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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, October 23, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening at the Wyoming Area Secondary Center Library, 252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643, with approximately forty people in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Gober-Mangan, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Mrs. Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, President
 Mrs. Deanna Farrell, Vice President
 Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary
 Mrs. Kimberly Yochem, Treasurer
 Dr. Estelle Campenni
 Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo
 Mr. Gerald Stofko
 Mrs. Toni Valenti

Absent: Mr. Carmen Bolin

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett Ferentino, School Solicitor, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Building Principal, David Pacchioni, Assistant Principal of Discipline, Vito Quaglia, Building Principal of Primary Center/JFK, Vanessa Nee, Director of Special Education, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Jo Ann Pepsin, Assistant Director of Special Education, Frank Pugliese, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Melissa Collevchio, Food Service Director, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Center Principal, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Jeremy Harman, Student Representative.

At this time, Mr. Quaglia, Principal of Primary Center and JFK, introduced Diane Pellegrini, Donna Andrewsavage and Daneen Kearns, Kindergarten Teachers that had kindergarten students conduct science activities such as color blending with some of the board members.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting minutes from regular meeting of August 8, 2018.
2. Right to Know Request submitted for policies, guidelines and procedures related to the posting of recorded meeting minutes after a board or work session meeting takes place on the website under archives, the time frame for this to take place and who is responsible for this.
3. Chuck Yarmey, Drama Advisor, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center auditorium for auditions and a spring musical.
4. Lisa Nardell, Wyoming Area Boys Basketball Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for Meet the Warriors.
5. Dan Resciniti, Wyoming Area Cheer Parents Association, requesting permission to hold a Night at the Races fundraiser.
6. Rhonda Pizano, Cheerleader Advisor, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center gym for Wyoming Area Cheer Kiddie Winter Camp.
7. Susan Alaimo, Special Education Aide, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.

8. Joe Pizano, Athletic Director, requesting permission to attend the annual Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association conference in Hershey.
9. Jami Brown, Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO, requesting permission to use the Intermediate Center cafeteria, Lawn, Parking Lot and Playground for Wyoming Area Intermediate Center Trunk or Treat/Parade.
10. Kerry Sheridan, Wyoming Area Cheer Parents Association, requesting permission to hold a cheesecake fundraiser.
11. Right to Know Request submitted for records for 2017-2018 tax year relating to software purchase/subscription and all related vendor information for the following types of software. Accounting/Financial software used for General Ledger, Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable, Fixed Asset Depreciation and Tracking Software used to manage physical assets.
12. Right to Know Request submitted for the bid tabulation for the Refuse Removal bid.
13. Nicole Gashi, Wyoming Area Football Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center Memorial Street parking lot to line students up for spirit week parade to Exeter Panthers Field.
14. Ben Schultz, Level I Secretary, requesting a personal leave of absence.
15. Kristyn Fath, Wyoming Area Kindergarten Center PTO, requesting permission to have a Book Fair fundraiser at the Kindergarten Center library and hallway.

Summary of Applications Received

Health Care Technician – 4

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Gober-Mangan asked for approval of September 25, 2018 regular meeting minutes. All board members present voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. Our annual Veteran's Day Program will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. Lunch will begin at 12:00 and our program in the gymnasium will follow. All Veteran's are invited to attend.
2. Thursday, October 18th on Channel 16 our fourth grade was featured with presenter Mae Thomas on the Titanic. Thank you Mrs. Przybyla for arranging this fine event.
3. The Intermediate Center conducted an evacuation drill. They moved out of the building in one minute forty-three seconds and were at the high school (evacuation area) 11 minutes later. A meeting was held with law enforcement to debrief on the topic. Our other schools we be conducting an evacuation drill in the coming weeks.
4. Spirit week is being celebrated in our schools this week. Several football players and cheerleaders from the secondary center will visit the elementary schools this week and a Pep Rally will be held.
5. Congratulations to Elizabeth Breznay and Colin Colonna who was named Homecoming Queen and King at the Pep Rally on October 19th.

