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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting was held this evening at the Wyoming Area Secondary Center auditorium, 20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, with approximately fifty 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 7:20 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, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Vito Quaglia, Secondary Center Building Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Principal of Secondary Center, Joe Long, Elementary Building Principal of Montgomery Ave./SJD, Jon Pollard, Elementary Building Principal of Tenth St./JFK, Christine Rosenkrans, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Vanessa Nee, Director of Special Education, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Melissa Collevecchio, Food Service Director, Angelo Falzone, Director of Attendance/Transportation, Frank Pugliese, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds.

Mrs. Gober-Mangan apologized for being late in starting the meeting. She also stated that at the forum she stated it has been 255 days without a state budget, only 45% was funded and approximately 2 months before our finances are depleted. Mrs. Gober-Mangan stated that there are legislative names listed on the website for anyone to contact.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit minutes of regular meeting of January 27, 2016.
2. Lisa Day and Chris Hizynski requesting permission to attend the National History Bowl, along with six students in Washington, D.C.
3. Stefani Lasher, Cleaning Personnel, requesting permission to take a maternity leave.
4. Michelle Klapproth, President of the Wyoming Area Drama Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a "cast party."
5. Jeannine J. Weiser, Chief, Division of Budget and School Facilities, Department of Education, acknowledging receipt and approval of the PlanCon Part K, "Project Refinancing" for General Obligation Bonds Series of 2015 and General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2016.
6. Sherry Dougherty, Secretary for the Wyoming Area Diamond Club, requesting permission to hold a pancake fundraiser at AppleBee's along with the baseball team.

7. Molly Prutzman, Wyoming Area Field Hockey Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a bingo fundraiser.
8. Stephen Chipolis, Store Room Coordinator, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
9. Deborah Konopka, President of the Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals Association, requesting to petition the union members for sick bank days for Stephen Chipolis.
10. Ashley Aritz requesting permission to attend the Junior Achievement field trip with 8th grade students, five teachers and two aides.
11. Dan and Rebekka Parry, Committee Members of The Keystone Family Bible Conference, requesting permission to rent the auditorium and multi-purpose room for a historical educational conference.

Summary of Applications Received

English – 1
Elementary – 18
Special Education - 18

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Gober-Mangan asked for approval of minutes of February 23, 2016. All board members voted aye. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. For the second year, Tenth Street Elementary partnered with King's College Education Club to make Jared Boxes for local hospitals. A Jared Box is a shoebox size plastic storage box filled with small gifts, toys, cards and games. Each box contains items selected for a specific age and gender. The boxes are delivered to hospitals and are given to chronically ill children.
2. This past Christmas, the Builder's Club participated in the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. The Builder's Club collected presents for 70 angels. The Club recently received a certificate honoring them for being among the top 3 groups to collect donations for the Angel Tree.
3. 2015-2016 WINTER SEASON UPDATE:

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wyoming Area Varsity Girls Basketball enjoyed their best season in quite some time. Their final record was 16-10 and placed fourth (4th) in district 2 AAA. Besides the wins and losses, Coach Chad Lojewski is confident the girls experienced some valuable lessons off the court – as well as learning to compete on the court.

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He is very proud as to how the team evolved over the course of the season. Coach Lojewski would like to thank the School board for their continued support for the WA Girls basketball program.

The 9th Grade Girls team achieved back-to-back champions for the Wyoming Valley Conference this year. They battled through key injuries, but they were able to overcome them and brought back another title to Wyoming Area. Coach Ryan Carey said this team had a lot of fun this year and they cannot wait to do it again next year!

Coach Jessica Flaherty said the 7th grade season was a lot of fun and a great teaching experience. The girls started out as beginners and grew into basketball players in the few months they had. They had a great time traveling to Tunkhannock, felt very welcomed. **The 7th grade girls' team came in first in their division in the West Side Tech League.**

WRESTLING

Coach Steve Mytych reported that the Varsity Wrestling team finished with a dual meet record of 10 and 10. The team finished with two (2) district champs – Kendrick Beyer 126# and Zachary Briggs 170#. Other finishers were Patrick Heck, second place, Adam Buczynski, third place, and Justin Joseph, fourth place.

