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Wyoming Area School District
Virtual Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

A virtual 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. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Gerald Stofko, President of the Board, asked that everyone take a moment of silence for Wyoming Nation. Mr. Stofko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Mr. Gerald Stofko, President
- Mrs. Kimberly Yochem, Vice President
- Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary
- Mr. Carman Bolin, Treasurer
- Mr. Philip Campenni
- Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo
- Mr. Leonard Pribula
- Mrs. Toni Valenti

Absent: Ms. Lara Best

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Principal, Jo Ann Pepsin, Assistant Director of Special Education and Building Principal of Kindergarten Center, David Pacchioni, Building Principal of Primary Center, Brian Strazdus, Building Principal of Intermediate Center, Shaun Rohland, Assistant Principal of Discipline, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum, Angelo Falzone, Director of Transportation/Attendance, Vanessa Nee, Director of Special Education.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting minutes for their meeting of June 17, 2020.
2. Ruth Snyder, Personal Care Aide, submitting a letter of intent to retire.
3. Tracey Scialpi, Special Education Teacher, submitting her letter of resignation.
4. Joan Shinko, Cleaning Personnel, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
5. Chrissy Campenni, Wyoming Area Field Hockey Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
6. Cindy Lynch, English Teacher, requesting permission to take a sabbatical leave.
7. Danielle Rozelle, Emotional Support Teacher, submitting her letter of resignation.
8. Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Soccer Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
9. Joyce Becker, Music Teacher, requesting permission to take a sabbatical leave.

Summary of Applications Received

- Special Education (K-12) – 6
- Special Education (PK-8) – 17
- Grades (PreK-4) - 14
- Guidance (Pk-12) - 13
- Guidance (Pk-8) - 2
- English – 1
- Elementary – 5
- Math – 1
- Biology – 1
- Earth and Space Science – 1
- Health – 1

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stofko asked for approval of the minutes of July 28, 2020. All board members voted aye.

Superintendent’s Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

- 1. The Wyoming Area School District has made a change for the 1st marking period of the 2020-2021 school year. Classes are being held virtually beginning on September 8th. All students will be supplied with chrome books. Principals will make arrangements for chrome book pickup and parents will be notified.**
- 2. The Wyoming Area School District has been awarded a Special Ed Covid-19 Mitigation Equity Grant in the amount of \$39,311. The purpose is to enhance instruction for students for students with complex needs, remote services may be provided, as well as Covid-19 compensatory services and support to students with disabilities.**
- 3. The Wyoming Area School District received a grant for \$56,621 to provide Additional Targeted Support and Improvement under the Every Student Succeeds Act.**

Considerations:

- Academic achievement and growth**
- Graduation rate and English learner progress**
- Regular attendance as well as chronic absenteeism**

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino reported that an executive session took place on August 12th to discuss negotiations and COVID-19 and the board met tonight to discuss ongoing negotiations and personnel matters.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Bolin read the Treasurer’s Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	3,179,183.07
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,866.57
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	30,693.52

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First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	108,477.54
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	38,725.88
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	1,132,364.89
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	848,283.06

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

Finance Report

Mr. Bolin read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Berkheimer Income Tax</u>	
Earned Income Tax	131,690.81
Local Services Tax	795.88
Per Capita Tax	14,173.79
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>143.72</u>
Total:	146,804.20

<u>State & Federal Subsidy Payments</u>	
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	41,644.96
Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment	3,093.21
Medicaid Admin Claims	5,007.12
School District Special Education	<u>244,517.00</u>
Total:	294,262.29

<u>Real Estate Taxes</u>	
Thomas Pizano-Exeter Borough (2020 Supplemental)	2,724.07
Wayman Smith-Exeter Twp., Luzerne County (2019 Supplemental)	249.30
Paul Konopka-Wyoming Borough (2020 July)	<u>925.75</u>
Total:	3,899.12

<u>Local Realty Transfer Tax</u>	
Luzerne County	19,455.09

2. Approve the August payment of \$103,368.47 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for special education services and other related services for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Approve the August payment of \$56,528.00 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Approve to ratify the August 15, 2020 payment to Wilmington Trust in the amount of \$101,000.00 for the general obligation bond series 2012 (energy performance loan of the Wyoming Area School District.

