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Wyoming Area School District
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
Wyoming Area Board of Education
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, February 15, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

A combined work session/regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening at the Secondary Center auditorium, 20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, with approximately forty people in attendance. A non-public personnel meeting preceded the combined work session/regular meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo, President
 Mr. John Marianacci, Vice President
 Mr. John Bolin, Secretary
 Mr. Dave Alberigi, Treasurer
 Mr. Samuel Aritz
 Dr. Estelle Campenni
 Dr. Frank Casarella
 Mr. Gilbert Dominick
 Mrs. Toni Valenti

Also in attendance were: Raymond J. Bernardi, Superintendent, Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Attorney Raymond A. Hassey, Vito Quaglia, Secondary Building Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Building Principal, Robert Kaluzavich, Elementary Building Principal of Montgomery Ave./SJD, Jon Pollard, Elementary Building Principal of Tenth Street/JFK, Janet Boyer, Foodservice Manager, Angelo Falzone, Attendance/Transportation, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Dave Amico, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Jillian Balberchak, Student Representative.

Communications Report

Mr. Bernardi read the communications report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit submitting their regular meeting minutes for December 22, 2010.
2. Benjamin Hanft, Department of Education, notifying the Superintendent regarding a revision made to the "Summary of Pupil Transportation Subsidy, Payable Year 2009-2010 for School Year 2008-2009."
3. Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, requesting permission to attend the Pennsylvania Federal Program Coordinators (PFPC) Annual Conference in Seven Springs, PA.
4. Diane Dileo and MaryAnn Reino, Elementary Teachers, requesting permission to attend the Pennsylvania Kindergarten Teachers Conference in Harrisburg, PA.
5. Dominic Altavilla, Social Studies Teacher, submitting his letter of resignation as Sophomore Class Advisor.
6. Deborah Poremba, Fortis Institute, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center auditorium for their graduation.

7. Ron Gitkos, American Legion Post 542, 1st Lt. Jeffrey F. DePrimo, of West Pittston, along with the American Legion, Post 833, Adam Kalmanowicz of Exeter, inviting the Wyoming Area Marching Band and school board members to participate in the Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 30, 2011.
8. Frank Parra, Athletic Director, requesting permission to attend the "Athletic Directors Conference" in Hershey, PA.
9. Gregory Koons, Luzerne Intermediate Unit, requesting permission to use four classrooms at JFK Elementary School for the Extended School Year Program.
10. Lori Campenni, a parent, thanking the Wyoming Area Football Coaches, especially Randy Spencer, Joe Pizano and Mike Fanti for their tremendous work and efforts during the past three years. Her son, Julian, has received a football scholarship to attend the University of Connecticut.
11. Frank Parra, Athletic Director, requesting permission for the Wyoming Valley Conference League Playoff games for Girls/Boys Basketball to be held in the Secondary Center gym.
12. Christine Rutledge, Key Club Advisor, requesting permission to chaperone twenty students to the Key Club Convention in Hershey and also requesting assistance to pay for the transportation.

Summary of Applications Received

Elementary – 4

Special Education – 1

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bernardi read the superintendent's report.

1. *Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade students of the month for January:*

CASEY BARTOLI
 JOSHUA HANNIS
 HEATHER NAMETKO
 JESSICA SORICK
 DANIELLE BULGER
 RENEE GLUCHOWSKI
 MARK O'MALLEY
 ABIGAIL SCHWERDTMAN

SEAN DERWIN
 HANNAH KLAPROTH
 KEVIN PISH
 ALEXANDRA TRAGLIA
 REBECCA CRAWFORD
 OLIVIA KATULKA
 JULIE PRICE
 HALEY STACKHOUSE

2. *Congratulations to Junior, Angela Coco, who recently submitted an article for publication in the February 2011 edition of the Mid Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide regarding her experiences at the River Conservation Fly Fishing Youth Camp. The Camp was recommended by Faculty Member, Michael Romanowski. The Mid Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide is on newsstands throughout the area.*
3. *A Mandarin Chinese Class, which is held via webcam through Blended Schools, began in September, 2010. Classes are held for 7th grade students at the Secondary Center and for 6th grade students at Tenth Street 3 times per week.*

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The facilitator is Gifted Teacher, Mary Lou Bosha and Enhancing Education Through Technology teacher Jennifer Hallman. In addition to the video link, students employ bamboo tablets and hardcover textbooks to complete activities under the direction of the Mandarin Chinese teacher. This class is made possible through a Grant via the Luzerne Intermediate Unit.

