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Wyoming Area School District
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

The combined work session/regular meeting was held this evening at the Wyoming Area Secondary Center auditorium, 20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643, with approximately 100 + 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, asked everyone to remain standing in memory of Melissa Prokopchak, wife of Jason Prokopchak, Wrestling Coach and Norma Romanowski, mother of Mike Romanowski, a Teacher at Wyoming Area, who passed away and also the Law Enforcement in Dallas. Mrs. Gober-Mangan 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 A. Yochem, Treasurer
- Mr. Carmen Bolin
- Dr. Estelle Campenni
- Mr. Gerald A. Stofko
- Mrs. Toni Valenti
- Mr. Carl Yorina

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Jon Pollard, Elementary Principal of Tenth St./JFK, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Principal of Secondary Center, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Melissa Collevchio, Food Service Director, Frank Pugliese, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds.

Communications Report

Mr. Marrianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit's regular meeting minutes of May 25, 2016.
2. Elizabeth Dessoie, 6th grade teacher at the Intermediate Center submitting her letter of intent to return to work at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.
3. Sara Mazzitelli, 6th grade teacher at the Intermediate Center, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
4. Nancy Alberigi, Secretary of the Wyoming Area Ice Hockey Association, requesting permission to sell lollipops and Gertrude Hawk Candy as fundraisers at home football games.
5. Susan Sharkey, Wyoming Area Cross Country Parents Association, requesting permission to hold a Revello's Pizza Sale, car wash and Gerrity's Bagging fundraisers.
6. Barbara Bullions, Drama Advisor, requesting permission to attend a play in New York City with drama students.
7. Warrior Cheer Parents requesting permission to hold apple fritter and lottery ticket fundraisers.
8. Invitation letter to the district from Mr. James Deice, Pittston Tomato Festival Committee, to participate in the tomato festival parade on Saturday, August 20, 2016, at 10:30 a.m.

9. Greg Koons, Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria, classrooms and auditorium for LIU staff opening day in-service.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. Progress is going well with the moves to our kindergarten, primary and intermediate centers. Almost everything has been moved to the appropriate buildings.

Finance Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Berkheimer</u>	
Earned Income Tax	44,790.51
Local Service Tax	1,417.08
Per Capita Tax	29.40
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>973.49</u>
Total:	47,210.48

<u>State & Federal Subsidy Payments</u>	
Retirement	898,017.63
Title I –Improving Basic Programs	52,433.54
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	7,900.00
Section 1305 & 1306	27,506.55
Basic Education Funding	1,883,911.86
School District Special Education	361,648.83
School District Spc. Ed. Adjustment	16.33
School District Transportation	86,511.07
Non Public Transportation	31,955.00
Charter School Adjustment	<u>500.54</u>
Total:	3,350,401.35

2. Approve the July payment of \$93,527.14 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2016-2017 school year. The payment will be reduced by IDEA Pass Thru Funding of \$24,227.08 from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit resulting in a net payment of \$69,300.06.
3. Approve the July payment of \$43,077.00 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2015-2016 school year.
4. Approve the request for Keystone Communications to upgrade the building network and connections from the Secondary Center to the Wyoming Area Primary and Intermediate Centers with a dedicated redundant wireless solution. A request for proposals was issued through the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 in order to select a provider. Keystone Communications provided a solution at a one-time non-recurring cost of \$7,940.00 for both buildings for equipment installation and labor. The monthly recurring cost will be \$948.50/per month per building for a term of 60 months. (It is estimated that \$882.00 per building will be subject to the E-Rate reimbursement.)

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5. Approve the solicitation of proposal and conduction of environmental/soils testing at SJD.
6. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for payment for ESL (English as a Second Language) instructional hours for March 2016 through June 2016 in the following amounts:

March (total of 92 hours at \$52.84)	4,861.28
April (total of 87.5 hours at \$52.84)	4,623.50
May (total of 77.5 hours at \$52.84)	<u>4,095.10</u>
Total:	13,579.88

7. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: July 2016	675,450.62
Prepays: June 2016	<u>118,516.38</u>
Total:	793,967.00

Motion by Mrs. Yochem, second by Mrs. Farrell, to accept the finance report.