5. Approve the payment of \$276.50 to Ann Marie Farley, Exeter Township/Wyoming County Tax Collector for services of the Wyoming Area Real Estate Tax bills.
6. Approve the agreement with Children’s Service Center and Wyoming Area School District for the 2020-2021 school year. The Partial Hospitalization Program is \$126.50 per day and the Therapeutic Educational Program is \$167.00 per day.
7. Approve the Guest Teacher agreement with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 at a fee of \$300.00 a year for the 2020-2021 school year.
8. Approve the rate increase for daily substitute teachers at \$100.00 per day.
9. Approve engagement agreement with Financial Solutions LLC, (FS&L) as financial advisor for the Wyoming Area School District subject to review by the business consultant and district solicitor.
10. Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Wyoming Area School Board and the Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals Association, ESPA-PSEA-NEA, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023.
11. Approve the agreement between with Specialized Education of Pennsylvania (owner and operator of Graham Academy) for services provided to Wyoming Area School District students for the 2020-2021 school year. The district will pay Graham Academy at a rate of \$215.00 per day per student enrolled and \$115.00 per hour for speech, occupational and physical therapy as well as additional services as needed.
12. Approve the Request For Proposal For Auditing Services for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year submitted by Joseph R Aliciene and Company.
13. Approve the total payment of \$457,042.79 for invoice #2 and invoice #3 to Jim Young & Sons for roof replacement/coating.
14. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: August 2020	544,978.54	
Prepays: July 2020	<u>521,097.28</u>	1,066,075.82
 Athletic Account:		<u>9,402.00</u>
	Total:	1,075,477.82

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

Roll Call: Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mr. Campenni 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) are currently being planned for the 2020-2021 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Accept, with regret, Tracey Scialpi's letter of resignation as Special Education Teacher.
3. Approve the appointment of Rita Mauriello as Title I Coordinator at a stipend of \$6,000.00 for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid out of Title I funds.
4. Approve the appointment Rosella Fedor as Chairperson for the 2021 Scholarship Celebration at a stipend of \$4,000.00. (Incorrect stipend amount was originally listed as \$3,000.00 on agenda)
5. Approve the appointment of Juel Anne Klepadlo as Co- Chairperson for the 2021 Scholarship Celebration at a stipend of \$2,000.00.
6. Approve the request of Cindy Lynch, English Teacher, to take a sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
7. Accept, with regret, Danielle Rozelle's letter of resignation as emotional support teacher effective August 13, 2020.
8. Approve the transfer of Rob Lemoncelli from Special Education Teacher to BCIT teacher.
9. Approve the transfer of Brian Butler from Guidance Counselor to Cyber Coordinator/Assessment Coordinator.
10. Approve the appointment of Janine Smith as Special Education Teacher.
11. Approve the appointment of Samantha Pisano as Special Education Teacher.
12. Approve the appointment of Hannah Bruseo as Special Education Teacher.
13. Approve the appointment of David Bond as Guidance Counselor.
14. Approve the appointment of Cheryl Banull as School Psychologist.
15. Approve the appointment of Matthew Finn as Health/Physical Education Teacher.
16. Approve the professional substitute list for the 2020-2021 school year.
17. Approve to rescind Tom Loftus as Family & Consumer Science Chairperson.
18. Approve the appointment of Antoinette Jones as Family & Consumer Science Chairperson.
19. Approve the request of Joyce Becker, Music Teacher, to take a sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
20. Approve the furloughs of the following PCA's: Linda Cohen, Patricia Drendall, Jacquelyn Kasa and Sharon Sorokin, Library Aide, Kelly Kaslavage, Hall Monitor, Jessica Sands and Police, Jessica Bartalotta, during the COVID-19 operational changes effective immediately until further notice

Motion by Mr. Campenni, second by Mr. Pribula, to accept the education report.

Roll Call: Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin abstained on item #3 and voted yes on the remaining report. Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. DeAngelo read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the request of Chrissy Campenni, Wyoming Area Field Hockey Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers, pending CDC Covid-19 guidelines.

- Sabatini's fundraiser
- Bagging at Gerrity's
- Pizza Sale
- Mask Sale

2. Approve the request of Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Soccer Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers, pending CDC Covid-19 guidelines.

- Lottery Tickets
- Pizza Sale

3. Approve the appointment of Nikki Sitkowski as volunteer coach for girls soccer for the 2020-2021 Fall sports season.

Motion by Mr. DeAngelo, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the activities report.

Roll Call: Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Pribula read the Building Report.

1. Approve the request of Joan Shinko, Cleaning Personnel, to take a medical leave of absence for the 2020-2021 school year.

2. Accept, with regret, Ruth Snyder's letter of intent to retire as a Personal Care Aide effective October 31, 2020.

3. Approve the support personnel substitute list for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion by Mr. Pribula, second by Mr. DeAngelo, to accept the building report.

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Motion passed.

With no questions for open discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Valenti, second by Mr. Marianacci.

Gerald Stofko, President

John Marianacci, Secretary