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6. The First Marking Period will end on Tuesday, October 30th. Report Card distribution and Parent Conferences will be held on November 8th and 9th.
7. A blood drive was held on September 25th. Last year our blood drive produced 17 units of donated blood. This year, our students and faculty donated 37 units of blood. Considering the damage that the hurricane caused to parts of our country, Wyoming Area could not have picked a better time to “step up.” It was a successful day. Thank you to Mr. Rutkoski for organizing the blood drive.
8. The Class of 2019 will be purchasing a screen to be used throughout the secondary center and district, it will be similar to the screen that we rent 2-4 times a year for pep rallies and veteran’s day.
9. Four Diamonds sent a thank you to our Mini-THON. The \$27,970.11 our students raised will fund life-saving research and world-class care for kids and families fighting childhood cancer. Thank you to Miss Aritz and Mr. Macario for organizing this event.
10. 9th grade violinist Katlynn Borosky placed second in Violin 1 section of the Marywood Celebration orchestra this past weekend. There were 28 first violins and through an audition process Katlynn came in second. Miss Sperrazza would like to thank the School Board for allowing them to attend the event.
11. 8th Grader Patrick Branley was featured in the Citizen's Voice on Sunday as an AMAZING KID. There was a nice article about him and his accomplishments in piano (played at Carnegie Hall in March of 2018)and academically here at WAHS. Miss Sperrazza nominated him for this distinction and he was selected and interviewed last week.
12. Dr. Estelle Campenni attended the PSBA Conference in Hershey last week, She will report at the November meeting about her attendance at various sessions. She would like to give a short synopsis now:
 1. Top 10 issues Board Members need to know more about Special Education
 - What more can be done to minimize/reduce due process claims and compensatory education exposure?
 2. Private funding: Engage supporters, raise money and transform your district
 - What creative solutions can we adopt to build and support educational initiatives?
 3. Creating an effective parent advocacy group and strategy
 - How can we encourage a strong parent advocacy group to support a pro-public school agenda with local and state legislators?
 4. The generational disruptions of education
 - What does an understanding of generational analysis (i.e., G.I, Silent, Boomer, Gen X, and Millenials) offer us?
 5. Responding to claims of sexual harassment and misconduct in the #MeToo era in the public school setting
 - What is the importance of legally compliant policies and procedures in place to ensure school officials are responding appropriately to complaints?
 6. Pennsylvania’s political landscape in an election year
 - What are the impacts of November 2018 election outcomes on education in the future?

7. The mindful school leader: Responding to external complexity through inner clarity
 - How does mindfulness improve performance and enhance mental and physical well being?
8. Rachel’s challenge: Creating a culture of kindness to combat bullying.
 - Darrell Scott presents the writings of his daughter, Rachel Scott, who died during the Columbine High School shooting.

Student Representative’s Report

Jeremy Harman read his report.

The senior class held its annual Homecoming Announcement dance on October 6th, and Homecoming Pep Rally on October 19th. The dance was a huge success raising \$2,000 for the class. I’d like to congratulate all of the court members on being selected, especially Colin Colonna and Elizabeth Breznay who were voted King and Queen. The senior class also held its 3rd annual Powderpuff event this past weekend on October 20th, in which we raised around \$4,000 for the senior class. At the event, the 8th graders beat 7th grade, the Sophomores made over a 20 point comeback to win the game over the Freshman, and the current Senior girls won for their second year in a row, this time against the current Junior girls. The Drama Club will be presenting its fall play Daddy’s Girl on November 16th, 17th and 18th. The show is set in a small diner, and is based around the cook of the diner trying to figure out who his daughter is. I don’t want to get too into the details, but it truly is a great show and I encourage everyone to come check it out.

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino informed the audience that there was an Executive Session held prior to the meeting regarding personnel issues, special education matters and litigation.

Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Treasurer’s Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	5,312,055.24
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,550.68
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	38,905.02
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	115,323.34
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	15,592.10
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	Earned Income Tax Revenue	362,007.05
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	684,998.15

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Finance Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Tax Administrator

Earned Income Tax	46,249.75
Local Services Tax	85.81
Per Capita Tax	7,807.20
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>3,935.85</u>
Total:	58,078.61

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Retirement	741,871.58
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	42,327.32
Medicaid Admin Claims	4,313.79
School District Special Education	<u>230,520.00</u>
Total:	1,019,032.69

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	19,304.58
Wyoming County	<u>1,249.50</u>
Total:	20,554.08

2018 Real Estate Taxes

Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough	1,446,086.43
Ann Marie Farley- Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	344,742.00
Wayman Smith – Exeter Twp., Luzerne County	1,369,666.72
Thomas Pizano – Exeter Borough	2,072,997.95
Thomas Pizano – Exeter Borough (supplemental)	175.31
Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough	1,429,568.02
George Miller – West Pittston Borough	2,034,657.80
George Miller –West Pittston Borough (supplemental)	<u>37.47</u>
Total:	8,697,931.70

2. Approve the October payment of \$93,388.46 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for special education services for the 2018-2019 school year.
3. Approve the October payment of \$50,881.00 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2018-2019 school year.
4. Approve to rescind the step placement for Michelle McDermott as Bachelors +30 Step 3 approved at the September board meeting and approve as Masters +30 Step 3.
5. Approve the November 1, 2018 payments to Wilmington Trust (M&T Bank) for the following debt obligations:

General Obligation Bonds Series 2015	139,865.63
General Obligation Bonds Series 2016	<u>1,458,387.51</u>
Total:	1,598,253.14

6. Approve to ratify payment of \$426,672.90 to CM3 Building Solutions (App.#4) for general construction.
7. Approve the payment of \$357,307.42 to CM3 Building Solutions (App.#5) for general construction.

8. Approve the November 1, 2018 payment to FNCB Bank in the amount of \$27,825.00 for the General Obligation Note Series of 2018 of the Wyoming Area School District.
9. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for payment for ESL instructional hours for March 2017 through June 2017 (Note: for the 2016-2017 School Year) and August 2017 through June 2018 (Note: for the 2017-2018 School Year) in the following amounts:

Mar. 2017 to June 2017 (total of 124 hours @ \$54.43) = \$6,749.32
 Aug. 2017 to Nov. 2017 (total of 132 hours @ \$56.06) = \$7,399.92
 Dec. 2017 to Feb. 2018 (total of 149 hours @ \$56.06) = \$8,352.94
 Mar. 2018 to June 2018 (total of 184.5 hours @ \$56.06) = \$10,343.07

10. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: October 2018	962,824.48	
Prepays: September 2018	<u>392,424.26</u>	1,355,248.74
Cafeteria Account:	60,694.13	
Athletic Account:	<u>13,069.00</u>	<u>73,763.13</u>
	Total:	1,429,011.87

11. Motion to approve a Settlement Agreement for Special Education matter re: m.w. for \$65,000, subject to final written approval by the solicitor. (THIS ITEM ADDED FROM THE FLOOR.)
12. Motion to approve a Settlement Agreement for Special Education matter re: e.w. for \$40,000, subject to final written approval by the solicitor. (THIS ITEM ADDED FROM THE FLOOR.)

Motion by Mrs. Yochem, second by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, to accept the finance report.

Roll Call: Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mrs. Gober-Mangan read the 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 2018-2019 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District’s Business Office.
2. Approve Kristina Anderson for tenure having completed three years of satisfactory service as a temporary professional employee.
3. Approve the request of Joe Pizano, Athletic Director, to attend the annual Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association conference in Hershey, Tuesday, March 19th through Friday, March 22, 2019, at a cost not to exceed \$800.00. Also requesting mileage reimbursement.

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4. Approve the revised guest teacher list for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the education report.

