

10925
Wyoming Area School District
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
Wyoming Area Board of Education
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 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, with approximately fifteen people in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Mrs. Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, President
 Mrs. Deanna Farrell, Vice President
 Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary
 Mrs. Kimberly A. Yochem
 Mr. Carmen Bolin
 Dr. Estelle Campenni
 Mrs. Toni Valenti
 Mr. Carl Yorina

Absent: Mr. Gerald A. Stofko

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Vito Quaglia, Secondary Center Building Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Secondary Center Assistant Building Principal, Joseph Long, Elementary Building Principal of Montgomery Ave/SJD, Jon Pollard, Elementary Building Principal of Tenth St./JFK, Christine Rosenkrans, Director of Special Education, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Frank Pugliese, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Emily Uritz and Grace Gober, Student Representatives.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Elizabeth Dessoie, Elementary Teacher at Tenth Street, requesting permission to take a child bearing/child rearing leave beginning February 16, 2016.
2. Debra Sanfilippo submitting her letter of resignation as cafeteria employee.
3. Lisa Nardell, Wyoming Area Boys Basketball Association, requesting permission for 7th through 12th grade basketball players to attend a Temple basketball game.
4. Nicole Walsh, JFK PTO, requesting permission to hold an elementary designer bingo in the Secondary Center cafeteria.
5. Sherry Dougherty, Wyoming Area Boys Baseball Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors."
6. Lisa Nardell, Wyoming Area Boys Basketball Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center gym for special games.
7. Shea Riley, Band Teacher, requesting permission to attend the PMEA District 9 Band, along with eight students, to be held at Pittston Area.
8. Ballots received from the West Side Career & Technology Center to elect board members from other districts to the West Side Career & Technology Center Joint Operating Committee for the 2016 calendar year.

9. Katie Vanness, Elementary Teacher, confirming her return date as January 4, 2016.

Summary of Applications Received

Elementary – 2

Special Education Aides – 7

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. Congratulations to the Christmas Card Contest Winners: Kelsey Kasisky, 12th grade student at the Secondary Center and Gabrielle Gamble, a 6th grade student at 10th Street Elementary.
2. Montgomery Avenue Elementary and Sarah J. Dymond Elementary will begin Wyoming Area Accomplished Reader (WAAR). The program will be done first thing Friday mornings beginning January 2016. The benefits of this program will enhance public speaking, demonstrate fluent reading, improve skills by practicing reading and interaction with younger students.
3. The Marching Band finished 2nd in their class at the Calvacade Championships, which was held at Downington West High school on November 14th. The Band also received the "Most Improved Score Award" as well as "Best Percussion Award."
4. Students from Mrs. Riley's Concert Band recently auditioned at Wyoming Valley West to qualify for the PMEA District 9 Band. Out of 10 students who auditioned, 8 students and one alternate were accepted. The festival will be held at Pittston Area High School at the end of January. As a result of their acceptance, there are two students and one alternate who also qualified to perform with the PMEA District 9 Orchestra. The Orchestra will perform at North Pocono High School in the middle of January. From here the students will prepare and audition again to qualify for the Regional Band and Orchestra.
5. On December 4th and 5th, there were 8 students who attended the Marywood Junior Wind Celebration, grades 7 through 9. During this performance, the students worked with conductors from Georgia and Tennessee. One student also qualified for the Honors Wind Ensemble. Congratulations to all!!!!
6. Tyler Harden (7th Grade) was this year's school Geography Bee winner. Congratulations Tyler!!!
7. JFK held their annual Gingerbread House Event with the kindergarten students. Each year, the kindergarten students, along with their parents construct ginger bread houses in the cafeteria.

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Thank you to Mrs. Kearns and Mrs. Kachmarsky along with Mrs. Rehill and Mrs. Lavelle (Kindergarten Aides) as well as Mr. Scott Skescavage (Building Custodian) for all of the planning and assisting with this event.

8. Wyoming Area Secondary Library was given a donation of \$600 from the Wyoming Area Class of 1970 in celebration of their 45th high school reunion.

Student Representative's Report

Emily Uritz read the report.

Junior Class fundraiser raised \$8,079, Winter Formal is December 26th, FBLA will have a dinner at the Woodlands on December 17th, A Hockey game vs. Pittston will be held at the arena this Friday, Boys Basketball Pittston game this Friday, White Out! Swimming had their first meet, Drama Club went to the annual PA. Thespian Convention and performed a one act play "Please Have a Seat and Someone will be with you Shortly" and qualified for Nationals. Key Club are reading to students from the Head Start class on December 17th, Band and Guitar Ensemble will be held December 17th, District Band: ten students auditioned and eight made it: Laura Sachaczanski, Miranda Jones, Amy Troy, Jess Hopkins, Nick Cannell, Kaylee Shishon, Ben Klaproth and Cassie Button. Three of the eight made it to District Orchestra: Jess Hopkins, Laura Sachaczanski, Nick Cannell. District Jazz: Ashley Donovan, District Chorus: Tommy Walkowiak and Andy Franklin. Happy Holidays.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Treasurer's Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	6,143,873.07
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,078.32
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	24,873.12
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	113,151.32
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	20,503.96
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	Earned Income Tax Revenue	310,495.92

The Treasurer's Report will be kept on file for audit.

