Linnea Homza (Community Service)** and **Karisa Calvitti (Computer Technology)**.

✚ **Designated National Merit Commended Scholars:** **Samantha Scott and Michael DeAngelo.**

✚ At this time I would like to present this well-deserved Award to **Jillian Balberchak** for her outstanding service in representing the student body on the **Wyoming Area School Board** for the **2009-2010** and **2010-2011** school years. Her participation was an invaluable resource to the Board in its decision-making process. **Congratulations Jillian!**

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As we conclude the **2010-2011** school year, the following is a list of the **end of school year activities** for your review:

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**Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> @7:00 P.M./Cafeteria at Secondary Center – Scholarship Celebration**

**Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Sr. Class Trip/Dorney Park**

**Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> Sr. Pictures in Gym @9:00 A.M. w/Caps and Gowns**

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> @10:30 A.M./Baccalaureate Mass @St. Anthony's Church**

**Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> @11:00 A.M. Sr. Class Picnic**

Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> @1:00 P.M. Awards Assembly @Secondary Center Auditorium

Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> @12:00 Noon – Class Day @Secondary Center Auditorium

Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> @7:00 P.M. Graduation at Stadium/Inclement Weather: 8:00 P.M. Secondary Center Gymnasium (tickets only)/followed by All Night Party @10:30 P.M. – 6:00 A.M. (NOTE: June 10<sup>th</sup> will be a full day of school).

Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATIONS as follows:

Montgomery Avenue	10:30 A.M.
SJD	9:00 A.M.
Tenth Street	10:30 A.M.
JFK	9:00 A.M.

Last student day is Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, which will be a half day for both students and teachers.

Last teacher day is Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, which will be a full Professional Staff Development Day.

**Student Representative’s Report**

Jillian Balberchak read the report.

The Key Club held a blood drive on May 17<sup>th</sup>. This event was a huge success and their goal was met. Because of the great turnout, the American Red Cross is awarding our school with two scholarships to be given to the seniors. The Key Club is holding a Volleyball Tournament on June 4<sup>th</sup>. This event is in honor of the 2010 Wyoming Area graduate, Matt Chipolis, who recently passed due to a tragic motorcycle accident. The Key Club is asking for your support to help make this event a success. SADD/TATU held a Dodgeball Tournament this weekend. The event was held to raise money for Charles Seiger who is the son of Mrs. Seiger, an English teacher at the Secondary Center. Charles is four years old and has already had eighteen surgeries. Many people came out to support this great cause including forty teachers who participated in the tournament and 21 teams comprised of students. The event raised \$2,850. The junior class is going on a field trip to Ellis Island on Wednesday. The class will be visiting Ellis Island and Liberty Island. This trip was made possible by the various fundraisers the class participated in including a Domino’s and Krispy Kreme fundraiser. A scholarship ceremony will be held on Thursday in the cafeteria for the seniors who were awarded scholarships. Students will be able to meet the families who awarded the scholarships and thank them for their generosity. There are a limited number of yearbooks available so those who are interested are asked to see Mrs. Lynch as soon as possible.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Mr. Bernardi read the treasurer’s report.

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Checking Account</u>
First National Community Bank	General Fund	3,863,288.24
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	4,345.04

First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	235,065.12
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	123,747.00
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	8,409.70
Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,930.18
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,675.97
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Construction Account	119,488.32
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Investment Account	1,081,410.28

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

#### Finance Report

Mr. Bernardi read the finance report.

1. Received the following checks:

Don Wilkinson Agency (April)

Earned Income Tax	193,768.96
Local State Tax	1,443.95
Delinquent Per Capita Tax	<u>231.00</u>
Total:	195,443.91

Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

Wyoming County	18,169.21
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Local Realty Transfer Tax

James Red O'Brien	8,484.55
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State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security	49,377.00
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	31,141.73
ARRA – Title I Part A	15,808.86
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	8,572.27
Basic Education Funding	1,014,066.00
ARRA – Fiscal Stabilization – Basic Ed	75,155.17
Reimbursement of Charter Schools	8,765.00
Incarcerated Ed	<u>446.53</u>
Total:	1,203,332.56

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Miscellaneous

Barbershop Quartet- use of auditorium	500.00
District Court 11-2-01	<u>3.36</u>
Total:	503.36

At this time, Mr. Melone gave a presentation on the budget.

Dr. Campenni motioned for the board to have two public meetings to discuss the proposed budget numbers in more detail. Mr. DeAngelo responded that a motion wasn't needed because they would be holding more budget meetings and they will be advertised as public meetings.

