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Wyoming Area School District Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education 20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643

Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening at the Wyoming Area Secondary Center auditorium, 20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, with approximately thirty people in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Estelle Campenni, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

Roll Call: Dr. Estelle Campenni, President

Mrs. Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, Vice President

Mrs. Deanna Farrell, Secretary Mrs. Kimberly A. Yochem, Treasurer

Mr. Carmen Bolin Mr. John Marianacci Mr. Gerald A. Stofko Mr. Carl Yorina

Absent: Mrs. Mary Louise Degnan

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Vito Quaglia, Secondary Center Building Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Center Building Principal, Jon Pollard, Elementary Building Principal of Tenth Street/JFK, Robert Kaluzavich, Elementary Building Principal of Montgomery Ave./SJD, Melissa Collevechio, Director of Food Service, Jamie Broda, Director of Special Education, Frank Pugliese, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Brittany Thomas and Grace Gober, Student Representatives.

Communications Report

Mrs. Farrell read the Communications Report.

- 1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their minutes of regular meeting September 24, 2014.
- 2. Amanda Shedlock, Senior Parents, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for Purse Bingo.
- 3. Samantha Vacula, JFK PTO Co-President, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for Vera Bradley/Designer Purse Bingo.
- 4. Patricia Whaley, Special Education Teacher, requesting a medical leave of absence.
- 5. Carol Gamble submitting her resignation as cafeteria employee.
- 6. Shea Riley, Music Teacher, requesting permission to attend the Marywood Junior Wind Band Celebration, along with eight students.
- 7. Carol Cotter-Dente submitting her letter of intent to retire as part time cleaning person.
- 8. Len Costello, Marching Band Director and Kristen Costello, Assistant Marching Band Director, submitting their letter of resignation.

Summary of Applications Received

Music – 10

English - 1

Cleaning – 3

Clerical – 2

Teachers Aide - 1

Nurse - 1

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Campenni asked for approval for regular meeting minutes of October 28, 2014. All board members voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read the Superintendent's Report.

- The Montgomery Avenue PTO annual holiday food drive is underway. The drive continues
 through November until December 9th. All non-perishable items collected will be donated to
 the United Methodist Church food pantry which services the greater West Pittston area.
 Pastor Walker is very appreciative of the donations which help the families of our
 neighborhood.
- 2. I would like to thank Ms. Selena Cobb, a native of the Choctaw Seminole Nation for demonstrating her native language, customs and dances to our fourth grade students at 10th Street Elementary School. This was in conjunction with their studies of the Native American nations of North America. Students completed research and created a project on the Iroquois, Shawnee, Lenni Lenape and the Susquehanna Nations. Mrs. Pryzbyla is the Social Studies teacher.
- 3. About 60-80 eighth grade students will be taking a tour of West Side Career and Technical Center on December 18. Mr. Robert Yatsko, guidance counselor will be touring with the students.
- 4. Scholarship Information Night for parents and students was held Wednesday, November 19th. The 11 new scholarships were introduced along with the other awards/scholarships which now number approximately 80. The new scholarship website is also up and running.
- 5. Percentage of Report Card Distribution:

10th Street - 87%

SJD - 87%

JFK - 88%

Montg. Ave- 90%

Sec. Ctr. 74%

6. On November 7th, our annual Veteran's Recognition Program was held at the Secondary Center to honor all local Veterans. A luncheon was held at noon for approximately 100 veterans in attendance. Afterwards, an Assembly was held with the entire student body in the Gymnasium to honor and recognize these special individuals. Congratulations to Mrs. Pikas, Mr. Quaglia, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Collevechio, Mrs. Radle for their assistance.

Mr. Stofko commented the Veteran's program was really beautiful. Mrs. Gober-Mangan stated the kids were very respectful. Mr. Yorina stated they did a great job.

Student Representative's Report

Brittany Thomas read the report.

The senior class is preparing for the Winter Formal. This year's theme is Frozen in Time. Both the junior and senior class had their fundraisers out last week just in time for the Thanksgiving break, which we are most thankful for. The high school science Olympiad team for the 2014-2015 year has been established, having the first competition in February. The Bran Bee team will also begin to meet starting in December, with the first competition also in February. The SADD club had their S.O.B.E.R. event last week. This event is taken place across from Turkey Hill in awareness of drinking and driving around the holiday season. Key Club just hosted a blood drive last week. There was a big turn out on the number of donors this year, which will boost the funds for the Geisinger scholarship offered here at the school. So, speaking for the junior and senior class, I would like to wish everyone a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Treasurer's Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	9,616,086.81
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	4,910.09
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	24,330.68
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	80,570.11
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	22,452.20
Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,956.60
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,767.66
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Construction Account	.00
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	Earned Income Tax Revenue	310,419.25