Finance Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Tax Administrator

Earned Income Tax	258,401.81
Local Service Tax	3,850.26
Delinquent Per Capita	3,035.55
Per Capita Tax	<u>2,792.20</u>
Total:	268,079.82

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	12,930.39
Wyoming County	<u>616.25</u>
Total:	13,546.64

2015 Real Estate Taxes

Paul Konopke- Wyoming County	141,189.58
Ann Farley- Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	74,998.35
Thomas Polacheck – Exeter Borough	342,157.93
George Miller- West Pittston Borough	310,894.88
Wayman Smith-Exeter Twp., Luzerne County	153,570.03
Robert Connors-West Wyoming Borough	<u>209,325.65</u>
Total:	1,232,136.42

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Charter School Deduction Refund	2,279.01
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Miscellaneous

Luzerne County Dept. of Probation Services	195.00
Beth Connor -Use of the Auditorium	100.00
Donation from Toyota Scion of Scranton	<u>200.00</u>
Total:	495.00

2. Approve the December payment of \$114,383.99 to 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 December payment of \$41,685.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2015-2016 school year.

4. Approve the following refunds of paid property taxes for the 2015 year:

#67-E10SE3-012-060-000	\$68.83
#67-F10-00A-09A-000	682.48
#67-E10SE3-003-004-000	279.58
#66-E10SE1-007-006-000	1,450.84
#66-E10SE1-001-010-000	103.83
#17-D10-00A-028-000	487.49
#17-C10-00A-043-000	650.57
#17-C10-00A-046-000	28.67
#17-C10-00A003F-000	<u>58.78</u>
Total:	3,811.07

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5. Approve a full Settlement and Release regarding Wyoming Area School District and Ms. Jennifer Skursky releasing the District and Ms. Skursky from any and all claims and grievances. Subject to final review and approval of the solicitor.
6. Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release re: JC., subject to final review and approval of the solicitor.
7. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing: December 2015	483,777.46	
Prepays: November 2015	<u>43,680.76</u>	527,458.22
 Cafeteria Account:	 74,272.74	
Athletic Account:	<u>3,271.00</u>	<u>77,543.74</u>
	Total:	605,001.96

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

On the Question: George Race of Exeter questioned on page 6, the donation from Toyota Scion of Scranton. Mr. Quaglia stated two years ago one of our students won and it could be related to that. Mr. Race questioned items #5 and #6. Attorney Ferentino responded #5 was a settlement with a terminated employee of the district. Once the settlement is reached he could give the value of it. Item #6, is a special education matter in which money is put aside for a special education fund. It's a \$15,000 settlement to address the student's educational needs.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, 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) 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 request of Elizabeth Dessoie, Elementary Teacher at Tenth Street, to take a child bearing/child rearing leave beginning February 16, 2016 for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.
3. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2015-2016 school year.
4. Approve the step placement for Ann Giglio, Professional Employee, at Master's, Step 7, \$46,818.00, pro-rated according to her start date.

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, 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 Lisa Nardell, Wyoming Area Boys Basketball Parents Association, for 7th through 12th grade basketball players to attend a Temple basketball game, on Saturday, January 16, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The parents association will cover the cost of a chartered bus.
2. Approve the request of Shea Riley, Band Teacher, to attend the PMEA District 9 Band, along with eight students, at Pittston Area School District, Wednesday, January 27th to Friday, January 29, 2016. Cost to the district is \$1,080.00. Mrs. Riley requesting reimbursement for mileage. The school van may also be used.
3. Approve Barbara Bullions as a volunteer advisor for the drama club.

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Mrs. Yochem, 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. Stofko.

1. Accept, with regret, Debra Sanfilippo's letter of resignation as cafeteria employee retroactive to November 6, 2015.
2. Approve the request of Nicole Walsh, JFK PTO Parents, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for JFK Elementary Designer Bingo on Sunday, February 28, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Bingo will begin at 12:00 p.m.), 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)
3. Approve the request of Sherry Dougherty, Wyoming Area Boys Baseball Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors" on Sunday, April 3, 2016, at 12:00 p.m., 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)
4. Approve the request of Lisa Nardell, Wyoming Area Boys Basketball Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center gym for special game nights: Wednesday, December 16, 2015, an elementary program night from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 22, 2015, Childhood Cancer game, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Friday, January 29, 2016, Coaches vs. Cancer game, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 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 A)
5. Approve the appointment of Erica Campbell as special education aide (paraprofessional) at Tenth Street Elementary.

