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Wyoming Area School District  
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting  
of the Wyoming Area Board of Education  
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643  
Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

A combined work session/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 twenty 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 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:                               Mrs. Gober-Mangan, President  
  Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary  
  Mrs. Kimberly A. Yochem, Treasurer  
  Mr. Carmen Bolin  
  Dr. Estelle Campenni  
  Mr. Gerald A. Stofko  
  Mrs. Toni Valenti  
  Mr. Carl Yorina

Absent:                                   Mrs. Deanna Farrell

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Vito Quaglia, Elementary Principal of Primary Center/Kindergarten Center, Joseph Long, Elementary Principal of Intermediate Center, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Building Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Secondary Center Assistant Principal, David Pacchioni, Assistant Principal of Discipline, Christine Rosenkrans, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Melissa Collevchio, Director of Food Service, Frank Pugliese, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit's regular meeting minutes of December 21, 2016.
2. Ron Gitkos, American Legion Post 542, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jeffrey F. DePrimo, of West Pittston, along with the American Legion, Post 833, Adam Kalmanowicz of Exeter, requesting the presence of the School Board to participate in their annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2017.
3. Libby Krokos, Director of Special Education, Luzerne Intermediate Unit, requesting permission to use ten classrooms at the Secondary Center for the Extended School Year Program.
4. Shea Riley, Band/Music Teacher, requesting permission to attend the Luzerne County Band, along with twenty students at Dallas High School.
5. Shea Riley, Band/Music Teacher, requesting permission to attend the PMEA Northeast Region Orchestra, along with one student at Bangor High School.
6. Ryan Murray, Two Mountains District Cub Scouts, requesting permission to rent the Secondary Center gym for District Derby Races.
7. Carmen Latona and Damien Rutkoski, Teachers, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center gym for a dodgeball fundraising tournament.

8. Juel Anne Klepadlo and Christopher Hizynski, Key Club Advisors, requesting permission to attend the Key Club Convention, along with twenty eight students in Harrisburg.
9. Lisa Minnelli, President of the Wyoming Area Boys Tennis Booster Club, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
10. Barbara Bullions, Drama Advisor, requesting for financial assistance from the district to send two students to the 2017 International Thespian Festival at University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska.
11. Joanne Lavelle, Kindergarten Aide, requesting permission to take a consecutive twelve week unpaid leave in the fall of 2017 instead of in January 2017 as originally requested.
12. Antoinette Jones, Family & Consumer Science Teacher, requesting permission to hold a Quilting Show in the Secondary Center gym.
13. Stefanie Keating, Senior Parents, requesting permission to sell bingo tickets at the girls and boys varsity and junior varsity basketball games.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. Parent/Teacher Conferences were held February 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.  
Percentages of report card pickup:

Secondary Center	59%
Kindergarten Center	77%
Primary Center	80%
Intermediate Center	90%

2. On Saturday, January 28, 2017, Wyoming Area hosted the Great Northern History Bowl competition. 18 teams from schools throughout Pennsylvania competed for the right to attend History Bowl Nationals in Washington D.C. Congratulations to Peter Butera and Bella Scappaticci, who qualified for the National History Bee and to our Freshman Bowl team of Bella Scappaticci, Mary Kate O'Brien, Michael DeSanto, Sarah McCormick and Tierney Porfirio who qualified for Nationals in the Junior Varsity Team/Bowl division.
3. The Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab has been scheduled to visit the Primary Center in March. The Lab presents specialized classes about agriculture science for the benefit of elementary and middle school students throughout Pennsylvania based on a unique curriculum taught by certified teachers in a mobile agricultural education science laboratory.
4. Some of our high school students have volunteered to work with our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school with Math Homework. The program starts February 9<sup>th</sup>.

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- On January 18<sup>th</sup>, Wyoming Area held a forum between our administration and guidance staff and representatives from several area Colleges and Career Schools (Bloomsburg, King’s Wilkes, Johnson College, Keystone College, Lackawanna College, Penn State: Wilkes-Barre, and Luzerne County Community College).

The purpose of this roundtable discussion was geared towards assessing the needs of Wyoming Area graduates as they seek out post-secondary education and training. Topics discussed included program admission requirements, SAT/ACT scoring requirements, and partnership opportunities among a variety of the other topics.