Carolyn Carlson, Wyoming, asked if the transportation numbers were for the past year. Mr. Melone responded it is reimbursement for the current year but based on prior year expenses. The state releases reimbursement intermittently to the district. George Race, Exeter, asked if the retirement on page 4 was through reimbursement. Mr. Melone responded yes. Mr. Race asked if that was half of the total. Mr. Melone responded it was. Regarding item #4 Mr. Race asked what the LIU has to do with it. Mr. Melone responded they utilized the RFP's. Mrs. Serino responded it is the consortium. Mrs. Serino asked Mr. Jones, IT Network Engineer, who doesn't use the LIU services? Mr. Jones responded there is only a couple. One is Dallas but they are coming on board. Mr. Race questioned item #5. Attorney Ferentino responded that there is an underground tank at SJD we must decide what testing needs to be done. It will be determined later if testing is necessary. A buyer can come back and say there was an environmental issue not discovered.

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

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mr. Yorina 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) are currently being planned for the 2016-2017 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the following advisors for the 2016-2017 school year:

Carmen Latona	Senior Class Advisor
Damien Rutkoski	Junior Class Advisor
Carmella Argento	Sophomore Class Advisor
Maureen Pikas	Freshman Class Advisor
Leo Lulewicz	Student Council Advisor
Josette Cefalo	Asst. Student Council Advisor

Carmen Latona	Class Day Advisor
Juel Anne Klepadlo	Key Club Co-Advisor
Christopher Hizynski	Key Club Co-Advisor
Lisa Day	FBLA Co-Advisor
Juel Anne Klepadlo	FBLA Co-Advisor
Cynthia Lynch	Yearbook Advisor
Christine Rutledge	National Honor Society Advisor
Mike Fanti	Director of Intramurals

3. Approve Colleen Coolbaugh, School Psychologist Intern, to assist Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, during the summer months.
4. Approve the appointment of Julie Venezia as Speech and Language Teacher effective for the 2016-2017 school year.
5. Approve the request of Sara Mazzitelli, 6th grade teacher at Intermediate Center, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence beginning the start of the 2016-2017 school year and concluding on or around November 10, 2016.

Motion by Mr. Yorina, second by Mr. Marianacci, to accept the education report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Yorina, 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 Barbara Bullions, Drama Advisor, to attend a play in New York City with drama students on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at no cost to the district.
2. Approve the request of Nancy Alberigi, Secretary of the Wyoming Area Ice Hockey Association, to sell lollipops and Gertrude Hawk Candy as fundraisers at home football games.
3. Approve the request of Susan Sharkey, Wyoming Area Cross Country Parents Association, to hold a Revello's Pizza Sale, car wash and Gerrity's Bagging fundraisers.
4. Approve the request of the Warrior Cheer Parents to hold apple fritter and lottery ticket fundraisers.
5. Approve the appointment of Julian Campenni as Assistant Football Coach at a salary of \$4,181.00 for the 2016 football season.

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

On the Question: Carolyn Carlson asked how many assistant football coaches there were.

Answer was five coaches.

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Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, abstained on item #5 and voted yes on the remaining report. Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, 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 Greg Koons, Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria, classrooms and auditorium for LIU staff opening day in-service on Monday, August 22, 2016 , 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with set up on Friday, August 19th, pending approval by the building principal and food service director. A \$25.00 per hour fee may be charged to the organization if a custodian or cafeteria workers services are needed. (Class B)
2. Approve the appointment of Celeste Gonzales as a Personal Care Aide effective for the 2016-2017 school year.
3. Approve the appointment of Debra Hindmarsh as a Personal Care Aide effective for the 2016-2017 school year.
4. Approve the appointment of Sharon Mazzeo as a Personal Care Aide effective for the 2016-2017 school year.
5. Approve the appointment of Frank Rico as a 10 month cleaner.
6. Approve the appointment of Peter Killiri as a full time custodian.
7. Approve the appointment of Marjorie Glatz as a certified school nurse.