4. **Pre-Kindergarten Orientation** is scheduled as follows:

JFK February 22nd @6:30 P.M. 10th St. February 23rd @6:30 P.M.

M.A. February 24th @6:30 P.M. SJD February 28th @6:30 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Valenti, seconded by Mr. Bolin, to approve the minutes from regular meeting of January 25, 2011. Dr. Casarella abstained. All remaining board members voted aye. Motion passed.

Student Representative's Report

Jillian Balberchak read her report.

The junior and senior class fundraiser is due Friday. Selling the Gertrude Hawk Candy will reduce the price of the seller's prom ticket and also could go to senior activities such as the class trip and the All Night Party. Students are encouraged to sell in order to defray the costs for these events. Seniors are being asked to bring in donations for Donkey Basketball which is being held in March. The parent's association has asked each senior homeroom to make donations specified to the theme of their raffle basket. They are also accepting monetary donations. Parent teacher conferences are tomorrow. Student Council Executive Board members will be available around the school to escort parents. The Key Club is having their annual Jump Rope for Heart for the 7th and 8th grade tomorrow. This will benefit the American Heart Association. They are also holding a Blood Drive on February 24th. A 3 on 3 basketball tournament is being held at our high school gym on February 26th. This tournament will benefit Anthony Lydon, who is a young child born with Hypoplastic Heart Syndrome.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bernardi read the treasurer's report.

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Checking Account</u>
First National Community Bank	General Fund	6,981,503.68
Wachovia Bank	General Fund	35,099.85
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	4,202.79
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	180,074.79
Landmark Bank	Student Activities Account	7,531.61

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First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	14,906.18
Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,927.83
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,665.24
PNC Bank	Construction Fund Acct.	119,488.32
PNC Bank	Bank Investment Acct.	1,083,407.93

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

Finance Report

Mr. Bernardi read the finance report.

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Don Wilkinson Agency (Jan.)</u>	
Earned Income Tax	62,952.10
Local State Tax	895.56
Per Capita Tax	768.80
Delinquent Per Capita Tax	<u>154.00</u>
Total:	64,770.46
<u>Delinquent Real Estate Taxes</u>	
Wyoming County	9,831.44
<u>In Lieu of Taxes</u>	
Housing Authority of the County of Luzerne	8,851.27
<u>State & Federal Subsidy Payments</u>	
Social Security	48,562.00
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	31,141.73
ARRA – Title I Part A	15,808.86
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	8,572.27
PA Accountability Grants	150,802.00
School District Special Education	<u>204,248.00</u>
Total:	459,134.86
<u>Luzerne Intermediate Unit</u>	
ACCESS Reimbursement	70,174.08
<u>Realty Transfer Tax</u>	
Dennis Montross – Wyoming County	1,617.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
District Court 11-2-01	48.02

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2. Approve the February payment of \$73,400.39 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2010-2011 school year.
3. Approve the February payment of \$47,128.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2010-2011 school year.
4. Approve the attached list of teacher tuition reimbursements submitted as of January 31, 2011:

EMPLOYEE NAME	AMOUNT TO BE REIMBURSED
ANDREWSCAVAGE DONNA	\$300.00
ANTHONY KARA	\$900.00
ARGENTO CARMELLA	\$600.00
ARITZ ASHLEY	\$300.00
BALL PAULA	\$600.00
BLAZICK VICTORIA	\$600.00
BRZOZOWSKI KELLY	\$600.00
COLETTI COURTNEY	\$600.00
DAIELLO KIMBERLY	\$300.00
DESSOYE ELIZABETH	\$570.00
DILEO DIANE	\$300.00
DOLMAN MELISSA	\$600.00
DWYER KAREN	\$300.00
FANTI MICHAEL	\$600.00
GILLESPIE ERICA	\$900.00
HINES JENNIFER	\$300.00
JUDGE JENNIFER	\$300.00
KLEPADLO JUEL ANNE	\$600.00
LATONA SARAH	\$600.00
LAWRENCE ANN MARIE	\$300.00
PELLEGRINI JOANN	\$600.00
PIKAS MAUREEN	\$900.00
POCCESCHI GLENNA	\$300.00
REINO MARYANN	\$300.00
ROBACZEWSKI ERICA	\$600.00
RUTLEDGE CHRISTINE	\$600.00
SCHULTZ SUSAN	\$300.00
SPEECE JASON	\$1,800.00
STRAZDUS BRIAN	\$300.00
YEAGER STACEY	\$300.00
	\$16,170.00

5. Approve the following bond payments due March 1, 2010 to M&T Investment Group for the following.

General Obligation Note Series 2006A	467,088.75
General Obligation Note Series 2006B	47,916.00
General Obligation Note Series 2006C	34,052.50

6. Approve the letter of agreement for WVIA to provide services to the Wyoming Area School District for the 2011-2012 school year at an amount of \$1,500.00.

- 7. Approve to ratify the installation of the Public Address System at Tenth Street Elementary School at a cost of \$9,633.02.
- 8. Approve Landmark Bank as bank depository for Wyoming Area School District. (This item was tabled)

Mr. Melone gave a presentation on the budget.

Dr. Campenni asked Mr. Melone if any feedback came back from the administrators in the last three weeks. Mr. Melone responded that there were several meetings. Mr. Bernardi had a personnel layout and they had a meeting with Pace Transportation and began a transportation audit. Since the last presentation they were the two major items.

Mr. Dominick read item #9

- 9. Approve to adopt the Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 school year:

The Preliminary General Fund Budget provides for the expenditures of \$29,537,399.00 and equity and revenues of a like amount and reflects a tax of 13.1321 mills for the Boroughs of Exeter, Exeter Township, Luzerne County, West Pittston, West Wyoming and Wyoming per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation on real estate, and a tax of 72.0154 mills for Exeter Township, Wyoming County per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation on real estate. The budget also maintains the following: a per capita tax of \$5.00 on all persons over twenty-one (21) years of age who are residents or inhabitants of the school district under the authority of the Act of March 10, 1949, P.L. 30, Article VI, Section 679 and its amendments an additional per capita tax of \$5.00 per person an all persons over twenty-one (21) years of age who are residents or inhabitants of Exeter, Exeter Township, Luzerne County, Exeter Township, Wyoming County, West Pittston, West Wyoming, and Wyoming under the authority of Act 511 and its amendments, the forgoing being applicable to taxpayers less than sixty-five (65) years of age, and a Local Services Tax for individuals (formerly the occupational privilege tax) within the Wyoming Area school boundaries, real estate transfer tax 1% and wage or earned income tax of 1%.

- 10. Approve the Agreement between the Luzerne Intermediate Unit and Wyoming Area School District for the R-WAN Network for regional transport services (60 months) and internet services delivered over the WAN (24 months) at a cost of \$1,709.00 per month.

- 11. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing: 2-15-11	438,126.76	
Prepays: 1-31-11	<u>85,437.94</u>	523,564.70
Cafeteria Account:	72,876.30	
Athletic Fund Account:	<u>7,688.85</u>	<u>80,565.15</u>

Total: 604,129.85

Motion by Mr. Dominick, second by Mr. Aritz, to accept the finance report.

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On the Question: George Race of Exeter asked Mr. Melone the numbers that showed on the screen, the last contract cost ¼ million dollars in increased rates. Does the budget include increased rates? Mr. Melone responded the increased rates are included in the budget. Mr. Race commented that they're working on the contract, whatever they give away will have to be added to that. Mr. Race questioned the First National Community Bank General Fund in the treasurer's report, what is the ratio on that? Mr. Melone responded around 1%. Mr. Race asked what item #6, WVIA was. Mr. Bernardi responded it's for video streaming in the classrooms.