Finance Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Finance Report.

- Received the following checks:

<u>Berkheimer</u>	
Earned Income Tax	75,828.49
Local Service Tax	698.05
Per Capita Tax	1,040.20
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>395.46</u>
Total:	77,962.20

<u>State &amp; Federal Subsidy Payments</u>	
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	51,612.08
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	7,718.92
Rental Subsidy	31,383.70
School District Special Education	<u>221,836.00</u>
Total:	312,550.70

<u>Credit Card Reward</u>	
Landmark Bank	91.35

- Approve the February payment of \$128,799.85 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for programs and services for the 2016-2017 school year. The payment will be reduced by IDEA Pass Thru Funding of \$24,227.08 from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit resulting in a net payment of \$104,572.77.
- Approve the February payment of \$43,077.00 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Approve the February 15, 2017 payment to Wilmington Trust in the amount of \$5,309.38 for the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2012 (energy performance loan) of the Wyoming Area School District.
- Approve the refund of paid property taxes for the 2016 year for #67-F10NE1-3-44 in the amount of \$826.77.
- Approve the agreement with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Department of Education Project MOM/Young Fatherhood initiative grant. The agreement in the amount of \$1,229.09 will cover the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- Approve the step placement for long term substitute, Julie Matosky, retroactive to January 9, 2017 at Bachelor’s +12 step 2, \$37,860.00, pro-rated according to duration of assignment.
- Approve the settlement agreement re: R.R.

9. Approve the payments for ESL instructional hours to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for August 2016 through November 2016 in the following amounts:

Aug/Sept. 2016 (total of 50 hours at \$54.43)= \$2,721.50  
 Oct/Nov. 2016 (total of 110.5 hours at \$54.43)= \$6,014.52  
 Total: \$8,736.02

10. Approve the tuition reimbursements for February 2017:

**WYOMING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 SCHEDULE FOR TUITION REIMBURSEMENT  
 FEBRUARY, 2017**

<b>EMPLOYEE NAME</b>		<b>AMOUNT TO BE REIMBURSED</b>
ARGENIO	JEAN MARIE	\$300.00
CAMPENNI	ROXANNE	\$600.00
CEFALO	JOSETTE	\$600.00
DONATI	CHRISTINA	\$900.00
ENGLISH	ALBERT	\$900.00
GLATZ	MARJORIE	\$300.00
HARDEN	MICHELLE	\$600.00
HINES	REBECCA	\$300.00
HIZYNSKI	CHRISTOPHER	\$900.00
JARDEN	LORRAINE	\$600.00
KLEPADLO	JUEL ANNE	\$300.00
MAZZITELLI	SARA	\$600.00
MUDLOCK	LAURA	\$800.00
RILEY	SHEA	\$1,100.00
ROMANOWSKI	MICHAEL	\$600.00
STEVENS	MELISSA	\$300.00
		<u>\$9,700.00</u>

11. Approve to authorize the secretary in consultation with the Superintendent, solicitor and Business Manager to solicit bids for the following categories for the 2017-2018 school year: football, football reconditioning, athletic medical, band, electrical/plumbing, general, marching band, music, nursing, physical education and science.

12. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: February 2017 484,462.78  
 Prepays: January 2017 73,779.51 558,242.29  
 Cafeteria Account: 68,194.22  
 Total: 626,434.51

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

On the Question: Dr. Campenni questioned item #8. Attorney Ferentino responded this was a special education matter. It was discussed at the last meeting but didn't make it to the agenda. We recommended approval on it and the legal fees. Dr. Campenni asked if we are checking inventory regarding item #11. Mr. Melone said he is working closely with the department heads and athletic director.

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George Race of Exeter questioned the amount on item #8. Attorney Ferentino responded around \$15,000.00 which goes to the child. \$8,000.00 goes to council fees. Mr. Race also stated he would like to see the tuition reimbursement out of the contract. On item #11 Mr. Race asked what is the electrical/plumbing bid? Mr. Pugliese responded wiring, switches, etc.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Mrs. Yochem, 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 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 school year.
3. Motion for the district to fund an IEE evaluation for T.L. for educational and mental health needs. (This item was added from the floor)

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

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

Motion passed.

#### Activities Report

Mrs. Gober-Mangan read the Activities Report in the absence of Mrs. Farrell.

