Wyoming Area School District Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education 20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643 Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Communications Report

Approval of Minutes: December 19, 2011

Superintendent's Report

Student Representative's Report

Treasurer's Report

New Business

Finance Report Education Report Activities Report Building Report

Policy Report

Open Discussion

Adjournment



- 1. West Pittston Rams 2011 Board thanking the Wyoming Area School District for providing use of facilities for their football and cheerleading program.
- 2. Rita Mauriello requesting permission to attend the Title I Improving School Performance Conference, along with Janet Serino, Carolyn Flickinger, Carol Tabit and Linda McDermott in Pittsburgh.
- 3. Deborah Poremba, Fortis Institute, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center auditorium for their graduation.
- 4. Christine Rutledge, English Teacher, requesting permission to attend the Keystone Exams: Alignment Study for Literature Conference in Harrisburg.
- 5. Melissa Burdett, Kindergarten Teacher, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence until further notice.
- 6. Wyoming Area Diamond Club Parents Association requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors".
- 7. Wyoming Area Diamond Club Parents Association requesting permission for the Diamond Club baseball team and coaches to travel to Martinsburg, Va., for an exhibition tournament weekend.
- 8. Lisa Barrett and Juel Anne Klepadlo requesting permission to attend the FBLA State Conference, along with fifteen students in Hershey, PA.
- 9. Barbara Anzalone, Northeast Academy of Dancing, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center auditorium for a dance recital.
- 10. 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, requesting the participation of the Wyoming Area Marching Band and School Board Members in the Memorial Day Parade.

- (11.) Luzerne Intermediate Unit submitting minutes of their meeting on December 21, 2011.
- (12.) Robert Shlesinger of the Scranton Public Theatre, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center auditorium for two showings of "Snow White" and for the board to waive the rental fee for the show on Saturday.
- (13.) Jack Wagner, Auditor General, Department of Education, reporting a performance audit was conducted for Wyoming Area School District and it was determined that Wyoming Area School District has complied, in all significant respects, with applicable state laws, contracts, grant requirements and administrative procedures for years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009.
- (14.) Frank Parra, Athletic Director, requesting permission to attend the Annual Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association in Hershey.
- (15.) Shea Riley, Music Teacher, notification of her return to work from her family leave effective February 8, 2012.

Summary of Applications Received

English – 2 Elementary – 3







WYOMING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- January in Pennsylvania is "SCHOOL DIRECTOR RECOGNITION MONTH". The Board of Education demonstrates a unique commitment to our community's future – our children. At this time, on behalf of the Wyoming Area Staff and Community, I would like to salute them for volunteering their time and talents for the betterment of the Wyoming Area School District.
- 2. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 9 Band Festival at Lakeland High School on January 12-14, 2012:

Danielle Confletti (12th Grade)

Angela Coco (12th Grade)

Jessica Hollister (12th Grade)

Rebecca Colwell (10th Grade)

Congratulations to Band Director Doug Piazza.

3. Congratulations to the following students who qualified to attend the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Conference in Hershey on April 16-18, 2012:

-Conner Mangan

Drew Osolnick

-Lisa Guido

Kendra Radle

Devaney Wood Emily Bellanco

Danielle Spagnuolo -Katherine Sokirka

Cody Colarusso -Dylan Pegg

Brian Mapes Sal Polit-Moran

Dave Granteed Trent Grove

Stephen Barush

Congratulations to Advisors Lisa Barrett and Juel Ann Klepadlo.

4. The DARE Graduation program was held at SJD on January 17th. Thanks to the Coolbaugh Foundation, PTO and Exeter Township Policy Department Chief, Nancy Smith for working with our 4th grade students.

Bank	Account	Checking Account
First National Community Bank	General Fund	9,086,195.66
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	4,515.37
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	192,750.07
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	124,848.49
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	18,223.17
Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,936.66
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,701.15
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Construction Account	29,925.28
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Investment Account	577,432.75
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00