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6. Motion to approve the awarding of an automatic feeding and sealing mailing system to First Choice Systems and Solutions, Inc. The total cost is \$185.00 per month for 63 months beginning January 1, 2016. (This item was added from the floor)

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Yorina abstained on item #6 and voted yes on the remaining report. 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 #819 and attachment for Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response.

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

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

Motion passed.

Police Report

CODE

1410 – Criminal Mischief To Automobiles	1
2450 –Harassment	1
2490 –Disorderly Conduct-Reports	2
2664 –All other offenses - All other (Misc.)	1
3610 – Disturbances – Juvenile	1
3900 – Traffic & Parking Problems	1
4090 – Non – Criminal – Reports	2
5004 – Lost Found – Found Articles	1
5506 – Animal Complaints – Stray Animals	1
Trua – Compulsory School Attendance	10
Total	<u>21</u> =====

Monthly Comparison

November Calls for Service

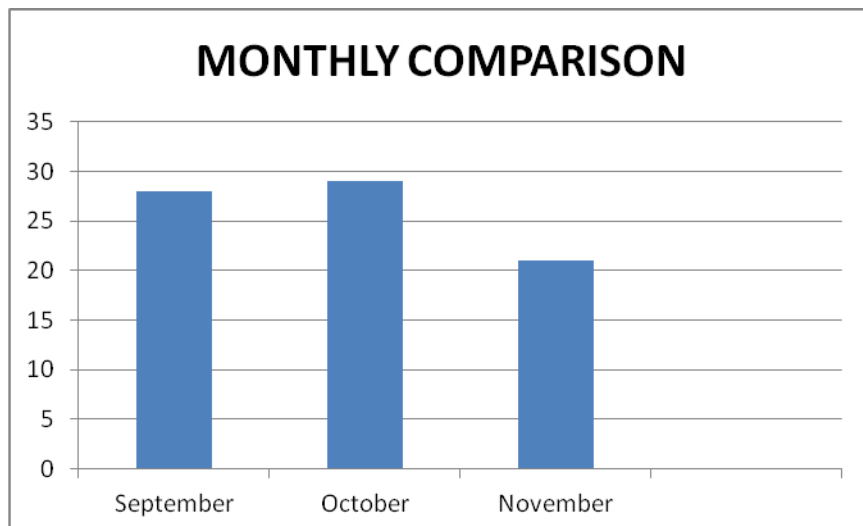
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October Calls for Service

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Plus/Minus Comparison

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Open Discussion:

Mr. Yorina commented on the budget. Mr. Yorina stated months ago the board gave Mr. Melone permission for a tax anticipation loan for payroll, bills, things like that. Mr. Yorina commented that he was disgusted with our state legislature and we should vote to rescind permission to do that and when we run out of money, shut the place down. If we have all school districts do this, we would have a budget in twenty four hours.

At this time, Mr. Yorina made a motion to rescind the authority for Mr. Melone to do that. There was no second on this motion. Motion failed.

Mrs. Gober-Mangan stated that we have time to look and see what's going to happen and hope that they will come to their senses by the end of this year and give us something to work with. If not, the board will have to make some very tough choices in 2016. It's a shame that we should have to borrow when we are already strapped and pay interest. It will be hard discussions going forward.

George Race asked when the public hearing will be held. Attorney Ferentino stated the Hearing to discuss the closure of SJD will be held on January 12th at 6:00 p.m. in auditorium.

Topics discussed: John Pegg, Wyoming, asked if there will be a special preliminary budget meeting? Mrs. Gober-Mangan responded if we want to keep it at the index then we do have to have that special meeting. By January 27th we need to have a proposed budget. Attorney Ferentino stated the adoption of the resolution is January 7th if we were to stay at the index. Since we are not, a budget must be made for public inspection. We will check with Tom. Fund Balance: Where are we at? Attorney Ferentino responded that we are not like Northwest. We are sustainable until March. We have given authority to borrow a tax anticipation note with Attorney Ferentino's office and Tom's office where we go out to the market place for a loan and bridge us until the district starts to receive some tax money.

Mr. Yorina stated that if we borrow money, it will cost 30,000 for the interest. We are preparing next year's budget and we don't know what we are getting this year. Mrs. Serino stated the LIU is having a meeting regarding this issue.

Mr. Pegg asked if the teacher's contract and support contract were at a standstill now. Attorney Ferentino responded they are not at a standstill. They are currently meeting for the support contract and professional will be in the next 60 days. There are two sessions for support scheduled in the next six weeks.

Mrs. Gober-Mangan wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, second by Mr. Marianacci.

Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, President

John Marianacci, Secretary