Our regional place winners were Zachary Briggs 5th, Kendrick Beyer and Adam Buczynski 6th.

Junior High Wrestling team finished with two (2) champions: Charlie Banashefski and Corey Mruk. Matt Wycoski and Alex Pierce finished 2nd and 3rd, respectively.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Coach Peter Moses reported that the Boys basketball team finished another successful season. Their overall record was 9-12. They finished third in The Wyoming Valley Conference play Division 2. 13 varsity players earned letters.

Individual players were recognized with Honors:

**Sophomore Sammy Greenfield was voted a First Team All-Star
Junior Tony Saita was voted Second Team All Star**

Our 17 player roster had only 2 seniors and looks forward to 15 varsity players returning next season.

SWIMMING

Coach Natalie Carr reported that the swimming and diving season was very successful. The team has grown in numbers and this season, they were able to medal/place in every event at the district championship meet.

4. SCIENCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

On February 6th, 2016 the Wyoming Area Shore Bowl teams competed at Rutgers University in New Jersey. The competition tests student's knowledge of Oceanography, including the physical and biological sciences of the ocean, geography, and ocean law. Wyoming Area's Division 2 team placed third in their bracket. Participating students included Georgia Calimeres, Robert Acacio, Lexi Harris, Zachary Lahart, Jessica Sorick, Michael Wall, Kyler Higgins, Brendan Lee, Peter Butera, and Tristan Sokach-Minnick. The Shore Bowl team is coached by Mrs. Anne Wall and assisted by Mrs. Molly Kearns.

On Feb. 27, 2016, Wyoming Area students competed in the NEPA Brain Bee held at the University of Scranton. Michael Murphy finished 4th in the competition. Students participating included Erin Ainsworth, Victoria Remley, Leah Moore, Krystina Stanczyk, Michael Murphy, Ryan Murphy, and Lauren Perry.

Mr. Damien Rutkoski is the team's coach and advisor.

On March 7th, 2016, Wyoming Area Physics students competed at the Regional TEAMS competition. TEAMS stands for Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science. The competition was held at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus. It was the 13th consecutive year that Wyoming Area has participated and Wyoming Area Team A placed second at the regional competition. Additional student work for the day will be sent to the state and national level for scoring and ranking.

Participating students included:

Senior Team A: Matthew Carlson, Nicole Wright, Ryan Burton, Robert Acacio, Lauren Perry, Ryan Murphy, Jessica Sorick, and Michael Murphy

Junior Team B: Robert Butwin, Austin Alder, Anthony Saitta, Brendan Lee, Michael Denardi, Christopher Chipolis, Peter Butera, and Alex Robbins.

Mr. David Pizano is the Wyoming Area Coach and Advisor for this competition.

On March 9th 2016, Wyoming Area High School earned a Fourth Place overall finish in the Regional Science Olympiad Competition. The competition was held on the Wilkes-Barre campus of Penn State and involved students from 27 different High Schools throughout the Northeastern PA region competing in 23 individual events. The team qualified and will compete at the State Competition on April 23 at Juniata College.

Individual Team members and individual awards included:

Austin Alder

Vicki Remley: 2nd Place Disease Detectives

Kristi Skok: 2nd Place Cell Biology, 3rd Place Anatomy and Physiology

Gwen Glatz : 1st Place Forensics, 2nd Place Disease Detectives, 3rd Place Anatomy and Physiology, 4th Place Fossils

Kara Dooner : 2nd Place Robot Arm

Lauren Perry

Krystina Stanczyk 1st Place Forensics

Ben Klapproth : 4th Place Fossils

Alex Ambruso

Molly Kearns : Head Coach

Ryan Murphy : 1st Place Astronomy, 4th Place Chemistry Lab

Matt Carlson : 1st Place Wind Power, 4th Place Chemistry Lab

Brendan Lee : 1st Place Astronomy

Robert Butwin : 1st Place Wind Power, 2nd Place Robot Arm

Alex Robbins : 2nd Place Cell Biology

Michael Murphy

The High School Team 's Head Coach is Mrs. Molly Kearns assisted by Mrs. Nancy Roman and Mr. David Pizano with almost every science teacher at the secondary center contributing and preparing our students.