1. Received the following checks:

Don Wilkinson Agency (Nov.)	
Earned Income Tax	236,323.21
Local State Tax	1,558.08
Current Per Capita	3,520.60
Delinquent Per Capita	626.00
•	otal: 242,027.89
Local Realty Transfer Tax	•
Recorder of Deeds -Luzerne County	13,396.60
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Energy Refund	
Comverge Enerwise Global Technologi	ies 990.75
Tuition for 2010-2011	
Wilkes-Barre Area School District	4,808.74
State & Federal Subsidy Taxes	
Social Security	39,105.67
Retirement	128,695.93
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	30,286.27
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	7,220.27
Leader Access	85,000.00
Basic Education Funding	1,014,115.66
School District Transportation	279,779.00
Non Public Transportation	34,073.00
Total	: 1,618,275.80
2011 Real Estate Taxes	
Carol Bardzel (Nov.)	88,323.27
Carol Bardzel (Dec.)	27,490.74
Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	
George Miller (Supplemental for Dec.)	4,486.85
George Miller (Dec.)	114,666.47
West Pittston Borough	117,000.47
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Thomas Polacheck (Dec.)	234,088.76
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Exeter Borough

*** Paul Konopka (Dec.) 175,099.99

Wyoming Borough

*** Robert Connors (Dec.) 102,855.01

West Wyoming

<u>Miscellaneous</u>

District Court 11-2-01 90.55

- 2. Approve the January payment of \$87,488.87 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2011-2012 school year.
- 3. Approve the January payment of \$\$36,505.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2011-2012 school year.
- 4. Approve the February 15, 2012 Note payment to PNC Bank in the amount of \$102,280.22 associated with the Energy Performance contract of the Wyoming Area School District.
- 5. Approve the following invoices submitted for payment from the Capital Project Account:

TGW Corporation	Secondary Center Roof	50,272.50
LH Reed & Sons, Inc.	HVAC Roof Top Replacement	16,952.40
Pure Green Consultants	Submit ACT 129 Applications	1,500.00
		68.724.90

(6.) Approve for the Wyoming Area School Board to attend the PSBA Leadership Symposium on Advocacy and Issues at State College, February 25th and Sunday, February 26, 2012, to be paid through district funds.

(7.) Approve the following refund of paid property taxes for the year 2009 as requested by The Luzerne County Board of Assessment Appeals:

PIN# 16-01151-011-009	354.41
PIN# 35-E9-00A-12B	344.41
PIN# 16-E11NWZ-001-013	199.36

(8.) Approve the following refund of paid property taxes for the year 2010 as requested by The Luzerne County Board of Assessment Appeals:

PIN# 16-01151-011-009	368.65
PIN# 35-E9-00A-12B	356.12
PIN# E11NW2-001-013	207.39

(9.) Approve the following refund of paid property taxes for the year 2011 as requested by Robert Connors, Tax Collector for the Borough of West Wyoming:

PIN# 66-E1052-002-04K-000 19.84

(10.) Approve to adopt the Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2012-2013 school year:

The Preliminary	General Fund Budget provide	s for the expenditures of
\$ and equity and revenues of a like amount and ref		of a like amount and reflects a tax of
	_ mills for the Boroughs of Exe	ter, Exeter Township, Luzerne
County, West Pi	ttston, West Wyoming and W	yoming per \$1,000.00 of assessed
valuation on rea	l estate, and a tax of	mills for Exeter Township,
		aluation on real estate. The budget
also maintains t	he following: a per capita tax	of \$5.00 on all persons over twenty-
one (21) years o	f age who are residents or inh	abitants of the school district under
the authority of	the Act of March 10, 1949, P.I	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 resident	ts or inhabitants of Exeter, Exeter
Township, Luzer	ne County, Exeter Township, V	Wyoming County, West Pittston,
West Wyoming,	and Wyoming under the auth	ority of Act 511 and its amendments,
the forgoing bei	ng applicable to taxpayers les	s than sixty-five (65) years of age,
and a Local Serv	ices Tax for individuals (form	erly the occupational privilege tax)

within the Wyoming Area school boundaries, real estate transfer tax 1% and wage or earned income tax of 1%.

- (11.) Approve the Agreement for Legal Services of Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino as solicitor for the Wyoming Area School District at a rate of \$175.00 per hour for additional services.
- (12.) Approve the payment of \$368.50 to Janet Whipple for hours worked beyond her shift due to the flood.
- (13.) Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing: 1-24-12 531,238.74

Prepaids: 12-31-11 <u>261,480.21</u> 792,718.95

Cafeteria Account: 85,960.04

Athletic Account: <u>1,734.00</u> <u>87,694.04</u>

Total: 880,412.99

Motion by	, second by	, to accept the finance report
Roll Call:		