2. Approve the May 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 2010-2011 school year.
  3. Approve the May payment of \$47,128.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2010-2011 school year.
  4. Approve retroactively, when applicable, in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Act (PPACA) the Wyoming Area School District election to maintain grandfathered status for their benefit program and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the NEPA School Districts Health Trust of the elected status. The Grandfathered Clause option as provided in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act exempts the district from items such as the following:
    - Offering preventive benefits without deductibles and copayments
    - Offering dependent coverage to adult children who are eligible for other employer sponsored coverage through 2014
  5. Approve the budgeted ambulance contribution for the 2010-2011 fiscal year: \$100.00 each to West Pittston, West Wyoming, Wyoming, Exeter and Harding.
  6. Approve the appointments of Dr. Matthew Soranno, Dr. Steven Bonomo, Dr. Ernani Pagliarini and Dr. Anthony Polit as school dentists, to do examinations as state mandated for grades K, 3 and 7, for the 2011-2012 school year at a rate as provided in the budget.
  7. Approve the budgeted library contribution of \$2,000.00 each to the Wyoming Free Library and the West Pittston Library for the 2010-2011 school year.
  8. Approve the appointment of Golden Photo Studio as school photographer for the 2011-2012 school year.
  9. Approve the agreement for contracted professional services to be provided by the Luzerne Intermediate Unit to Wyoming Area School District for the 2011-2012 school year at a total cost of \$901,062.45.
- Mr. Dominick read item #10.
10. Approve the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 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 \$28,958,747.00 and equity and revenues of a like amount and reflects a tax of 13.0799 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 71.7295 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 an 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%.

Carl Yorina of Wyoming questioned the energy curtailment project for income generation (in last month's meeting). Mr. Bernardi responded that the school would be closed in the event of an emergency in the summer when no students were in school.

Mr. DeAngelo asked Mr. Bernardi for an update on the budget items discussed. Mr. Bernardi stated the teachers union rejected a pay freeze and he asked that they give up one day to save approximately \$50,000.00. Mr. Bernardi also asked the teachers to forgo tuition reimbursement for an additional savings of \$50,000.00. Mr. Bernardi stated they rejected both. Mr. Bernardi stated the support staff had declined a pay freeze but the administrative staff had agreed to it.

Mr. Bernardi stated Dr. Campenni did receive a report regarding the budget and stated Dr. Campenni said she didn't have the time. Dr. Campenni responded it was due to her work schedule.

11. Approve to authorize the Business Consultant to execute a Tax Anticipation Note if required on behalf of the Wyoming Area School District for the 2011-2012 school year. The Tax Anticipation Note is subject to the review by the District Solicitor.
12. Approve summer hours for Sandy Nardell, School Nurse, not to exceed 150 hours for the 2011-2012 sports season and academics year.

Mr. Dominick read item #13.

13. Motion to reject Pennsylvania Labor Relation Board Fact Finders Report.



## 14. Approve the General Ledger Sheets:

Bill Listing:	5-23-11	557,881.69	
Prepays:	4-30-11	<u>45,526.12</u>	603,407.81
Cafeteria Account:		85,568.88	
Athletic Fund Account:		<u>5,578.50</u>	<u>91,147.38</u>
			Total: 694,555.19

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

On the Question: George Race questioned item #4. Mr. Melone responded it has to do with new health care laws.

Mr. Race questioned item #12. Is that overtime. Mr. Bernardi responded it was an hourly salary. \$30.00 per hour. Mr. Race questioned item #13. Rejection of the Pennsylvania Relations Board Fact Finder Report. Attorney Hassey responded that the board could not talk about it. It is part of a negotiation process. Both parties have submitted it to the Fact Finders to make recommendations. The board chose to reject that. It will be a public document after the union acts on it and it will be for public inspection.

Bob Trusavage questioned item #6. Mr. Bernardi responded that we pay for the dentists to do state mandated checks here at the school.

Roll Call: Dr. Campenni abstained on item #10 and voted yes on the remaining report. Dr. Casarella abstained on item #10 and voted yes on the remaining report. All other board members voted yes on the entire report. Motion passed.

### Education Report

Mr. Bernardi read the education report.

