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Wyoming Area School District  
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education  
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643  
Tuesday, March 27, 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 auditorium, 252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643, with approximately thirty 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  
                              Mr. Carmen Bolin  
                              Dr. Estelle Campenni  
                              Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo  
                              Mrs. Toni Valenti

Absent:                 Mrs. Kimberly Yochem, Treasurer  
                              Mr. Carl Yorina

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Center Principal, David Pacchioni, Assistant Principal of Discipline, Vito Quaglia, Elementary Principal of Primary Center/Kindergarten Center, Melissa Collevecchio, Food Service Director, Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Angelo Falzone, Director of Transportation/Attendance, Frank Pugliese, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Jeremy Harman, Student Representative.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. The Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their minutes from regular meeting of January 24, 2018.
2. Shea Riley, Band Teacher, requesting permission to attend the PMEA Region Orchestra, along with one student at Dallas High School.
3. Nicole Gashi, Wyoming Area Football Parents Association, requesting permission to hold Night at the Races fundraiser.
4. Chuck Yarmey, Drama Advisor, requesting permission to hold a Little Mermaid Cast Party in the Secondary Center cafeteria.
5. Tiffany Pizzano, Wyoming Area Tennis Booster Club, requesting permission to hold a candy bar fundraiser.
6. Rachael Stark, Boy Scouts of America, requesting permission to rent the Secondary Center gym for the Two Mountains District Pinewood Derby.
7. Ashley Pilosi, Paraprofessional, submitting her letter of resignation.
8. Joseph Cella, submitting his letter of resignation as part time (10 month) cleaner.

9. Right to Know Request received for information regarding school security.
10. Right to Know Request received for information regarding smoking offenses.
11. Shea Riley, Band Teacher, requesting permission to attend the PMEA All-State Conference, along with one student, in Lancaster, PA.
12. West Pittston Cherry Blossom Committee inviting Wyoming Area School District to participate in the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual West Pittston Cherry Blossom Festival on Saturday, May 5, 2018, with lineup at 11:30 a.m., across the street from Cenera's Auto Parts in West Pittston.
13. Leonard Galli requesting permission to hold an Active Shooter Training for Law Enforcement at Secondary Center.
14. Ree Ree Deluca, Wyoming Area Boys and Girls Lacrosse, requesting to hold a Corn Hole Tournament fundraiser at various locations at the Secondary Center.
15. Jennifer Vogel, Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO, requesting permission to use the Intermediate Center's cafeteria for a Spring Dance.
16. Curtis Nocera, Chief of Police of West Wyoming, through Evolution Ordnance and Consulting, LLC, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center hallways and rent two classrooms at a total rate of \$80.00 to hold a "Tactical Emergency Casualty Care for Law Enforcement and First Responders" class.
17. Leonard Galli, Firearms Institute of Specialized Training, requesting a contribution of \$2,000 from the district to cover course materials for a second Active Shooter-Law Enforcement Officer Response training class being held next month.
18. Jennifer Hallman, Wyoming Area Baseball Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center gym for Meet the Warriors.
19. Juel Anne Klepadlo, on behalf of the Youth Group at Corpus Christi Parish in West Pittston, requesting permission to use two spotlights for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter mass.

#### Summary of Applications Received

Elementary (Pk-4) - 1

Elementary (Pk-6) - 1

#### Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Gober-Mangan asked for approval of the minutes of regular meeting February 27, 2018. All board members present voted aye.