- 1. Reporting as per Federal Regulations Requirement that the District's Federal Programs, (Title I, Title II, and Drugs and Alcohol) has been planned for the 2011-2012 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, at the District's Business Office.
- 2. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2011-2012 school year.
- 3. Approve the request of Rita Mauriello to attend the Title I Improving School Performance Conference, along with Janet Serino, Carolyn Flickinger, Carol Tabit and Linda McDermott, in Pittsburgh from Sunday, January 29th to Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Costs to be funded out of Title I and Title II funds.
- 4. Approve the request of Christine Rutledge, English Teacher, to attend the Keystone Exams: Alignment Study of Literature Conference in Harrisburg from Wednesday, January 25th to Thursday, January 26, 2012 at no cost to the district.
- 5. Approve the request of Melissa Burdett, Kindergarten Teacher, to take a medical leave of absence until further notice.
- 6. Approve the request of Lisa Barrett and Juel Anne Klepadlo to attend the FBLA State Conference in Hershey, PA., along with fifteen students, on Monday, April 16th through Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at a cost to the district \$5,924.00 for housing and registration. Transportation will be paid by the club.
- (7.) Approve the appointment of Jean Marie Argenio as a long term substitute special education teacher for Rebecca Jones retroactive to August 23, 2011 and subject to the duration of Mrs. Jones' said leave.
- (8.) Approve to add SAT Prep to the Course of Studies for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion by	, second by	, to accept the education
report.		
Roll Call:		

1.	Approve the appointment of the following head coaches for the 2012 spring season at
	salaries as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Baseball	Charles Andrewscavage	3,965.00
Girls Soccer	Michael Sokolas	3,965.00
Track & Field	Joe Pizano	3,965.00
Boys Tennis	Justin DeSanto	1,340.00
Softball Coacl	'n	3,965.00

- 2. Approve the request of the Wyoming Area Diamond Club to attend an exhibition tournament weekend in Martinsburg, Va., with the baseball team and coaches on Friday, March 16, 2012 to Sunday, March 18, 2012, at no cost to the district.
- 3. Approve the request of the Wyoming Area Diamond Club to hold "Meet the Warriors" baseball team on Sunday, March 25, 2012 in the Secondary Center gym at 11:45 a.m. following a 10:30 a.m. mass at St. Barbara's Church, pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager.
- 4. Approve the request of Ron Gitkos of the American Legion Post 542, 1st Lt. Jeffrey F. DePrimo of West Pittston, along with the American Legion, Post 833, Adam Kalmanowicz of Exeter, for the participation of the Wyoming Area Marching Band and School Board Members in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28, 2012, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in West Pittston.
- (6.) Approve the request of Frank Parra, Athletic Director, to attend the Annual Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Conference in Hershey from Tuesday, March 20th to Friday, March 23, 2012, at a cost not to exceed \$800.00.

Motion by	, second by	, to accept the
activities report.		
Roll Call:		

- 1. Approve the request of Deborah Poremba, Fortis Institute, to use the Secondary Center auditorium for their graduation on Friday, June 15, 2012 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
- 2. Approve the revised substitute support personnel list for the 2011-2012 school year.
- 3. Approve the request of Barbara Anzalone, Northeast Academy of Dancing, to use the Secondary Center auditorium for a dance recital on Saturday, June 30, 2012, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., with set up on Friday, June 29th, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
- (4.) Approve the request of Robert Shlesinger of the Scranton Public Theatre, to use the auditorium to show two productions of "Snow White". One showing for the JFK Elementary Students on Friday, January 27, 2012, 1:30 p.m. and a second showing to benefit the Wyoming Area Drama Club on Saturday, January 28, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principals. The Scranton Public Theatre is requesting for the board to waive the rental fee for the Saturday show.

Motion by	, second by	, to accept the building report
Roll Call:		

1.	Approve the first reading of revised policy #404 Employment of Professional
	Employees.

2.	Approve the first reading of revised policy #439 Uncompensated Leave for Professional Employees.

Motion by,	second by,	to accept the policy report
Roll Call:		

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WYOMING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION:

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

TITLE:

EMPLOYMENT OF

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

ADOPTED:

September 20, 1999

REVISED:

May 30, 2006

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404	- EMPLOYMENT	OF PROFESSIONAL	

1. Purpose Title 22 Sec. 4.4 The Board places substantial responsibility for the educational program and effective operation of the schools with the professional staff employed by the district.