1. Reporting as per Federal Regulations Requirements 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. Accept, with regret, Dianne Kalinoski's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
3. Approve to rescind Deanna Sabola's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
4. Approve Deanna Sabola's letter of intent to retire effective October 31, 2011.
5. Approve Jennifer Seiger's request for a sick leave retroactive to April 15, 2011.
6. Approve the Letter of Agreement between Wyoming Area School District and Luzerne County Community College for Project Rise effective July 11, 2011 and end on August 18, 2011 at \$8.00 per student.
7. Approve Graduation Ceremony to take place on Friday, June 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the stadium, weather permitting or 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

8. Approve to authorize Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum to oversee preparation of submission to PDE for approval, Title I, Title II and Safe and Drug Free Schools grant programs and application for the 2011-2012 school year.
9. Approve retroactively the appointment of Michele Klaproth as a long term substitute elementary teacher for Natalie Ferretti for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year.
10. Approve the following class changes:

**Eliminate**

- (1) Kindergarten at SJD
- (1) First Grade at SJD
- (1) Fourth Grade at SJD
- (1) First Grade at 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- (1) Third Grade at 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- (1) Sixth Grade at 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- (1) Reading Supervisor

**Eliminate at Secondary Center**

- (1) Physical Education K-12
- (1) French

**Add**

- (1) Fifth Grade at 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- (1) ½ Day French

Mrs. Valenti motioned to accept the education report and requested to move item #10 for discussion. Mrs. Valenti motioned to table Item #10, second by second by Mr. Bolin.

Dr. Casarella asked why item #10 was being tabled. Mrs. Valenti responded the board didn't really discuss #10.

On the Question: George Race questioned item #6. Mr. Bernardi responded Project Rise is a summer program for students.

Roll call was taken for item #1 through item # 10. All board members present voted yes. Motion passed.

**Activities Report**

Mr. Bernardi read the activities report.

1. Approve the appointment of Gina Elmy as Assistant Junior High Field Hockey Coach at a salary of \$1,422.00 for the 2011 fall season.
2. Approve the appointment of Alyssa Elmy as Assistant Varsity Field Hockey Coach at a salary of \$2,163.00 for the 2011 fall season.

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

Roll Call: Dr. Campenni abstained on items #1 and #2. The remaining board members voted yes on the entire report. Motion passed.

**Building Report**

Mr. Bernardi read the building report.

1. Approve the request of Sandra Colwell, Music Parents, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a Music Banquet on Friday, May 27, 2011, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager.
2. Approve the request of Barbara Bullions, Drama Advisor, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria and auditorium for Thespian Inductions on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager.
3. Accept, with regret, Frank Orlando's letter of intent to retire effective June 29, 2011.
4. Accept, with regret, Charlie Jackson's letter of intent to retire effective June 29, 2011
5. Accept, with regret, John Bodosky's letter of intent to retire effective June 29, 2011.
6. Approve to rescind Paul Konopka's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
7. Approve Paul Konopka's letter of intent to retire effective June 29, 2011.
8. Accept, with regret, Mariclaire Jones' letter of intent to retire effective June 15, 2011.
9. Accept, with regret, Lou Palermo's letter of intent to retire effective May 23, 2011.
10. Approve to rescind Anne More's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
11. Approve Anne More's letter of intent to retire effective June 29, 2011.
12. Approve retroactively the agreement between Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals and Wyoming Area School District for the support staff to voluntarily donate one sick leave day to Kathy Youells, Secretary, during the 2010-2011 school year.
13. Approve the request of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit to use the Secondary Center auditorium for an in-service day on Monday, August 22, 2011, pending approval by the building principal.
14. Approve the following building eliminations:
  - (1) Special Education Aide at Secondary Center
  - (1) Special Education Aide at Montgomery Ave.
  - (1) District Custodian
  - (1) District Secretary

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

Mr. Bolin amended the motion to table item #14.

Roll Call: All board members present voted yes on items #1 through #13. Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Bernardi read the policy report.

1. Approve to adopt the revised policies:

- Policy #216 – Student Records
- Policy #216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records
- Policy #707 – Use of School Facilities

2. Approve the second reading of revised policy #801 Public Records.

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

Roll Call: All board members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Open Discussion: Dave Yurick of West Pittston asked if the employees are paid if the Secondary Center is shut down in the summer. Mr. Amico responded he would be able to send his workers to other schools. Mr. Bernardi responded it would be like a snow day. This is a money generating program and we do not have to shut the building down. Mr. DeAngelo stated most of those employees are contracted, so they will be paid regardless.

Bob Trusavage asked the board how many foreman do we have. Mr. Aritz responded we had two. Mr. Trusavage asked why two. Mr. DeAngelo responded we always had two.

Dan Resciniti, President of the Parents Association, asked to use the auditorium on Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. DeAngelo stated the board meeting was being held tonight because the auditorium is being used for a musical on Tuesday. Mr. DeAngelo asked the board secretary if the auditorium was being used Thursday. The board secretary responded she spoke to Mrs. Petrucci in the Principal's Office and she said the auditorium was being used on Thursday. No letter was received by Mr. Rescinti to use the auditorium.

Dr. Campenni asked about having budget meetings. Mr. DeAngelo responded that the board secretary will call the board and see when everyone is available.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Nicholas DeAngelo, President

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John Bolin, Secretary