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Tax Administrator		
Earned Income Tax		86,840.02
Per Capita Tax		5,040.00
Delinquent Per Capita		6,279.19
Local Service Tax		951.83
	Total:	99,111.04
Local Realty Transfer Tax		
Luzerne County		15,363.62
Wyoming County		1,472.90
	Total:	16,836.52
Luzerne Intermediate Unit		
IDEA Pass Through Funds	2	275,039.00
2014 Real Estates Taxes		
Ann Marie Farley-Exeter Twp., Wyoming County		58,797.81
Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough		427,470.98
Thomas Polacheck- Exeter Borough		197,912.32
George Miller – West Pittston Borough	:	137,886.33
Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough		468,682.27
Wayman Smith – Exeter Twp., Luzerne County		<u>829,431.50</u>
	Total: 2,	120,181.21
<u>Tuition Reimbursement</u>		
Wilkes-Barre Area School District		832.41
Dallas School District		96.58
Greater Nanticoke Area School District		166.48
Pittston Area School District		<u>121.41</u>
	Total	: 1,216.88
Federal State & Subsidy Payments		
Social Security		45,366.00
Basic Education Funding		087,980.90
Ready to Learn Block Grant		36,680.00
School District Transportation	2	24,414.00
School District Transportation Property Tax Relief Payment	2 	24,414.00 236,249.68
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Property Tax Relief Payment To: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Medicaid Admin Claims	2 	224,414.00 236,249.68 730,690.58
Property Tax Relief Payment To: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2 	224,414.00 236,249.68 730,690.58

- 2. Approve the November payment of \$97,047.66 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2014-2015 school year.
- 3. Approve the November payment of \$38,919.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2014-2015 school year.

- 4. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing Special Education services to the Wyoming Area School District for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$680.00.
- 5. Approve a credit from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing services related to the Alternate Learning Center for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$59,760.00.
- 6. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Lighthouse Academy Services for the 2013-2014 school year at an annual district charge of \$37,405.53.
- 7. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing Social Work Services for the 2013-2014 school year to the Wyoming Area School District at a charge of \$37,087.62.
- 8. Approve a credit from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing services related to the Partial Hospitalization Program for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$10,937.79.
- 9. Approve a credit from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing services related to the Service Learning Program for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$12,720.50.
- 10. Approve the request of the Wyoming Area School District Tax Collectors to receive compensation regarding collection of installment payments for 2014 for real estate taxes in the amount of \$2,992.50.
- 11. Approve the agreement with Berkheimer One Source to assist in the printing and mailing of the annual Homestead/Farmstead invitation letters to eligible residents that reside within Luzerne County of the District.
- 12. Approve a refund of property taxes for the year 2014 in the amount of \$1,882.78 for PIN#67-E10SE3-001-33A-000.
- 13. Approve a motion authorizing the adoption by the Board of School Directors of Wyoming Area School District, of (1) a Resolution authorizing certain actions to be taken and approving execution and submission of documentation in connection with Securities and Exchange Commission's Municipal Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative, all as more fully described in the complete text of the attached Resolution, and (2) a Tax Exempt Bonds Compliance Program and Continuing Disclosure Compliance Program to provide a written procedures and a process by which the School District will (a) monitor and continually update its use of bond proceeds and bond financed facilities throughout the term of any bonds or notes issued for its benefit and (b) monitor and comply with its continuing disclosure obligations under Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, all as more fully described in the complete text of the attached procedures.
- 14. Motion to retain the professional legal services of the law firm of Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP on an as needed basis regarding personnel, labor, education and related matters.
- 15. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing: November 2014 558,241.36

Prepaids: October 2014 <u>252,995.28</u> 811,236.64

Cafeteria Account: 99,867.20

Athletic Account: <u>7,867.00</u> <u>107,734.20</u>

Total: 918,970.84

16. Motion to approve billing of Access through Luzerne Intermediate Unit subject to review and approval of the solicitor. This item was added from the floor.

Motion by Mrs. Yochem, second by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, to accept the finance report.

On the Question: George Race of Exeter questioned the realty transfer tax. Does it fluctuate. Mr. Melone responded it depends on the real estate market. Bob Trusavage questioned item #14. Legal services of Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams. Attorney Ferentino replied there is no retainer. This is only on an as needed basis.

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

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mrs. Gober-Mangan read the Education Report.

- 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 2014-2015 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
- 2. Approve tenure for Ryan Charnitski for completing three years of satisfactory service as a temporary professional employee as recommended by the Superintendent.
- 3. Approve the request of Patricia Whaley, Special Education Teacher, to take a medical leave of absence effective Monday, December 1, 2014 for approximately six to eight weeks.
- 4. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2014-2015 school year.
- 5. Approve David Vest as a long term substitute teacher for Don Butz, who is retiring, effective January 23, 2015, to the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, second by Dr. Campenni, to accept the education report.