2. Authority SC 508, 1106, 1142, 1146 The Board, by a majority vote of all members, shall approve the employment; set the compensation; and establish the term of employment for each professional staff member employed by the district.

SC 111

No teacher shall be employed who is related to any member of the Board, as defined in statute, unless such teacher receives the affirmative vote of a super majority, two-thirds of its members, other than the member related to the applicant who shall not vote.

3. Guidelines

Approval shall normally be given to those candidates for employment chosen by the Board from a group selected by the Superintendent.

SC 1204.1

The district shall use the Standard Application For Teaching Positions but may establish and implement other application requirements.

SC 111 23 Pa. C.S.A. 6301 et seq Title 22 Sec. 8.1 et seq No candidate shall be employed until such candidate has complied with the mandatory background check requirements for criminal history and child abuse and the district has evaluated the results of that screening process.

SC 111

Each candidate shall report, on the designated form, arrests and convictions as required by law. Failure to accurately report such arrests and convictions may, depending on the nature of the offense, subject the individual to criminal prosecution.

Any employee's misstatement of fact material to qualifications for employment or determination of salary shall constitute grounds for dismissal by the Board.

404. EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES - Pg. 2

Utilization of professional employees prior to employment approval by the Board is authorized when necessary to maintain continuity in the educational program. Retroactive employment shall be recommended to the Board at the next regular meeting.

SC 1201 Title 22 Sec. 49.81 et seq No candidate for professional employment shall receive recommendation for such employment without evidence of his/her certification.

42 U.S.C. Sec. 653a

The district shall submit a New Hire Report for each employee required to be reported by law.

4. Delegation of Responsibility SC 104 P.L. 88-352 P.L. 92-318 The Superintendent and **Policy Committee** shall develop procedures for the recruitment, screening and recommendation of candidates for employment in accordance with Board policy, and state and federal law.

SC 1109

The Superintendent or designee shall seek candidates of good moral character who possess the following attributes:

- 1. Successful educational training and experience.
- 2. Scholarship and intellectual prowess, including such measures as collegiate grade point average and praxis scores.
- 3. Appreciation of children.
- 4. Emotional and mental maturity.

The Superintendent or designee may apply necessary screening procedures to determine the candidate's ability to perform the tasks for which the candidate is being considered.

The Superintendent or designee shall seek recommendations from former employers and others to assess the candidate's qualifications.

Recommendations and references shall be retained confidentially and for official use only.



WYOMING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HIRING PROCEDURES

PURPOSE:

Developed to select the most qualified candidates to be interviewed.

- 1. Postings of the positions are done in-house for TEN (10) DAYS and/or as per contract and advertised on the Wyoming Area website. Advertising is done regionally, as needed, on Penn Link and also in the Information Legislative Service (ILS) Publication.
- 2. To be considered for a position, a candidate must submit a completed application (including all requested information listed below) by the Posting deadline.

 Applications that are late or incomplete may NOT be considered.

<u>PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES</u> ITEMS THAT ARE REQUESTED IN THE APPLICATION PACKET ARE:

- . A completed standard application form;
- . A copy of the candidate's teaching certification/(verified by PDE Website);
- . A copy of candidate's transcripts;
- . A copy of the candidate's Praxis scores;
- . A cover letter indicating the position that the candidate is interested in;
- . A resume that summarizes educational accomplishments and related work experiences (Optional);
- . Reference letters from three (3) professionally related individuals;
- . Up-to-Date Act 34 Clearance (<u>NOTE</u>: Clearance is only good for ONE (1) calendar year unless the individual has worked in the District for at least ONE (1) day during the previous year);
- . Up-to-Date Act 151 (<u>NOTE</u>: Clearance is only good for ONE (1) calendar year unless the individual has worked in the District for at least ONE (1) day during the previous year).

- Act 114 Fingerprinting. Register via Cogent System's online service (www.pa.cogentid.com) or call 1-888-439-2486. Print off Registration and take Registration sheet to Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 to get fingerprinted.
- When applications are on file, a cover letter indicating the person's interest in the open position and any updated information should be submitted. The letter should indicate that the person's application is on file.

The first step is <u>PAPER SCREENING</u> to develop a short list, which includes a Checklist of criteria that we are looking for in potential candidates:

- . Meets Paper Requirements (Application/Certification/College Transcripts/Act 34/Act 151/Act 114/Letters of Reference-Optional);
- Successful Teaching Experience (Public/Non-Public)/No. of Years;
- . Computer Literacy by: Coursework/Past Positions/How it is utilized in daily instruction;
- Has System Worth: Co-Curricular Interests & Skills (Example: Coaching Experience);
- Experience with District Students (number of years Approved Substitute List).