1. Approve to rescind the appointment of Chris Murphy as 7/8 grade baseball coach.
2. Approve Haley Stackhouse as assistant junior high track & field coach at a salary of \$2,230.00 for the 2017 spring sports season.
3. Approve the request of Lisa Minnelli, President of the Wyoming Area Boys Tennis Booster Club, to hold the following fundraisers:
  - Candy Sales from 3/2/17 to 4/17/17
  - Beer Tasting and Tour of Susquehanna Brewery Co., 3/8/17 (adults only)
4. Approve the request of Shea Riley, Band/Music Teacher, to attend the Luzerne County Band, along with twenty students, at Dallas High School, Tuesday, February 28, 2017 to Thursday, March 2, 2017. Cost is \$380.00 for registration. Mrs. Riley is also requesting a Pace Bus for one way only.

5. Approve the request of Shea Riley, Band/Music Teacher, to attend the PMEA Northeast Region Orchestra, along with one student, at Bangor High School, Wednesday, March 8, 2017 to Friday, March 10, 2017. Cost is \$170.00 for registration and \$237.62 for lodging. No transportation needed.
6. Approve the request of Juel Anne Klepadlo and Chris Hizynski, Key Club Advisors, to attend the Key Club Convention at the Hilton Harrisburg Hotel, along with twenty eight students, Friday, March 10, 2017 to Sunday, March 12, 2017. The request is for the district to cover the total cost of two advisor's lodging at \$844.00 . Key Club will cover own transportation.
7. Approve the request of Barbara Bullions, Drama Advisor, for the district to match up to the student goal of \$1,500.00 in funds to send two students to the 2017 International Thespian Festival at University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska, Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 25, 2017.
8. Approve the request of Stefanie Keating of the Senior Parents, to sell bingo tickets at the girls and boys varsity and junior varsity basketball games on Sunday, April 2, 2017, to benefit the senior all night party.
9. Approve the appointment of Harold Glatz as a volunteer coach for softball for the 2017 spring sports season.

Motion by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the activities report.

On the question: George Race asked where the students stay in item #6. Mrs. Serino responded at the Hershey Lodge. The Key Club uses all their available avenues to self finance this event. The students come out of the Key Club fund not the advisors. Regarding item #7, Mr. Race asked if the \$1,500.00 is the total amount. Response was yes. The board will match the \$1,500.00.

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

Motion passed.

#### Building Report

Mr. Stofko read the Building Report.

1. Approve the request of Libby Krokos, Director of Special Education, Luzerne Intermediate Unit, to use ten classrooms at the Secondary Center for the Extended School Year Program. The program will run in June, July and August on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
2. Approve the request of Carmen Latona and Damien Rutkoski, Teachers, to use the Secondary Center gym and concession stand for a dodgeball fundraising tournament on Saturday, March 11, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. (Class A)
3. Approve the request of Ryan Murray, Two Mountains Boy Scouts, to rent the Secondary Center gym at \$150.00 for Scout Derby Races on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with set up on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 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 B)

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4. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list for the 2016-2017 school year.
5. Approve the request of Joanne Lavelle, Kindergarten Aide, to take a twelve week consecutive unpaid leave in the fall of 2017. She was originally approved at the November board meeting to take her leave in January 2017.
6. Approve the request of Antoinette Jones, Family & Consumer Science Teacher, to hold a Quilting Show in the Secondary Center gym on Thursday, June 1, 2017, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The proceeds will benefit Little Eric Foundation and the Quilting Club. Pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. (Class A)
7. Motion to approve Christian Saunders, Auctioneer, of Lewith Freeman Real Estate to serve as auctioneer of the SJD property, subject to written agreement and approval of the solicitor. (This item was added from the floor)
8. Motion to approve the donation of the SJD playground on the approval of the solicitor. (This item was added from the floor)

Motion by Mr. Stofko, second by Mr. Yorina, to accept the building report.

On the Question: Dr. Campenni questioned item #8. Attorney Ferentino stated he would look into a charitable contribution to Wyoming Area Catholic. Dr. Campenni asked if it would be a financial incentive or a disincentive to have the playground equipment on property. Attorney Ferentino responded that the drawback of keeping the playground at SJD is the potential liability in case a child gets hurt on it when it's not under supervision. There was thought on keeping it there for a potential daycare. Whoever buys it is inheriting that concern. The Wyoming Area Catholic said they would remove it under the supervision of our facilities people and seed the area affected. The charitable donation protects the district. We would be released of any claims if a child is hurt.

