

10981  
Wyoming Area School District  
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting  
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643  
Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

The combined work session/regular meeting was held this evening at the Wyoming Area Secondary Center auditorium, 20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643, with approximately 30 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 7:16 p.m.

Roll Call: Mrs. Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, President  
Mrs. Deanna Farrell, Vice President  
Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary  
Mr. Carmen Bolin  
Dr. Estelle Campenni  
Mr. Gerald A. Stofko  
Mrs. Toni Valenti

Absent: Mrs. Kimberly A. Yochem, Treasurer

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Vito Quaglia, Secondary Center Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Center Principal, Jon Pollard, Elementary Building Principal of Tenth St./JFK, Joseph Long, Elementary Building Principal of Montgomery Ave./SJD, Christine Rosenkrans, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Vanessa Nee, Director of Special Education, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Melissa Collevchio, Foodservice Director, Angelo Falzone, Director of Transportation/Attendance, Frank Pugliese, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Grace Gober and Emily Uritz, Student Representatives.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit's minutes of regular meeting of March 23, 2016.
2. Mitchell Payne, part-time cleaner, submitting his letter of resignation.
3. Craig Robertson, President of the West Pittston High School Alumni Association, requesting permission for former students to tour the Montgomery Avenue School, set up historical material and gather on the front steps for a picture and to sing the Alma Mater.
4. Samantha Vacula Wyoming/West Wyoming/Exeter Panthers, requesting permission to rent the Secondary Center cafeteria and hallway at \$50.00 for Designer Purse Bingo.
5. Roslyn Leo, requesting permission to rent the gym, gym hallway, multi-purpose room, concession stand and cheer mats at \$230.00 for the WVWYFFC League Cheer Competition in case of inclement weather only.
6. Cathy White, President of the Wyoming Area Swim and Dive Team Parents Association, requesting permission to use the pool for "Swim with the Warriors."
7. Cathy White, President of the Wyoming Area Swim and Dive Team Parents Association, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers.
8. Kate Orlando, Secretary of the Boys Varsity Soccer Parents, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers.

9. Renee Linda Hurwitz, Speech & Language Teacher, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
10. Ann Harding, Second Grade Teacher at Montgomery Avenue Elementary School, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
11. Carol Ference, Special Education Teacher at Secondary Center, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
12. Nancy Romanowski requesting permission to take an unpaid medical leave of absence for half-days.
13. Sarah Pellegrini submitting her letter of resignation as drama advisor.
14. Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Soccer Parents Association, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers for the upcoming 2016-2017 girls soccer season.
15. JoAnn Pellegrini, School Nurse at Tenth Street, submitting her letter of intent to retire.

#### Summary of Applications Received

Elementary – 9

Chemistry – 1

Family & Consumer Science – 1

Speech/Language Pathologist

Mid Level Math – 2

English – 2

Special Education PK-8 – 3

Biology - 1

#### Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Gober-Mangan asked for approval of the minutes of April 26, 2016. All board members voted aye. Motion passed.

#### Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. Junior Leadership graduation will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the following students:
  1. Peter Butera
  2. Tristan Sokach-Minnick
  3. Emily Uritz
  4. Gina Zehner
2. On Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, six Tenth Street students attended the PMEA District 9 Chorus Fest at Marywood University. The students prepared several pieces of two part harmony music before the festival, then rehearsed all day with 155 students from local school districts and presented a concert at 7:00 pm. The students were nominated by their teacher, Narda Sperrazza, who accompanied them to the festival.
3. Tonight, May 17th, Tenth Street Elementary is having their annual Night of the Arts, from 6:00- 7:15pm.

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This involves displaying the art work from students in grades K through six throughout the building, as well as a concert by the Tenth Street Elementary Chorus (an extra-curricular organization that was initiated by Miss Sperrazza nine years ago). There are currently 55 students in the Tenth Street Chorus, which is directed by Miss Sperrazza. The art teacher at Tenth Street is Mrs. Lorraine Jarden.

4. At this time I would like to present this well-deserved Award to Grace Gober for her outstanding service in representing the student body on the Wyoming Area School Board for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years. Her participation was an invaluable resource to the Board in its decision-making process. Congratulations Grace!

Student Representatives Report

Emily Uritz read the report.

Track Districts: The girls got third. Bree Bednarski received three gold medals and the girls relay qualify for States. Vanessa Shedlock received gold. The girls lacrosse won the first round of playoffs and will play Wyoming Seminary on Thursday. The Marching Band won 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalcade Championships. Middle School Indoor Percussion won the championships. The Key Club was recognized by the PA. State Senate for their community service and awarded the Outstanding Community Partner by the Luzerne County Head Start.

Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Gober-Mangan read the report in the absence of Kimberly Yochem.