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

ITEMS THAT ARE REQUESTED IN THE APPLICATION PACKET ARE:

- . A completed district application form;
- . A copy of the candidate's work history;
- . A cover letter indicating the position that the candidate is interested in;
- . A resume that summarizes educational accomplishments and related work experiences (Optional);
- Reference letters from three (3) professionally related individuals;
- . Up-to-Date Act 34 Clearance (<u>NOTE</u>: Clearance is only good for ONE (1) calendar year unless the individual has worked in the District for at least ONE (1) day during the previous year);
- . Up-to-Date Act 151 (<u>NOTE</u>: Clearance is only good for ONE (1) calendar year unless the individual has worked in the District for at least ONE (1) day during the previous year).

The first step is <u>PAPER SCREENING</u> to develop a short list, which includes a Checklist of criteria that we are looking for in potential candidates:

- . Meets Paper Requirements (Application/Work Experience/Act 34/Act 151/Act 114/Letters of Reference-Optional);
- . Successful Work Experience /No. of Years;
- . Computer Literacy by: Coursework/Past Positions/How it is utilized in daily instruction;

Has System Worth: Co-Curricular Interests & Skills (Example: Coaching Experience);

(These points are included in RUBRIC).

- 3. The next step in the process is the review of the candidates credentials, who will be interviewed in the first round, by appropriate Principal(s)/Supervisors and Department Chair Persons. Basically we look at GPA, experience related to the position, community or school service, honors/awards, professional development activities, special skills (i.e. technology, SAP training, etc.), Praxis cut scores and references.
- 4. Interviews take place with the appropriate Principal(s)/Supervisor(s), Department Chair Persons, and Assistant Superintendent. Interviews are approximately 15-20 minutes in duration. All applicants are given a series of common questions that are specific to the open position and are scored using the Rubric (see attachment). Interviews serve as a means to separate the outstanding and satisfactory candidates from those candidates that are marginal or unsatisfactory. School Board Members, at times, have participated at this level of the process.
- 5. The last step is the Superintendent, who totals all scores of candidates rating them as either <u>outstanding/satisfactory</u> and <u>recommended</u> for a position or <u>unsatisfactory/not</u> recommended.

The list of <u>outstanding and satisfactory</u> candidates is then presented to the entire Board in alphabetical order for Board resolution.

TEACHER APPLICATION CHECKLIST

(Application Screening)

Certi	fication:
	_ Cover Letter
	_ Current Sub
	Resume
	Standard Application
	Certified
	Child Abuse Clearance
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	Fingerprinting
	Praxis Pass/Fail Sheet
	- Transcripts
	Letters of Recommendation

January 10, 2012

WYOMING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION:

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

TITLE:

UNCOMPENSATED LEAVE

ADOPTED:

September 20, 1999

REVISED:

	439. UNCOMPENSATED LEAVE
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes that in certain situations an employee may request extended leave for personal reasons, and the district could benefit from the return of the employee. This policy establishes guidelines for the award of uncompensated leaves of absence.
2. Authority SC 1154(e)	The Board reserves the right to specify the conditions under which uncompensated leave may be taken.
3. Guidelines	Uncompensated leave shall be granted in accordance with provisions of the administrative compensation plan, individual contract, collective bargaining agreement or Board resolution.
	Childrearing/Parental – as per contract
	Uncompensated leave may be also taken for the following purposes:
	Period of Leave Medical Condition of immediate family member Restoration of health Emergency
	Application
	Requests for uncompensated leave shall be made to the Superintendent at least thirty (30) days in advance of the requested beginning date.
	Special consideration will be given to emergencies.
	All applications are subject to final approval by the Board.
	Commitment of Employee
	The employee granted an uncompensated leave of absence shall inform the Board of his/her intentions within thirty days of the scheduled return date.

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Period of Leave

An uncompensated leave may be granted for a period of one (1) school year with exception of child bearing/parental leave.

Commitment of Employer

At the expiration of uncompensated leave, the employee shall be offered the first open position for which she/he is qualified or a like position to that previously held.

Time on uncompensated leave shall not count as time on the job, and fringe benefits shall not be provided unless the employee provides payment for benefits.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1154,1182