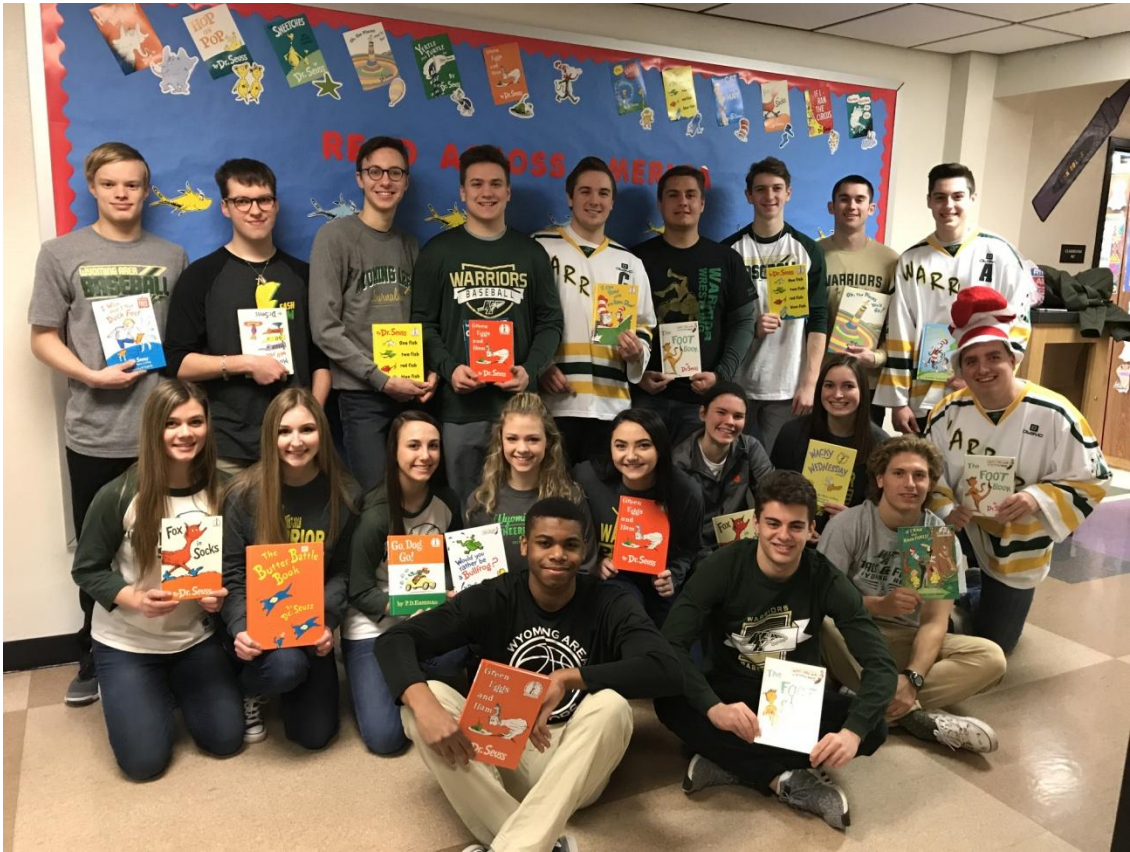
#### Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. Students at the Primary Center participated in activities for Read Across America. On Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>, senior class members read Dr. Seuss books to the first, second, and third grade classes as a culminating activity to promote the importance of reading.

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Thank you to the principals Mr. Quaglia and Dr. Pollard for allowing the students to participate and to Karen Switzer and Leo Lulewicz for coordinating this project.







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2. The students at the Kindergarten Center were visited by many influential readers in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. The volunteers included Officer Chris Alberigi, Officer Jason Slatcoff, Officer Urbanski, students from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade student council, and students from the High School. A special thanks to all of our readers for coming to read to the Kindergarten students!



3. The Wyoming Area Reading Department orchestrated a school wide project at the Primary Center to celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Students in all grade levels dressed in the various themes that went along with the readings of Dr. Seuss's books. The teachers did various activities to promote reading the books.



- 4. The Department of Agriculture Bureau of Food Distribution conducted the Agency Compliance Audit of our District’s Food Service Department on March 8, 2018. We are pleased to report that the Food Service Department is compliant in all areas of USDA’s reporting, documentation and all on site procedures are properly being implemented.
- 5. The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council will host an Easter Egg Hunt for kindergarten students on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Kindergarten Center. Each child will receive a candy bag and have a chance to win a bigger chocolate bunny.
- 6. Mr. Long and Officer Alberigi met with the Intermediate Center PTO to discuss safety and the steps being taken by our district to insure the safety of our students. Questions were asked and answers provided. Mr. Long and Office Alberigi told the group they will be back to keep parents updated on what is going on in the schools.
- 7. A letter was received commending our students for offering to help the West Pittston community during the flooding in January.
- 8. Two metal detectors arrived. We now have four.

Student Representative’s Report  
Jeremy Harman read his report.

After recent events, the school has added more usage of the metal detectors. They are working great. Also, Mrs. Serino met with students from each grade to discuss school safety. Wyoming Area Key Club has earned 20 awards at District Convention this past weekend at Penn State. Baseball and softball won their games yesterday. They’re off to a great start! Track is starting Wednesday and Lacrosse has their first game April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wyoming Area Science Club participated in King’s College LIU KNex competition. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade group placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 32 teams. Wyoming Area Drama Club is performing their spring musical, The Little Mermaid, and it will be performed April 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer’s Report  
Mrs. Gober-Mangan read the Treasurer’s Report in the absence of Mrs. Yochem.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	9,295,172.54
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,396.12
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	29,073.44
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	157,334.58

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First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	5,237.41
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	Earned Income Tax Revenue	314,089.39