Mr. Yorina asked that the board waive the fee for item #3, the Boy Scouts Derby Races.

Mr. Yorina made a motion to amend item #3 to waive the fee for the Boy Scouts. Second by Mr. Stofko.

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

Motion passed to waive the fee for item #3.

George Race asked if item #7 was to hire an auctioneer company. Attorney Ferentino responded yes, an auctioneer. He asked if there were any rules such as no minimum bid? Attorney Ferentino responded no, he met with the auctioneer and he gave the options to us and there is a host of compliances we have to go through. He is paid by the buyer. There will be a reserve on the auction price. There will be a starting bid set. The final auction bidder is still subject to approval of the board. There are also zoning issues which can be a potential issue with the sale.

Roll Call for the Building Report: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

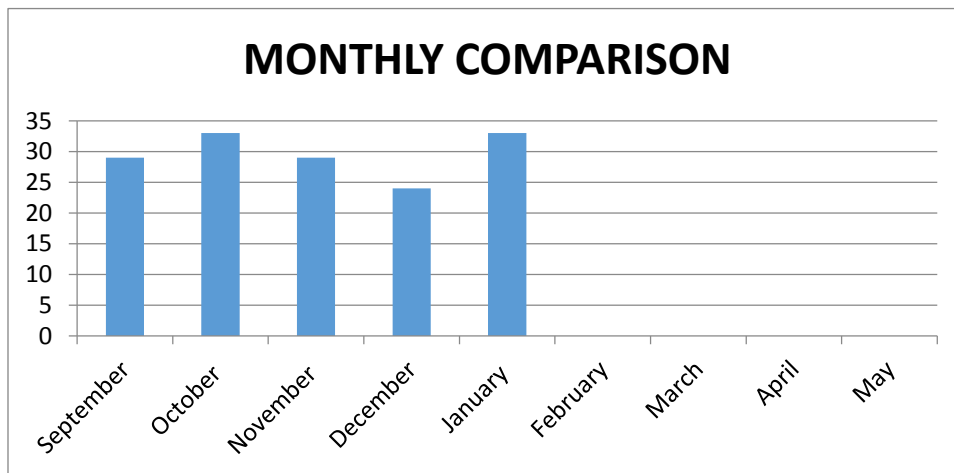
Police Report

**Wyoming Area Police Department  
Monthly Report for January, 2017  
Total Calls for Service**

<u>CODE</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
0000 – Parent Conference	1
0002 - Transport	1
0690 – Theft – Reports	1
2410 – Harassment by Communication	1
2450 – Harassment	3
2601 – Use of Tobacco in Schools	1
2690 – All Other Offenses - Reports	5
3610 – Disturbances – Juvenile	2
4010 – Traffic Offenses	1
4090 – Non-Criminal - Reports	6
7001 – 911 Hangup	1
7504 – Assist Other Agencies – Other Police	2
TRUA- Compulsory School Attendance	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>

Monthly Comparison

<u>December Calls for Service</u>	<u>January Calls for Service</u>	<u>Plus/Minus Comparison</u>
24	33	+9



Open Discussion:

Mr. Yorina acknowledged Mrs. Serino stating that looking at her Super’s Report with everything going on, Mrs. Serino is a tweaker. Mrs. Serino acknowledged her administrative staff also. Everyone works together.

Ree Ree DeLuca asked the board when the next foundation meeting would be held. Attorney Ferentino responded March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 p.m. is when they will reorganize. Community members will be added to the board. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Other issues discussed:

- Luzerne Foundation
- Mrs. DeLuca asked the board for financial help for Lacrosse

Board members had issues regarding financial help for Lacrosse because of the current budget situations.

Mrs. Gober-Mangan asked Mrs. DeLuca to submit another letter for next month's agenda.

Mr. Race asked when budget meetings will be held. Mr. Thomas Melone responded probably in March or April. The formal actions will be held in May or June.

Mr. Race also stated he is all for "Pay to Play."

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, second by Mr. Marianacci.

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Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, President

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John Marianacci, Secretary