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On March 9th, 2016 Wyoming Area Middle School earned a Second Place overall finish in the Regional Science Olympiad Competition. The competition was held on the Wilkes-Barre campus of Penn State and involved students from 25 different Middle Schools throughout the Northeastern PA region competing in 23 individual events. The team qualified and will compete at the State Competition on April 23 at Juniata College. Individual team members and individual awards included:

Luke Coolbaugh

Nick Perry: 4th Place Bridge Building, 3rd Place Crave the Wave

Ellie Glatz: 4th Place Air Trajectory, 3rd Place Green Generation

Lily Harden: 1st Place Write it-Do it

Aubri Marranta

Joey Gacek

Jeremy Harman: 3rd Place Crave the Wave, 3rd Place Road Scholar, 4th Place Bio Process Lab

Cara Yorina: 4th Place Air Trajectory, 2nd Place Bottle Rocket, 1st Place Elastic Launched Glider

Nicole Donvito: 1st Place Elastic Launched Glider

Maria Amato: 1st Place Write it-Do it

Michael Abromovage: 4th Place Bio Process Lab, 5th Place "Disease Detectives

Mike Remley: 4th Place Bridge Building

Bayli Grossi: 5th Place Disease Detectives

Melanie Lombardo: 3rd Place Green Generation, 3rd Place Wind Power

Gavin Lahart: 3rd Place Wind Power

Adam Wisnewski: 2nd Place Bottle Rocket

The Middle School Team's Head Coach is Mr. Ed Grivensky assisted by Mrs. Anne Wall and Mr. David Pizano with almost every science teacher at the secondary center contributing and preparing our students.

Upcoming science competitions and activities include:

Middle School STEM Design Challenge LIU 18

Science Iditarod Competition at Bloomsburg University

Kane Physics Competition at The University of Scranton

Science Olympiad State Competition at Juniata College

Physics Day at Six Flags

Luzerne County Envirothon Competition

In addition, students from our 9th grade integrated science course have been participating in a program called the Environmental Forum throughout the year. This group is coached by Ms. Erica Robaczewski

5. The cafeteria offered a fun themed menu in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. Green Eggs and Ham were served as a menu options in honor of Read Across America.
6. The elementary schools celebrated Read Across America by having members of the community read to their students. Thank you to everyone that read to our students.

There was no student representative's report due to the rep's being ill.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Treasurer's Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	7,001,883.65
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,115.00
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	63,292.73
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	110,517.82
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	14,616.61
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	Earned Income Tax Revenue	310,641.15

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

Finance Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Finance Report.

At this time, Tom Rainey, CPA, gave a presentation on the audit report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Tax Administrator

Earned Income Tax	329,581.77
Local Service Tax	4,553.24
Per Capita Tax	523.00
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>540.49</u>
Total:	335,198.50

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	8,394.69
Wyoming County	<u>891.80</u>
Total:	9,286.49

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security	57,983.00
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Miscellaneous

District Court 11-2-01	162.56
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E-Rate Credit

Verizon Wireless	2,409.69	
Frontier	<u>5,592.48</u>	
Total:	8,002.17	

2. Approve the March payment of \$114,383.99 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2015-2016 school year.
3. Approve the March payment of \$41,685.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2015-2016 school year.
4. Approve the payment at an annual cost of \$15,660.00 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for Instructional Technology for the district's share of the cost of the Regional Wide Area Network (RWAN) for the term from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021.
5. Approve the donation of a cruiser by the Wyoming Area School District to the Wilkes-Barre Area Career & Technical Center to be used for law enforcement training.
6. Motion to approve the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the Wyoming Area Board of Education and Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals Association effective July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2020 subject to writing by the solicitor and final ratification.
7. Approve the Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, as prepared by the independent auditing firm of Rainey & Rainey, C.P.A's.
8. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing: March 2016	599,148.11	
Prepays: February 2016	<u>53,004.00</u>	652,152.11
Cafeteria Account:	72,423.99	
Athletic Account:	<u>7,919.00</u>	<u>80,342.99</u>
	Total:	732,495.10