Finance Report

Mrs. Gober-Mangan read the Finance Report in the absence of Mrs. Yochem.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Tax Administrator

Earned Income Tax	382,042.58
Local Service Tax	5,111.98
Per Capita Tax	389.25
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>2,038.13</u>
Total:	389,581.94

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security	178,081.65
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	12,934.42
Title IV- Student Support & Academic Enrichment	8,607.85
Basic Education Funding	1,159,210.00
Basic Education Funding Adjustment	<u>6.00</u>
Total:	1,358,839.92

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	13,534.23
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- Approve the March payment of \$133,754.15 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for programs and services for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Approve the March payment of \$47,049.00 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Approve the Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, as prepared by the independent auditing firm of Rainey & Rainey, C.P.A's.
- Approve the request of Leonard Galli, Firearms Institute of Specialized Training, for a contribution of \$2,000 from the district to cover course materials for a second Active Shooter-Law Enforcement Officer Response training class being held next month. (THIS ITEM WAS TABLED)
- Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: March 27, 2018	771,624.98	
Prepays: February 2018	<u>101,197.05</u>	872,822.03

Cafeteria Account:	61,485.73	
Athletic Account:	<u>6,748.00</u>	<u>68,233.73</u>

Total: 941,055.76

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

Roll Call: Mr. DeAngelo, Mrs. Valenti, Dr. Campenni, Mr. Bolin, Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. Gober-Mangan and Mr. Marianacci all voted no on item #5 and yes on the remaining report.

Motion passed to approve the finance report except for item #5, which failed.

#### Education Report

Mrs. Gober-Mangan read the Education Report in the absence of Mr. Yorina.

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 2017-2018 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the agreement between the Wyoming Area Education Association and Wyoming Area School District to allow any member of the professional staff to voluntarily donate one sick leave day to Ms. Courtney Pentka.
3. Approve the revised guest teacher/professional substitute list for the 2017-2018 school year.
4. Motion to approve the Wyoming Area School District calendar for 2018-2019 as presented by the administration. (THIS ITEM WAS ADDED FROM THE FLOOR)

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

Roll Call: Mr. DeAngelo voted yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, 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 Shea Riley, Band Teacher, to attend the PMEA Region Orchestra, along with one student, at Dallas High School Wednesday, March 21 to Friday, March 23, 2018. Registration is \$160.00. No transportation needed.
2. Approve the request of Nicole Gashi, Wyoming Area Football Parents Association, to hold Night at the Races on Saturday, April 28, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at St. Barbara Banquet Hall.
3. Approve the request of Tiffany Pizzano, Wyoming Area Tennis Booster Club, to hold a candy bar fundraiser March 7<sup>th</sup> to April 7, 2018.

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4. Approve the request of Shea Riley, Band Teacher, to attend the PMEA All-Star Conference, along with one student, in Lancaster, PA., Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, April 21, 2018. Cost of registration is \$570.00 and \$540.57 for lodging. May split transportation cost with another school.
5. Approve the appointments of the following assistant coaches and volunteer for the 2017-2018 Spring sports season:
 

Kristen Lombardo	assistant track & field coach	2,635.00
Sean Rooney	assistant baseball coach	2,571.00
David Chromey	junior high baseball coach	2,286.00
Felix Mascelli	7/8 grade baseball coach	2,286.00
Dominic Bartoli	volunteer baseball coach	
Anthony Bellino	volunteer junior high softball coach	
6. Approve the appointment of Robert Lemoncelli, Sr., as a volunteer for baseball for the 2017-2018 Spring sports season.

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

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

Motion passed.

#### Building Report

Mrs. Gober-Mangan read the Building Report in the absence of Mr. Yorina.

1. Approve the request of Chuck Yarmey, Drama Advisor, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for Little Mermaid Cast Party on Friday, April 27, 2018, 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director. (Class A)
2. Approve the request of Rachael Stark, Boy Scouts of America, to rent the Secondary Center gym at \$150.00 for Two Mountains District Pinewood Derby on Saturday, April 28, 2018, 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Set up is requested for Friday night, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. (Class B) The board waived the fee on this request.
3. Accept, with regret, Joe Cella's letter of resignation as part-time (10 month) cleaner retroactive to February 23, 2018. Mr. Cella would like to be placed on the substitute list.
4. Accept, with regret, Ashley Pilosi's letter of resignation as a paraprofessional at the Secondary Center effective March 30, 2018.
5. Approve the request of Leonard Galli to hold an Active Shooter Training for Law Enforcement in hallways at Secondary Center on Sunday, April 8, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal. (THIS ITEM WAS TABLED)
6. Approve the request of Ree Ree Deluca, Wyoming Area Boys and Girls Lacrosse, to use the parking lots, Memorial St., cafeteria and gym lawns, gym, cafeteria (kitchen may be used), multipurpose room, hallways and room 176 Home Ec Kitchen for a Corn Hole Tournament fundraiser on Saturday, May 5, 2018, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., set up starting at 1:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal, athletic director and food service director. (Class A)

