

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.

Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Communications Report

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 23, 2016

Superintendent's Report

Student Representative's Report

Treasurer's Report

New Business

Finance Report

Education Report

Activities Report

Building Report

Police Report

Open Discussion

Adjournment

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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 Klaproth, 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.**

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Summary of Applications Received

English – 1

Elementary – 18

Special Education - 18

WYOMING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016 7:00 P.M.

SUPERINTENDENT'S 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. 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.

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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 Klaproth : 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.

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 Marranca
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.

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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

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Finance 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.

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- (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 _____, second by _____, to accept the finance report.

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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 _____ 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 _____, second by _____, to accept the education report.

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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 _____, second by _____, to accept the activities report.

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Building Report

1. Approve the request of Michelle Klaproth, 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 _____, second by _____, to accept the building report.

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Police Report

**Wyoming Area Police Department
Monthly Report for February
Total Calls for Service 14**

CODE

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

30

Monthly Comparison

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