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

On the Question: George Race, Exeter, questioned item #6, any changes? Attorney Ferentino responded he couldn't get into the details now but an hourly rate increase. There was give and take on both sides. It will be ratified in the next 60 days. There are some minor issues to be spelled out. Mr. Race questioned the pension liability, what is the point of disclosing that? Does it make a difference with anything? Mr. Melone responded the district budgets retirement cost on a pay as you go method, meaning you recognize the current year pension commitment. The new GASB standard requires a district to recognize your long term liability relative to pension cost and also requires you to record an estimate of the potential future liability.

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. Marriannacci abstained on item #6 and yes on the remaining report.

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) have been planned for the 2015-2016 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2015-2016 school year.
3. Approve the appointment of Jill Walsh as a temporary professional employee elementary special education teacher.
4. Motion to create an interim Director of Guidance subject to the Memorandum of Understanding between the solicitor and the union.

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

On the Question: George Race, Exeter, questioned item #4, is it considered an advancement? Attorney Ferentino responded a member of the union is temporarily being allowed to come out of the union and serve in an interim capacity in the event it's not a permanently created position they will be turned back into the union. If created, they will become a member of the Act 93 administration team.

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 Sherry Dougherty, Secretary of the Wyoming Area Diamond Club, to hold a pancake fundraiser at AppleBee's Restaurant in Wilkes-Barre, along with the baseball team, Sunday, April 10, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Each player will work an hour shift serving and will be responsible to sell tickets.
2. Approve the request of Lisa Day and Chris Hizynski, Advisors, to attend the National History Bowl in Washington, D.C., along with six students, Friday, April 22nd to Sunday, April 24, 2016, at a total cost of \$2,083.48 for registration, lodging and rental van.
3. Approve the appointment of Louis Falzone as assistant baseball coach at a salary of \$2,508.00 for the 2016 spring sports season.
4. Approve the request of Ashley Aritz to attend an 8th grade student field trip to Junior Achievement Wednesday, April 6th and Thursday, April 7, 2016, along with Mr. Hizynski, Mrs. Harden, Mrs. Argenio, Mr. Lemoncelli, Mrs. Hulmes and two aides. Total cost for registration and busses for both days is approximately \$1,590.00.

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

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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.

Building Report

Mr. Stofko read the Building Report.

1. Approve the request of Michelle Klapproth, President of the Wyoming Area Drama Club, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria (kitchen not needed) for a cast party for the cast and crew of "Grease" on Friday, April 15, 2016, 9:30 p.m. to midnight, pending approval by the building principal and food service director. A fee of \$25.00 per hour may be charged to the organization if a custodian's services are needed. (Class A)
2. Approve the request of Stefani Lasher, Cleaning Personnel, to take a maternity leave of absence tentatively starting Monday, May 9, 2016. She will return at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.
3. Approve the request of Molly Prutzman, Wyoming Area Field Hockey Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a bingo fundraiser, Sunday, April 24, 2016, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (includes set-up and clean up), pending approval by the building principal and food service director. A fee of \$25.00 per hour may be charged to the organization if a custodian or cafeteria worker's services are needed. (Class A)
4. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list for the 2015-2016 school year.
5. Approve the request of Stephen Chipolis, Store Room Coordinator, to take a medical leave of absence effective Friday, April 15, 2016, for approximately six weeks.
6. Approve the agreement between the Wyoming Area School District and Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals Association to allow any union members of the support staff to voluntarily donate one sick day to be used at the discretion of Stephen Chipolis during the 2015-2016 school year.
7. Approve the request of Dan and Rebekka Parry, Committee Members of The Keystone Family Bible Conference, to rent the auditorium and multi-purpose room at a total cost of \$140.00 for a historical educational conference to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the national motto, Saturday, July 23, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. A fee of \$25.00 per hour may be charged to the organization if a custodian's services are needed. (Class C)

Motion by Mr. Stofko, second by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, to accept the building 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.