7. Approve the request of Jennifer Vogel, Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO, to use the Intermediate Center’s cafeteria for a Spring Dance on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director. (Class A)
8. Approve the request of Curtis Nocera, Chief of Police of West Wyoming, through Evolution Ordnance and Consulting, LLC, to use the Secondary Center hallways and rent two classrooms at a total rate of \$80.00 for a “Tactical Emergency Casualty Care for Law Enforcement and First Responders” class on Saturday, April 21, 2018, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This class is hosted by the West Wyoming & West Pittston Police Departments, pending approval by the building principal. A fee of \$25.00 per hour may be charged if the services of a custodian are needed. (Class D)
9. Approve the request of Jennifer Hallman, Wyoming Area Baseball Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center gym for Meet the Warriors on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Class A)
10. Approve the request of Juel Anne Klepadlo, on behalf of the Youth Group at Corpus Christi Parish in West Pittston, to use two spotlights for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter mass, pending availability.
11. Item #2 time changed to 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be no conflict with other activities. In the work session it was worded 6:00 p.m.

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

At this time Dr. Campenni made a motion to table item #5, second by Mr. DeAngelo.

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

Motion passed to table item #5.

Roll Call for Finance Report: Mr. DeAngelo voted yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Police Report

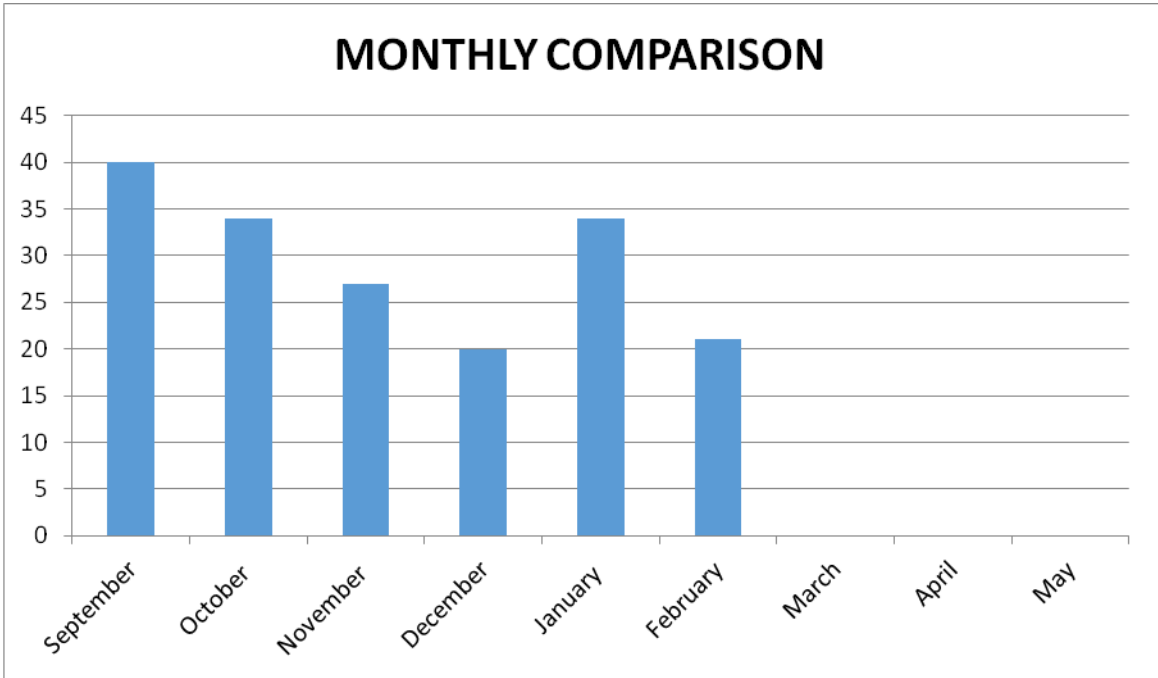
**Wyoming Area Police Department  
Monthly Report for February, 2018  
Total Calls for Service**

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0000	Parent Conference	1
1832	Narcotics-Possession-Marijuana, Etc.	1
2400	Disorderly Conduct	1
2690	All Other Offenses-Reports	8
3100	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
3610	Disturbances-Juvenile	2
7016	Follow Up Information	6
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	1
Total		21

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Monthly Comparison

<u>January Calls for Service</u>	<u>February Calls for Service</u>	<u>Plus/Minus Comparison</u>
34	21	-13



At this time Mrs. Gober-Mangan made a motion to accept the resignation of Board Member, Carl Yorina.