Bob Trusavage of West Pittston asked the board "Why are we in the hole?" Mr. DeAngelo responded because the teacher's contract wasn't funded, the twenty five million dollar project, that was not funded. Mr. DeAngelo stated that if a separate gymnasium and separate cafeteria, it was a Taj Mahal, if that went through we would have had to staff that Taj Mahal. "Thank god what happened, happened to that project." "There was a gentleman who sat here in the front row and when we asked how much it would cost to fund that bond, he stated it would be 17 mills." Mr. DeAngelo stated that this is why we're in this situation. Mr. DeAngelo also said he has been on the board for eight years and what happens in the past is carried out and they (a prior board) put us in a noose that's get tighter and tighter and we're doing our best to get out of that noose. Mr. Trusavage asked if they borrowed the money. Mr. DeAngelo responded, "They borrowed twenty five million dollars." Dr. Campenni questioned the twenty million dollar project. Mr. Bernardi responded it was a twenty million dollar capital improvement project that included Tenth Street and a smaller addition that we did which came in at five or six million dollars left over after we downsized the proposal. Dr. Campenni responded so what happened is the two funds, the capital improvement fund and the general fund, and each year what she was hearing was, that because of this poor decision we would take one million from each account. Dr. Campenni stated that her concern then was there wasn't enough proactive activity by the board administration to cut cost. So, every year she suggested that once and for all let's do it because what would happen is a month or so before the final budget decision would have to be made, the board would hear Mr. Melone's analysis and he isn't responsible for making decisions for cost cutting and this group is so that is why last month Dr. Campenni asked for a report every two weeks and today she said she received a list and it has been three weeks. Dr. Campenni stated the board needs the report every two weeks and needs to be proactive. The board stayed in the hole because they didn't do anything about it. Mr. Trusavage asked the board, "So you spent fourteen million on improvements and had six left over and you could have given it back to the bank." Mr. DeAngelo responded they wouldn't allow you to do that. Mr. Trusavage asked, "So you kept the money in the bank and have been dipping into it every year?" "Because why?" The board members responded, "To balance the budget." Mr. Bernardi directed his attention to Dr. Campenni and stated, "Once again, I gave you cuts last year, \$200,000.00." "So, when you say administration didn't give you.... I gave you cuts." "I gave you cuts \$200,000.00 last year." "Budget cuts." Dr. Campenni responded, "Ray, I said to you 80% of school districts in the country are not filling all their retirement positions." Dr. Campenni stated the next day Mr. Bernardi got back to her but didn't initiate that, it was a month before the budget had to be decided upon. Mr. Bernardi responded, "No, Estelle I gave you a list of budget cuts." "I represented transportation." "You were called Friday and told there were budget discussion items in your packet." "You have not called or discussed it." "You were called last Friday." Dr. Campenni responded, "Why didn't you e-mail them to me?" "I was called Friday at 2 o'clock." Mr. Bernardi stated, "You chose not to come in."

Dr. Campenni responded, "I chose not to leave my job." "I wanted them (reports) in two weeks and they were four days late." Mrs. Valenti asked, "Do you realize the weather we had?" Dr. Campenni asked Mr. Bernardi, "Where were you when this was due." Mr. Bernardi responded, "I was working." "I was working on this." "You were called on Friday, it was in your packet."

Rhonda Lambert of Harding asked what's going on with the retirements in Pennsylvania. What are we going to get hit with next year. Mr. Melone responded that we have budgeted for current increases in the budget and are anticipating similar if not larger increases to follow.

George Stofco of Exeter, commented to Dr. Campenni that he agreed with her in trying to get the budget down but asked her if she voted for twenty teachers to be hired not long ago. Dr. Campenni responded she believed she did. Mr. Stofco asked why didn't she argue it then. Dr. Campenni responded that she argued it. Mr. Stofco replied that she still voted to hire the twenty teachers. Mr. Dominick stated Dr. Campenni also wanted a reduction. Dr. Campenni stated she didn't think she voted for all of them. Mr. Stofco responded he thought there was one she didn't vote for.