Police Report

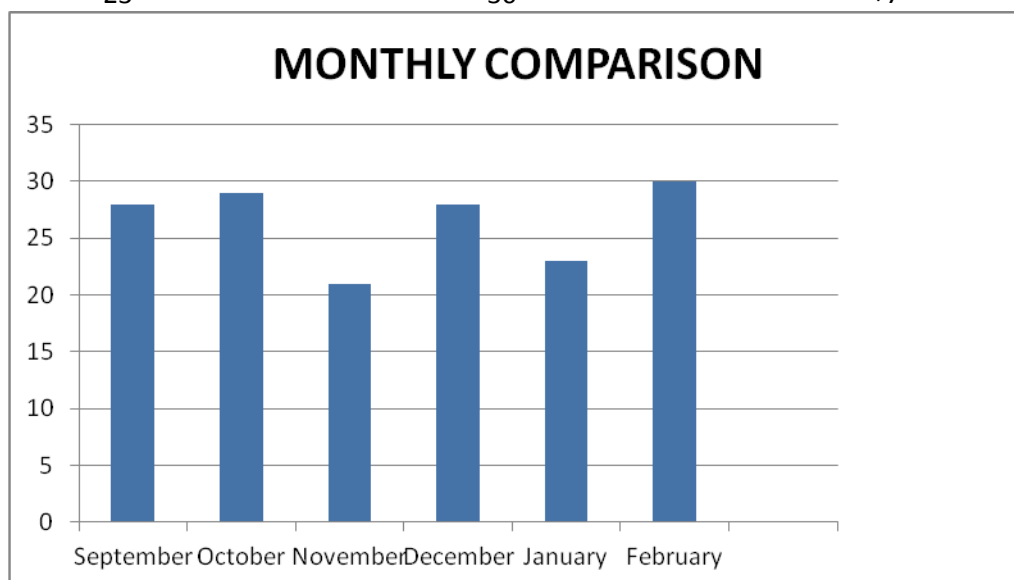
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0002 –Transport	1
0690 –Theft –Reports	1
1410 – Criminal Mischief To Automobiles	1
1490 – Criminal Mischief – Reports	1
2450 – Harassment -	2

2480 – Disorderly Conduct – All Others	1
2601 – Use Of Tobacco In Schools	2
2690 – All Other Offenses – Reports	4
3610 – Disturbances – Juvenile	1
3900 – Traffic & Parking Problems	3
4090 – Non – Criminal – Reports	3
7006 – Public Services – Lock Out	1
7016 – Follow Up Information	1
Trua – Compulsory School Attendance	8
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Monthly Comparison

January Calls For Service	February Calls For Service	Plus/Minus Comparison
23	30	+7



At this time, Mrs. Serino asked students to stand that have received honors in the science competition.

Open Discussion: Donna Kostik, Stacie Gula, Jodi Weiskerger and Lily Pinkas all expressed their concerns regarding the closing of SJD:

- A position was in hand, this is a massive decision that will affect entire district. There may be less parent involvement. Little kids are tutored by bigger kids.
- Mrs. Gober-Mangan asked Mrs. Serino to do an all call for parents.
- Mrs. Serino stated that teachers were provided with the resources. All surveys will be sent to the board and Administration is available to meet with anyone.
- Will kids be all separated?
- Daughter is on bus for 1 hour now. Will it be longer?
- There is a lot of family involvement. Son would support daughter. Siblings need support of each other. How would parents get them all to school. Neighborhood is the way to go.

George Race asked what if the budget doesn't pass? Mr. Tom Melone responded they are good until May 31st. June would be very challenged.

Mrs. Gober-Mangan asked parents to come to board meetings. Now is the time for them to give their input. Attorney Ferentino stated this will be on the April board meeting.

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With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, second by Dr. Campenni.

Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, President

John Marianacci, Secretary