Roll Call: Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mrs. Farrell read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the request of Dan Resciniti, Wyoming Area Cheer Parents Association, to hold a Night at the Races fundraiser at the West Wyoming Hose Company on Saturday, November 10, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., pending approval by administration.
2. Approve the appointments of the following assistant coaches and volunteer coaches for the 2018-2019 winter sports season:

Girls Basketball

Ryan Carey – Jr. Varsity Coach	3,388.00
Len Lojewski – 9 th Grade Coach	1,762.00
Krissy Williams – 8 th Grade Coach	1,762.00
Lindsey Quinn – 7 th Grade Coach	1,762.00
Ron Foy – Volunteer	
Dean Carey – Volunteer	
John Zullo – Volunteer	
Larry Koretz – Volunteer	
Molly Kearns – Elementary Volunteer Coach	
Lisa Gaylord – Elementary Volunteer Coach	
Jason Gaylord – Elementary Volunteer Coach	
Mary Price – Elementary Volunteer Coach	

Winter Track

Mike Fanti- Volunteer

Wrestling

Brian Hines – Asst. Coach	3,548.00
Tristan Vanderlick- Jr. High Coach	3,548.00
Jason Speece – Jr. High Coach	2,635.00
Todd Bonning – Volunteer Elementary Coach	

Boys Basketball

Ian Gilmartin – Jr. High Coach	3,388.00
Walter “Skip” Stocknick – Volunteer	

3. Approve the following appointments for head coaches for the 2018-2019 spring sports season:

Robert Lemoncelli – Baseball	4,831.00
William Roberts – Boys Tennis	1,633.00
Shaun Rohland – Boys Lacrosse	2,212.00
John McNeil – Softball	4,831.00
Carl DeLuca – Girls Lacrosse	2,212.00
Joe Pizano – Track & Field	4,831.00

4. Approve the request of Kerry Sheridan, Wyoming Area Cheer Parents Association, to hold a cheesecake fundraiser.
5. Approve \$2,000 donation to the Ice Hockey Team. (THIS ITEM ADDED FROM FLOOR)

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

Roll Call: Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Yochem, abstained on item #3 and voted yes on remaining report. Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Stofko read the Building Report.

1. Approve the request of Chuck Yarmey, Drama Advisor, to use the Secondary Center auditorium for auditions for the spring musical on Monday, January 7th, Tuesday, January 8th and Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal. (Class A)
2. Approve the request of Chuck Yarmey, Drama Advisor, to use the Secondary Center auditorium for a spring musical on Friday, April 5th, 7:00 p.m., Saturday, April 6th, 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 7, 2019, 2:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal. (Class A)
3. Approve the request of Lisa Nardell, Wyoming Area Boys Basketball Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for Meet the Warriors on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director. (Class A)
4. Approve the request of Rhonda Pizano, Cheerleader Advisor, to use the Secondary Center gym for Wyoming Area Cheer Kiddie Winter Camp on Sunday, December 2, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. (Class A)
5. Approve the request of Susan Alaimo, Special Education Aide, to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to Wednesday, October 10, 2018 until approximately November 21, 2018.
6. Approve the request of Jami Brown, Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO, to use the Intermediate Center cafeteria, Lawn, Parking Lot and Playground for an Intermediate Center Trunk or Treat/Parade on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director. (Class A)
7. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list for the 2018-2019 school year.
8. Approve the request of Nicole Gashi, Wyoming Area Football Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center Memorial Street parking lot to line students up for spirit week parade to Exeter Panthers Field on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, starting 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., pending approval by building principal. (Class A)
9. Approve the appointment of Leslie Ratchford as Hall Monitor.

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10. Approve the appointment of Kelly Kaslavage as Library Aide.
11. Approve the appointment of Jacquelyn Kasa as Personal Care Aide.
12. Approve the appointment of Norman Scull as part time (10 month) cleaner.
13. Approve the appointment of Kristina Chikowski as part time (10 month) cleaner.
14. Approve the appointment of Sharon Ann Graboski as part time (10 month) cleaner.
15. Approve the request of Ben Schultz, Level I Secretary, to take a personal leave of absence for thirty days retroactive to October 16, 2018. (ITEM FAILED)
16. Approve the request of Kristyn Fath, Wyoming Area Kindergarten Center PTO, to hold a Book Fair fundraiser at the Kindergarten Center library and hallway on Monday, November 5th to Friday, November 9, 2018, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., pending approval by the building principal. (Class A)
17. Approve a ½ day PCA. (THIS ITEM WAS ADDED FROM THE FLOOR)

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

Roll Call: Mr. DeAngelo, no on item #15 and yes on remaining report. Mrs. Valenti, no on item #15 and yes on remaining report. Dr. Campenni, no on item #15 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Stofko, no on item #15 and yes on remaining report. Mrs. Yochem, no on item #15 and yes on remaining report. Mrs. Farrell, no on item #15 and yes on remaining report. Mrs. Gober-Mangan, no on item #15 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Marianacci, no on item #15 and yes on remaining report.