Mrs. Degnan of Wyoming, commented on how Dr. Campenni was being attacked. She stated that Dr. Campenni and Dr. Casarella are trying to make adjustments and stated there are solutions to raising taxes. Mrs. Degnan stated that Mr. Bernardi should also be asking for the reports not just Dr. Campenni. All the board should be aware of what is going on. Mrs. Valenti responded, "We are." Mrs. Degnan asked Mr. Bolin that at the last meeting a committee was to be formed. Mr. DeAngelo responded there wasn't a motion on it. Mrs. Degnan asked if it would be a motion. Mr. DeAngelo responded he didn't know.

John Pegg of West Wyoming, questioned item #10, the R-WAN Network for \$1,709.00. Jason Jones, the schools Network Engineer, explained that the WAN Network is internet connection and direct connection through the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 and #19.

Mr. Pegg questioned the two year expiration. Mr. Jones responded that after two years we then have the opportunity to re-bid to get a better rate. Mr. Pegg commented that the teacher's contract started in September 2004 and went to 2010 of August, so it's still pending. Mr. Pegg asked how do you consider that contract, is it extended, is it renewed. Mr. Melone responded we're acting under the old contract. If your current contract commences before a certain date, you still may qualify for healthcare exceptions.

Mr. Pegg commented that it would be helpful to have the last three years budget on the web site. Mr. Melone responded that both independent audit reports and the annual financial report (AFR) include analytical comparisons. They include actual results compared to the budget.

Dr. Casarella stated, "As far as how were operating, this is not a negative thing." "I'm just throwing this out for the public and the board." "If we have a person in charge of finance, a person in charge of buildings and grounds and a person in charge of education, why don't we have a team of three that meets regularly so that we can disseminate information when we come to the board meeting?" "We can get the information to everyone in a timely fashion."

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Dr. Casarella stated that the problem is we don't get things in a timely fashion and that is what Dr. Campenni is saying. Dr. Casarella also stated that he would like that information to make informed decisions and have an opportunity to investigate. "This is the place where we have the power, outside of here we don't."

Dr. Campenni asked Mr. Bernardi if we are looking into services, programs, and clean in-house to save money. Mr. Bernardi responded, "Yes." Dr. Campenni asked Mr. Bernardi if we can be more pro-active with the next budget. Mr. Bernardi responded it depends on students. The more students that are identified that are being serviced by the Luzerne Intermediate Unit, it means higher cost.

Mr. Trusavage stated that last week in the Citizens Voice there was an article regarding the Local Scranton Diocese that was 3.1 million dollars in the hole and in 1 ½ to 2 years they were able to reduce it to \$700,000.00 by frozen schools, churches and laying people off. Mr. Trusavage recommended that the board look into it.

Roll Call: Dr. Campenni voted no on item #9 and yes for items #1 through 7 and items #10 and 11. Dr. Casarella voted no on item #9 and yes for items #1 through 7 and items #10 and 11. All remaining board members voted yes on the entire report. Motion passed.

Mr. DeAngelo reminded everyone that this was the preliminary budget they voted on.

Education Report

Mr. Bernardi read the education report.

1. Reporting as per Federal Regulations Requirements that the District's Federal Programs, (Title I, Title II, and Drugs and Alcohol) have been planned for the 2010-2011 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum.
2. Approve the revised substitute teacher list for the 2010-2011 school year.
3. Approve to ratify Dominic Altavilla's letter of resignation as Sophomore Class Advisor effective January 28, 2011.
4. Approve the request of Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, to attend the Pennsylvania Federal Program Coordinators (PAFPC) Annual Conference on Sunday, April 3rd to Wednesday, April 6, 2011 in Seven Springs, PA., at a cost not to exceed \$1000.00. Cost to be funded out of Title II funds.
5. Approve the request of Diane Dileo and MaryAnn Reino, Elementary Teachers, to attend the 2011 conference for Pennsylvania Kindergarten Teachers on Monday, March 7th and Tuesday, March 8, 2011, in Harrisburg, PA., at a cost not to exceed \$850.00. Cost to be funded out of Title II funds.
6. Approve the appointment of Jean Marie Argenio as a long term substitute special education teacher for Becky Jones retroactive to January 3, 2011 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
7. Approve the revised school calendar for the 2010-2011 school year:

Snow Day

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

Wednesday, February 2, 2011

Make up Day

Friday, June 10, 2011

Monday, June 13, 2011

8. Approve the request of Christine Rutledge, Key Club Advisor, to chaperone twenty students to the Key Club Convention in Hershey, PA., Friday, March 4th to Sunday, March 6, 2011.

Motion by Mrs. Valenti, second by Mr. Bolin, to accept the education report.

On the Question: Cynthia Borzell of Wyoming questioned item #5. What is the Title II funds and how much do we have in there. Mr. Bernardi responded it's federal money. Title II has approximately \$20,000.00 for private funds, loans, with a portion of that for staff development which is used for conferences.

Roll Call: All board members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. Alberigi read the activities report.

1. Approve the appointment of the following assistant coaches for the 2011 spring season:

Baseball

Charlie McDermott	Asst. Head Coach	2,163.00
Bob Duliba	Jr. Varsity Coach	1,923.00
Jim Manganiello	Jr. High Coach	1,923.00
Nick Perugini	7 th /8 th Grade Coach	1,923.00

Volunteers

Dean Carey
Randy Colarusso
Sean Carroll
Mark Simko
Carmen Mauriello
Joe Bellino

Softball

Sara Zielinski	Asst. Coach	2,163.00
Jim Norris	Jr. High Coach	1,923.00
Joe Pramick	Asst. Jr. High Coach	1,923.00

Volunteer

Barry Przybyla

Track & Field

Mike Fanti	Asst. Coach	2,163.00
Ken Stackhouse	Asst. Coach	2,163.00
Lou DeMark	Asst. Coach	2,163.00
Joe DeMark	Jr. High Coach	1,923.00
Randy Spencer	Jr. High Coach	1,923.00
Paul Leonard	Jr. High Coach	1,923.00

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Volunteer

Lauren Shovlin

Volleyball

Justin Eimers

Asst. Coach

1,210.00

2. Approve the 2011 spring sports schedule submitted by Frank Parra, Athletic Director.
3. Approve the request of Frank Parra, Athletic Director, to attend the "Athletic Directors Conference" in Hershey, PA., from Tuesday, March 22 to Friday, March 25, 2011, at a cost not to exceed \$800.00.

Motion by Mr. Alberigi, second by Mr. Aritz, to accept the activities report.

On the Question: Gerald Stofco asked if there were a couple of football coaches also coaching track & field. Mr. DeAngelo responded yes, a couple of them. Mr. Stofco asked if they were coaching year round. Mr. DeAngelo responded there is a cut off date, according to the PIAA, you can't go year round. It's illegal. Mr. Stofco commented they are coaching on the football field and then they are coaching on the soccer field. Mr. Stofco's concern was we are paying them for both. Mr. Alberigi stated they are two different sports.

Cynthia Borzell questioned item #3, would he go if he had to pay for it himself. Mr. DeAngelo responded no.

Bob Borzell questioned the girls softball coaches, who is the head coach. Mr. Alberigi responded it was Ted Kross. Mr. Borzell asked why he wasn't listed. Mr. Alberigi responded the head coaches were approved at last month's meeting.

Roll Call: Dr. Campenni abstained on item #3 and voted yes on the remaining report. All other board members voted yes on the entire report. Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Bernardi read the building report.

1. Approve the request of Deborah Poremba, Fortis Institute, to use the Secondary Center auditorium for their graduation on Friday, June 17, 2011, 5:30 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
2. Approve to ratify the request of Rosalie Schultz, Secretary, to take a medical leave starting Wednesday, February 9, 2011 until further notice.
3. Approve the request of Gregory Koons, Luzerne Intermediate Unit, to use four classrooms at JFK Elementary School for the Extended School Year Program from July 5th through August 11, 2011, every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
4. Approve the revised substitute support personnel list for the 2010-2011 school year.
5. Approve the request of Frank Parra, Athletic Director, for use of the Secondary Center gym for the Wyoming Valley Conference League Playoffs for Girls/Boys Basketball on Thursday, February 17, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Aritz, second by Mr. Bolin, to accept the building report.