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| First National<br>Community Bank                     | General Fund               | 5,990,708.51 |
| First National<br>Community Bank                     | Payroll Account            | 5,137.94     |
| First National<br>Community Bank                     | Cafeteria Account          | 84,795.18    |
| First National<br>Community Bank                     | Student Activities Account | 128,565.70   |
| First National<br>Community Bank                     | Athletic Fund Account      | 11,703.04    |
| First National<br>Community Bank                     | Purchasing Account         | 500.00       |
| Pennsylvania Local<br>Government Investment<br>Trust | Earned Income Tax Revenue  | 310,782.94   |

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

Finance Report

Mrs. Gober-Mangan read the finance report in the absence of Kimberly Yochem.

## 1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Tax Administrator

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Earned Income Tax     | 87,567.07       |
| Local Service Tax     | 654.25          |
| Per Capita Tax        | 426.60          |
| Delinquent Per Capita | <u>1,086.81</u> |
| Total:                | 89,734.73       |

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Basic Education Funding | 2,219,026.32     |
| Social Security         | <u>52,676.00</u> |
| Total:                  | 2,271,702.32     |

Local Realty Transfer Tax

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Luzerne County | 9,506.24 |
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Delinquent Taxes

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Wyoming County | 29,612.92 |
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Landmark Bank

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Credit Card Rewards | 42.15 |
|---------------------|-------|

Miscellaneous

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| Luzerne County Dept. of Probation Services<br>(Restitution) | 143.07 |
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- Approve the May payment of \$114,383.99 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Approve the May payment of \$41,685.00 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Approve a refund of paid property taxes in the amount of \$604.33 for the year 2015 for Pin #67-F10NE1-001-13H.
- Approve the budgeted ambulance contribution for the 2015-2016 fiscal year: 250.00 each to West Pittston, West Wyoming, Wyoming, Exeter and Harding. (Was informed West Pittston and Wyoming Ambulance do not exist)
- Approve the budgeted library contribution for the 2015-2016 fiscal year: \$2,000.00 each to the Wyoming Free Library and the West Pittston Library.
- Approve the appointment of Dr. Matthew Soranno, Dr. Steven Bonomo, Dr. Erani Pagliarini, Dr. Leann Skoranski and Dr. Ann McDonough as school dentists, to do examinations as state mandated for grades, K, 3 and 7, for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Approve the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2016-2017 school year and authorize the Secretary of the Board to advertise the budget notice of the adoption of the Proposed Final General Fund Budget according to law.

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The Proposed Final General Fund Budget provides for the expenditures of \$33,496,076.00 and equity and revenues of a like amount and reflects a tax of 15.4127 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 75.9986 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 on 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%.

9. Approve the Letter of Agreement for Title I Services between Wyoming Area School District and Wilkes-Barre Area School District. The agreement will commence on September 2, 2015 and terminate on June 30, 2016.
10. Approve the agreement for contracted professional services to be provided by the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 to Wyoming Area School District for the 2016-2017 school year at a total cost of \$1,122,325.68.
11. Approve summer hours for Paula Ball, School Nurse, for 150-200 hours for the 2016-2017 sports season and academic year.
12. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

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|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Bill Listing: May 2016 | 507,194.61       |                  |
| Prepays: April 2016    | <u>80,387.77</u> | 587,582.38       |
| <br>                   |                  |                  |
| Cafeteria Account:     | 82,074.61        |                  |
| Athletic Account:      | <u>7,921.00</u>  | <u>89,995.61</u> |
|                        | Total:           | 677,577.99       |

On the Question: Mrs. Valenti informed the board that West Pittston Ambulance does not exist. The Board Secretary later was notified by Mr. Marianacci that Wyoming does not have an ambulance association.

At this time, Mr. Thomas Melone of Albert B. Melone Company gave a power point presentation on the budget for 2016-2017.

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Yorina voted no on item #8 and yes on the remaining report. Mrs. Farrell, 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 2015-2016 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the graduation ceremony to take place on Friday, June 17, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the stadium, weather permitting or 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.
3. Approve to post for SAT Verbal/SAT Math summer classes to start mid July to mid August.
4. Approve to post for the summer science academy to start the week of July 18, 2016.
5. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2015-2016 school year.
6. Approve Courtney Thomas as a long term substitute for Carol Ference, Special Education, at the Secondary Center, retroactive to December 21, 2015 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year, at the step placement of Bachelor's Step 1, \$34, 698.00, pro-rated according to duration of assignment.
7. Accept, with regret, Renee Linda Hurwitz's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
8. Accept, with regret, Ann Harding's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
9. Accept, with regret, Carol Ference's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
10. Approve Janet Serino, Superintendent, to oversee preparation of submission to PDE for approval: Title I, Title II, and Title IV grant programs and application for the 2016-2017 school year.
11. Approve the agreement between Wyoming Area Education Association and Wyoming Area School District to allow any member of the professional staff to voluntarily donate one sick leave day to Melissa Burdette to be used during the 2015-2016 school year.
12. Accept, with regret, Sarah Pellegrini's letter of resignation as drama advisor effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
13. Approve the following class changes for the 2016-2017 school year:

Collapse

- 1 section of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- 2 sections of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- 1 section of 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- ½ day Music @ Secondary Center
- 1 full day art @ Secondary Center (added from floor)

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Create

- 1 section of Kindergarten
- Title I Math Position
- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade Loop Position
- ½ day Art Teacher at Secondary Center
- Full day Music @ Secondary Center

14. Accept, with regret, JoAnn Pellegrini's letter of intent to retire as school nurse at Tenth Street, at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
15. Approve the appointment of Rosella Fedor as consultant serving as chairperson of the Scholarship/Awards Program at a salary of \$3,000.00 for the 2016-2017 school year. (This item was added from the floor)
16. Approve the appointment of Rita Mauriello as Title I Coordinator/Reading Consultant at a salary of \$6,000.00 to be paid from Title I funds for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Mr. Yorina, second by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, to accept the education report.