Roll Call: Mr. DeAngelo voted yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, with regret, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Open Discussion from Board: Mr. DeAngelo stated along with the metal detectors we have hand held units. Dr. Campenni asked when Mr. Yorina’s seat will be filled. Attorney Ferentino responded it will be next month.

Open Discussion from Audience:

- Darrin Woodruff commended the administration/board for taking action after the incident that happened. He stated we can act locally and get better results instead of waiting on the government. Our students can be a great source of information. We need to get student’s opinions. Mr. Woodruff came to help with Drama Club and stated the doors were all open. There should be a procedure in place letting people in the doors. Mr. Woodruff stated he was pleased with everything being done so far.
- Bill Schutter, Harding, asked why another police officer was to be hired. Dr. Pollard, Secondary Center principal, responded it is another layer of security. Backup for the other officer. Mr. Schutter stated that an armed security officer should be hired instead of a police office; they don’t need an Act 120. The school already has five people that can make arrests. Mr. Schutter didn’t think a police officer is necessary being that the statistics are going down. An armed security officer would strictly be in charge of security for the district.
- An audience member asked if there was state funding for the police. Mrs. Gober-Mangan responded they are looking for state funding for all of this because they are spending a great deal out of the general fund and security at this time.

- Brian Krusher stated what is in the best interest for all the schools, not just the high school, is important. Why don't we hire a substitute officer or armed security officer? Mr. Krusher stated he compiled all police reports going back to 2013 and truancy was the highlight for our police department. This means if the officer has to transport a student with another office, he assumed there is no one here at the school. We need armed security. Someone to be here all the time.
- Bob Barhight, a former school bus driver, asked why students were never checked up until two months ago. Why? Mrs. Serino responded before hiring constables it was impossible to have every child checked. There was not enough of people power to manage the metal detectors. The administrators are now managing the detectors along with the constables. And now we have a need. Students are now being wanded and their bags are being checked. Mr. Barhight also commented on buses only having five students on them. Mrs. Serino responded they are currently discussing that.
- An audience member informed Mrs. Serino his daughter was not wanded today. Mrs. Serino stated she was at the front doors and it was happening there. Dr. Campenni stated we should have a school safety survey.
- Scott Graham asked if a safety assessment has been done since the last one. Mrs. Serino responded not since that one. Some things in the report were not financially doable. Mrs. Serino stated administration are constantly meeting for discussion regarding security. Attorney Ferentino stated the vestibule in the front was altered. In the past, the doors led right into the district. There hasn't been any physical changes to the plant since then. In the report, a lot of the security issues have been implemented. As to the right to know request, the report could not be given out. Mrs. Serino stated they are also looking at door locks. Mrs. Serino also stated that instead of having an assembly with all students after the incident, she had students come and talk to her about their concerns. Mr. Graham also stated maybe teachers and students can be trained. They have to do things to help themselves in a situation.
- Mrs. Schutter asked if the metal detectors will be used for all school events? Mrs. Serino responded that parents will meet in the gym area and will not come in front way. Mrs. Serino will also have a talk with the Drama Club regarding this. Metal detectors will be installed in the gym area. This matter will be discussed more.
- Don Nobel, a resident, stated he had some knowledge and training which he shared with the faculty last year that went well. Mr. Nobel offered his services to students if they were interested in the training free of charge.
- John Pegg asked the cost of the metal detectors. Mrs. Serino responded they were \$3,800 a piece. The other metal detectors were through a grant. It was brought to attention that Attorney Ferentino donated one of the metal detectors. Mrs. Serino stated that the biggest threat in the high school would be another student and an adult would be the biggest threat in the elementary schools. So, right now they had to prioritize and do the high school because there are 1,100 students at the high school. Then metal detectors will then be looked at for the elementary schools. Mr. Pegg questioned the parent conference on the police report. Dr. Pollard responded sometimes if tobacco or drugs are involved there is a conference with the parents and administrators to discuss the outcome.

Dr. Campenni acknowledged Carl Yorina for his services on the board and the work he did. It was greatly appreciated.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, seconded by Dr. Campenni.



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Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, President

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John Marianacci, Secretary