On the Question: Rhonda Lambert of Harding questioned item #3. Are these our students. Mr. Bernardi responded they are from different schools. Dr. Casarella asked if we receive funds from them. Do they pay to use the classrooms. Mr. Bernardi stated we haven't in the past. They are a non-taxable organization. They work in the district's buildings. All school districts give them rooms to use to support their program.

Roll Call: All board members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Bernardi read the policy report.

1. Approve the second reading of revised policies:

- Policy #113 – Special Education**
- Policy #113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities**
- Policy #113.2 – Behavior Support**
- Policy # 114 – Programs for Gifted Students**

2. Approve the second reading of the following policies:

- Policy #200- Enrollment of Students**
- Policy #113.4 – Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities**

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

On the Question: Mrs. Degnan, Wyoming, asked if the board read the policies. Mrs. Valenti responded yes, they were in their book.

Roll Call: All board members present voted yes. Motion passed.

At this time, Mr. DeAngelo notified everyone a public budget meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and the regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Open Discussion: Mrs. Degnan asked if the budget meeting will be to give the public information and the audience can give their opinion. Mr. DeAngelo responded yes, that's what it will be.

Gerald Stofco, Exeter, asked if any money was received for the digital sign. Mr. DeAngelo responded not yet. Mr. Stofco asked when are we going to put our money in one bank already, even one or two banks to get the interest rate.

Mr. Stofco questioned the blocks for sale that were advertised in the paper. Dave Amico responded that the blocks were for the expansion project. When they downsized the project in addition to the Secondary Center, the block was ordered before the project was confirmed to go, so, we were stuck with the block. Mr. Amico stated it is a non-structural block, it is similar to brick. Mr. Amico stated he wrote the specs himself and people were saying it was ceiling tile. It's not ceiling tile, it's CMT Tile.

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Mr. Stofco asked if it can be used outside his house. Mr. Amico responded exactly. Mr. Amico stated there were pictures on e-mail of what it would look like installed. It's a beautiful stone but worthless to the district. It was custom made stone for a particular project. Mr. Aritz stated if the guy in charge of the project cancelled that order we wouldn't be stuck with it. Mr. Aritz stated "Whoever was in Mr. Amico's position at that time." "If he cancelled that order we wouldn't have been stuck with it." "When they changed that project they should have cancelled it." An audience member asked if they could have cancelled it in the mean time. Mr. DeAngelo stated they purchased that brick before the project was even a go. An audience commented, "We are hearing about this now?" Mr. DeAngelo and Mr. Aritz responded, "We are stuck with this." Mr. Aritz stated it was from 2003 or 2004. Mr. DeAngelo stated it was \$70,000. Mr. DeAngelo and Mr. Artiz stated "We didn't even know we had it." Mr. Aritz stated "He ordered it and we didn't even know it." Mr. Aritz stated again, "When they changed the building, they should have cancelled that order, that's what they should have done." Rhonda Lambert, an audience member, stated that they probably got a really good deal. Mr. DeAngelo responded that is not what happened. Mr. DeAngelo stated that they came in here, they ripped the trees out first, the block was already ordered, they put a two million dollar footer in over there. This was two boards ago.

Bob Trusavage of West Pittston, stated he asked for the amount of money brought in from ticket sales. Mr. Trusavage stated he called the ACLU and they said he didn't have to fill out a Right to Know Request form for this information. Mr. Trusavage filled it out anyway and gave it to the board secretary.