Item #15 failed.

Motion passed on remaining report.

Policy Report

Mrs. Gober-Mangan read the Policy Report in the absence of Mr. Bolin.

1. Approve the second reading and adoption of revised policy #819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response.
2. Approve the first reading of Section 700 of the policy manual: Property.

Motion by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, second by Mr. DeAngelo, to accept the policy report.

Roll Call: Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Awarding of Bids Report

Mrs. Gober-Mangan read the Awarding of Bids Report.

The refuse bids were advertised in the papers listed on the following dates:

Citizens Voice/Times Leader

Monday, September 17, 2018

Monday, September 24, 2018

Monday, October 1, 2018

The bids were due on October 9, 2018 and were opened at 10:00 a.m.

Successful Bidder

Waste Management 41,544.00

Unsuccessful Bidders

Northeast Cartage 59,232.00

County Waste 50,280.00

J.P. Mascaro 97,588.00

Motion by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, second by Mr. Marianacci, to accept the awarding of bids report.

Roll Call: Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Police Report

**Wyoming Area Police Department
Monthly Report for September, 2018
Total Calls for Service**

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0000	Parent Conference	1
0002	Transport	5
0637	Theft – Under \$50 – From Buildings	2
1890	Narcotics – Reports	2
2300	Public Drunkenness	1
2400	Disorderly Conduct	3
2450	Harassment	2
2690	All Other Offenses - Reports	1
2811	Curfew Law (Juvenile) - Male	2
2910	Lost/Missing Property	1
3100	Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
3600	Disturbances – Domestic	1
3610	Disturbances - Juvenile	3
3840	Fire Alarm	1
3900	Traffic & Parking Problems	2
4090	Non-Criminal – Reports	1
6610	Traffic Related – Motorist Aid	1
7016	Follow Up Information	2
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	1

Total 34

Monthly Comparison

August Calls for Service

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September Calls for Service

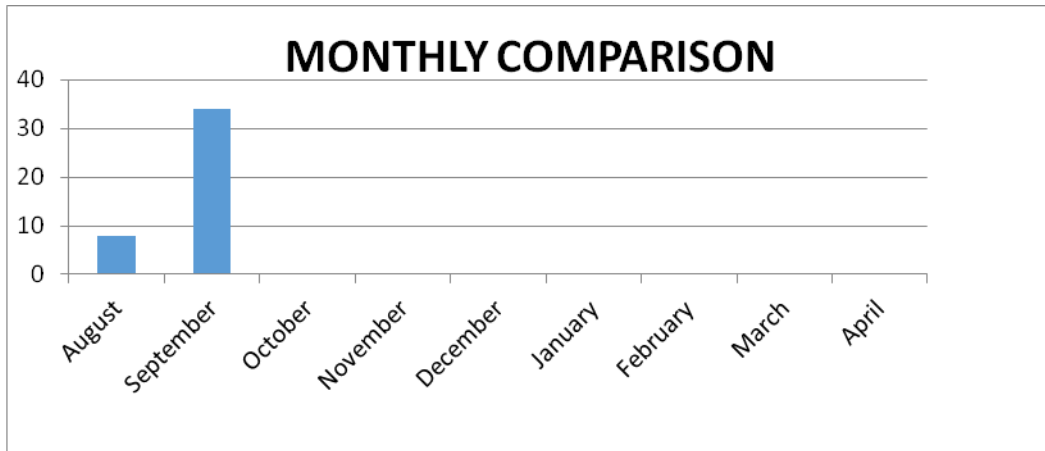
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Plus/Minus Comparison

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Open Discussion:

- John Pegg, West Wyoming, Item #8- Bond Payment.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, second by Dr. Campenni.

Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, President

John Marianacci, Secretary