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

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mrs. Farrell read the Activities Report.

 Approve the appointments of the following assistant coaches for the 2014-2015 winter sports season.

William McGeer Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Coach 3,146.00 Lee Ann Klocko Asst. Swim Coach 2,447.00

- 2. Approve the request of Shea Riley, Music Teacher, to attend the Marywood Junior Wind Band Celebration with eight students on Friday, December 5th and Saturday, December 6, 2014. Registration is \$480.00. Also requesting use of the mini bus.
- 3. Approve the Indoor Percussion Program for the 2014-2015 school year not to exceed \$4,000.00.
- 4. Approve the request of the Wyoming Area Drama Club for the district to cover the cost of transportation only at \$2,910.00 to attend the Pennsylvania State Thespian Conference in Central York, Thursday, December 4th through Saturday, December 6, 2014.
- 5. Approve the appointment of ______ as Head Baseball Coach at a salary of \$4,486.00 for the 2015 spring season.

Motion by Mrs. Farrell to table item #5. Second by Mrs. Gober-Mangan.

Roll Call: Mr. Bolin voted yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Dr. Campenni, no.

Motion passed to table item #5.

6. Accept, with regret, Len Costello, Marching Band Director and Kristen Costello, Assistant Marching Band Director, submitting their letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, second by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, to approve the activities report.

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

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Yorina read the Building Report.

- Approve the request of Samantha Vacula, JFK PTO Co-President, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a Vera Bradley/Designer Purse Bingo on Sunday, February 22, 2015, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director. (Class A)
- 2. Approve the request of Amanda Shedlock, Senior Parents, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for Purse Bingo on Sunday, February 8, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with set up on Saturday, February 7, 2015, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director. (Class A)
- 3. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list for the 2014-2015 school year.
- 4. Approve the resignation of Carol Gamble, Cafeteria Employee, retroactive to November 12, 2014.
- 5. Accept, with regret, Carol Cotter-Dente's letter of intent to retire as part time cleaning person effective December 1, 2014.

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

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

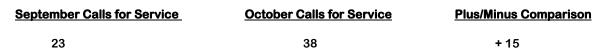
Motion passed.

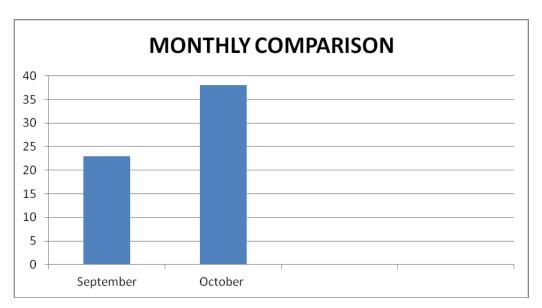
Police Report

Wyoming Area School District Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education 20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643 Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 7:00 p.m. Police Report

CODE	COUNT
0002 - Transport	2
0690 - Theft - Reports	2
1410 - Criminal Mischief to Automobiles	2
1420 - Criminal Mischief to Public Buildings	1
2400 - Disorderly Conduct	2
2450 - Harassment	4
2601 - Use of Tobacco in Schools	3
2664 - All Other Offences - All Other (Misc.)	3
3100 - Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
3610- Disturbances – Juvenile	1
4090 - Non-Criminal – Reports	10
5008 - Lost & Found Articles	1
7504 - Assist Other Agencies - Other Police	2
Pare - Parent Conference	1
TRUA – Compulsory School Attendance	3
Total	38

Monthly Comparison





Open Discussion:

- Mr. Yorina asked if Christine Rosenkrans, can give a public presentation on state assessments. Mr. Yorina also spoke about cyberschool.
- Mr. Marianacci commended information night and how informative it was for his son
- George Race, Exeter, questioned cyberschool. We don't lose money if kids do cyber at our school. We pay for the course.
- Lisa Colarusso, Tennis Parents, asked for tennis outfits for the girls. Dr. Campenni replied the board won't fund warm ups. Mrs. Colarusso also expressed concern over the bad conditions of the tennis courts. Mrs. Serino responded a feasibility study is currently being done and the courts are also being look into. Mrs. Colarusso also stated the great season the tennis team had. It was the best record they ever had.
- Mr. Trusavage stated he would like to help with the tennis courts if he could.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Campenni.

• Mrs. Daneen Kearns, parent and teacher and Mrs. Rhonda Lambert, concerned citizen, commented on a dress code.

Estelle Campenni, Ph.D., President
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Deanna Farrell, Secretary