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

On the question: Kim Biscotto, part time cleaner, asked how a custodian is picked for employment. She stated she has applied numerous times but was by-passed. She can do the job since she is still here. Attorney Ferentino stated this issue is confidential. They cannot say why someone was picked over another. Mr. Pugliese, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, responded that everyone was given a criteria based test. Two individuals that currently work for the district were given the test and scored 100%. The second time around five individuals were given the test and not one passed the test. The position was then re-advertised. We then received eight applicants. Of the eight applicants, four passed the test and one scored 100. There was a two part test and one included questioned regarding wiring and plumbing. Mr. Mike Bugelholl and Mr. Jerry Stofko, Board Member, were present at the interviews. Carolyn Carlson, Wyoming, commented that maybe they should be trained in this if it is on a test.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Yorina, 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 bids for the 2016-2017 school year were advertised on the following dates listed:

Citizens Voice/Times Leader

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Successful Bidder

Marching Band

Robert M. Sides 2,258.82

Successful Bidder

Band

Robert M. Sides 3,161.81

Successful Bidder

Music

Robert M. Sides 7,770.59

Unsuccessful Bidder

Music in Motion

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

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

Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Bolin read the Policy Report.

1. Approve the second reading and adoption of policy #221 Structured Dress Code.

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

On the Question: Board Members, Mr. Yorina, Dr. Campenni and Mrs. Yochem, were all against the dress code. Mr. Yorina stated we shouldn't instill ethics and morality; let them police themselves. Mrs. Yochem stated it doesn't fully reflect the intent and she cannot support it. Dr. Campenni stated we should ask the teachers how it can be enforced. We should be educating our students to appreciate diversity.

The following people gave comments regarding the dress code: Darren Woodruff, Peter Butera, Vanessa Smith, Tracy Thornton, Anthony Rosati, West Pittston, Addison Orzel, West Wyoming, Kara Dooner, West Pittston, Mike Butera, Lisa Yellen, Jamie Brown, Harding, Sharon Sorokin, Exeter, Deedra Keefe, West Wyoming, Jennifer Quinn, Carolyn Carlson, Wyoming, Gabriell Castellino, Jessica Timek, West Pittston, Katelyn Thornton, Exeter.

Any names not listed did not sign in at the podium.

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Comments Made:

- Not enforceable, teachers cannot enforce it, conformity doesn't make them learn, not everyone shaped the same way, may promote bullying
- Everyone should just adjust to the current dress code
- Glad it's not affecting 4-6th grades
- Daughter doesn't want to go to school, why does she have to be punished, it's an added expense
- Son is small and doesn't fit in most clothes, "political statements are still free", how can certain things be enforceable
- Students should be able to express themselves, seems like a punishment
- Attending W.A. since kindergarten, what students learn is most important, just use last year's restrictions
- We are moving in the wrong direction, dressing does not cause problems, this interferes with students decisions and freedom of expression, creates chaos, will hinder scores
- Students are eloquent
- What is wrong with zippered shirts, or extra wide pants, who determines this? some pants have a tiny watch pocket, what about cheerleaders? We should be pushing academics and not give children another issue to worry about, certain board members decided they didn't like how students dress? This policy is not acceptable
- A petition was listed on Facebook
- Had exchange student, moved because of dress code at Wyoming Valley West, hated dress code, daughter has all A's, t-shirts that say "Old Navy" what is wrong with that.
- Has seen inappropriate dress, who checks them?, nothing was done, enforce what we have
- Enforce what we have, call parents and make them pick their kids up, this is a parenting issue
- Eventually there will be a uniform and there will be problems, improve arts and sciences
- Goes against freedom of expression
- If it doesn't say something bad on t-shirt why can't students wear them?
- Fundraisers are t-shirts

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, no, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Yorina, no, Mrs. Yochem, no, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 on a motion by Mrs. Stofko, second by Mrs. Gober-Mangan.

Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, President

John Marianacci, Secretary