Bob Borzell of Wyoming, stated he would like the total operating cost for SJD and asked Mr. Melone if it was necessary to fill out a Right to Know Request form. Mr. Melone responded he is not the Right to Know Officer. Attorney Hassey responded he would have to fill out a Right to Know Request. Mr. Borzell had a Right to Know form already filled out and gave it to the board secretary. Mr. Borzell stated pictures of the leaks came in his mailbox today with no name or address on them and Mr. Borzell informed the board they are welcomed to see them. Mr. Borzell asked Mr. Amico about the leaks. He stated it wasn't personnel but Mr. Amico said they were fixed. Mr. Amico responded that at that time we didn't have the leaks that we have now. Mr. Borzell responded that we had them last time because of the two inches of rain. Mr. Amico stated he never gave false information. Mr. Borzell responded that he never said Mr. Amico did. Mr. Borzell asked Mr. Amico if he put the snow blower on the roof to remove the snow. Mr. Amico asked Mr. Borzell, "You would put a snow blower on the roof?" Mr. Borzell responded, "Absolutely." Mr. Amico asked, "Is that right?" "How can you remove ice stuck to a rubber roof, Bob?" Mr. Borzell asked if there was a lot of ice. Mr. Amico responded there was solid three inches of ice. When the ice storm hit, the roof had three inches of ice and he was advised by professional roof companies, do not even attempt to fix leaks on a roof with the ice. Mr. Amico was advised to fix the roof if it is fifty degrees or higher. You cannot fix a rubber roof if the weather drops below fifty. Mr. Borzell asked Mr. Amico what did the company do the last time they were here. Mr. Amico responded they did an infra red test. Mr. Amico wanted to determine if the whole roof needed to be replaced which would cost an astronomical fee. The infra red test shows what is underneath the rubber roof and if the insulation needs to be replaced. The company fixed the visible leaks. Mr. Borzell stated the pictures showed the same classrooms. Mr. Amico explained to Mr. Borzell that if you have a leak and you fix it, there could be identical leaks three feet away from it and can be unidentifiable because the water comes down this leak.

Now after we fix this leak, all the water seeks the lowest point of resistance so it actually comes through a hole that we didn't know we had before. So, the person who took the pictures, they may not know the can was moved over. Mr. Amico apologized but stated he couldn't do anything on the roof until the weather permits him to. Mr. Amico also stated that they only had to cancel one game in the gym due to a leak. Mr. Amico ran rubber hoses down the wall with a hidden can. Mr. Amico stated he was ridiculed for it but they would have had to cancel all the games. Mr. Casarella asked Mr. Amico how long was this going on. Mr. Amico responded that some parts of the roof are thirty five years old. Roofs may last for twenty to twenty five years. We need to address this. Mr. Casarella stated this shows the board has to be pro-active instead of re-active and that's what we have to become more of. Mrs. Valenti stated Mr. Casarella was band aiding it since we couldn't afford it. Mr. Casarella responded we can go back to who built it in seventy six and see whoever designed it made a mistake.

Tom Cason of West Pittston, asked the Board if in the proposed contract was the roof part of the funding. Mr. Bernardi responded that we have an energy performance contract, for energy savings. That is a self funded energy fund. Mr. Cason asked if we have a fund for funding a roof project of thirty five years old. Mr. Bernardi responded no. Mr. Amico stated the whole roof is not thirty five years old.

Mr. Cason asked the board if the school district has a Jazzy Scooter. Mr. Bernardi responded no. Mr. Amico responded that we did. Mr. Cason asked who is authorized to use it. Mr. Amico responded the nurse authorizes it. Mr. Cason asked does facility personnel or staff supposed to use it. Mr. Amico responded he never came across an issue with his staff. Mr. Cason stated his son had surgery, was on crutches on his way to class and stated a staff member was in the Jazzy Scooter behind him honking the horn. Mr. Cason declined to say who it was, stating they can find out for themselves. Mr. Bernardi responded he should have went to Mr. Quaglia. That would have been the protocol. Mr. Bernardi stated he didn't know we had a Jazzy Scooter. Mr. Amico stated he would like to know if it was his staff and informed Mr. Cason he would check with his staff.

An audience member asked if families can be notified of the board meetings by the Robo Call System. Mr. DeAngelo stated he would take it into consideration.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Artiz.

Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo, President

Mr. John Bolin, Secretary