On the Question: Mrs. Serino explained item #13. None of the elementary teachers will be losing their positions. Cindy Borzell of Wyoming questioned items #15 and #16. Mrs. Serino responded Mrs. Mauriello works numerous hours. There are tons of changes and we need to get polices out there for the federal programs. We couldn't pay someone to do this for \$6,000. This comes out of Title I money. Mrs. Borzell stated she is already getting a hefty retirement. Mrs. Serino stated but that is her retirement. She doesn't have to be here to do that. Mrs. Borzell stated that since she is retired and so interested in doing it can't she come in and volunteer. Mrs. Serino responded well we appreciate that and I'm sure the board does too. George Race of Exeter asked if items #7 and #9 have to be replaced. Mrs. Serino responded the first is a speech position and that will be replaced. Item #8 no and Item #9 will be replaced. Asked if the Title I position is considered a federal employee, Mrs. Serino responded she is paid by the federal government but work for the district and are under the bargaining unit.

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

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mrs. Farrell read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the request of Kate Orlando, Secretary of the Boys Varsity Soccer Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers for the 2016-2017 school year:
  - Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale
  - Soccer Tournament –At Luzerne County Recreational Field in Forty Fort, July 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
  - Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale
  - Car Wash
  - Basket Raffle
  - Soccer Flag Sale
  - Apparel Sale

2. Approve the request of Cathy White, President of the Wyoming Area Swim and Dive Team Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers for the 2016-2017 school year:

- Car Wash in July
- Game Ball Raffle Tickets at home football games
- Updating of Sponsor signs in the pool area
- Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale in Nov./Dec.
- Lottery Tickets in Dec./Jan.

3. Approve the appointments of the following head coaches for the 2016-2017 fall and winter sports season:

Fall Coaches

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|------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Cheerleading     | Rhonda Pizano        | 2,508.00 |
| Cross Country    | Paul Hindmarsh       | 2,563.00 |
| Field Hockey     | Chris Comiskey       | 4,598.00 |
| Football         | Randy Spencer        | 7,801.00 |
| Golf             | Gordon Williams      | 1,951.00 |
| Boys Soccer      | Richard Branco       | 4,598.00 |
| Girls Soccer     | Lisa Nikki Sitkowski | 4,598.00 |
| Girls Volleyball | Nicholas Diaco       | 2,105.00 |
| Girls Tennis     | Tiffany Callaio      | 1,554.00 |

Winter Coaches

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|------------------|------------------|----------|
| Boys Basketball  | Peter Moses      | 6,354.00 |
| Girls Basketball | Chad Lojewski    | 6,354.00 |
| Swimming         | Natalie Carr     | 4,598.00 |
| Wrestling        | Jason Prokopchak | 6,354.00 |

4. Approve the request of Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Soccer Parents Association, to hold various fundraisers for the upcoming 2016-2017 girls soccer season:

- Car Wash – August 2016 at Dileo’s Service Station
- Gerrity’s – players will bag groceries in West Pittston and Wyoming
- Applebee’s – players will serve breakfast
- Candy bar sale – players to sell Gertrude Hawk Candy

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, second by Dr. Campenni, to accept the activities report.

On the Question: Bob Borzell, Wyoming, questioned the start and end of all sports seasons. Mrs. Quaglia responded the Fall starts August until October, Winter is November through February and Spring is March to end of school year. Mr. Melone stated salaries are per the collective bargaining agreement.

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

Building Report

Mr. Stofko read the Building Report.

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1. Approve the request of Nancy Romanowski to take an unpaid medical leave of absence for pm half-days beginning May 16, 2016 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
2. Approve the carry-over of any remaining donated sick bank days for Steve Chipolis to the 2016-2017 school year.
3. Approve the request of Cathy White, President of the Wyoming Area Swim and Dive Team Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center pool area, balcony, locker rooms for "Swim with the Warriors Clinic" for K-8<sup>th</sup> grades, Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, June 16, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. (Class A)
4. Approve the request of Craig Robertson, President of the West Pittston High School Alumni Association, requesting permission for the Alumni Association to tour Montgomery Avenue Elementary Schools library, gym and former auditorium now the cafeteria, to permit the West Pittston Library and West Pittston Historical Society to set up displays of historical material in the cafeteria area and to permit the members to gather on the front steps to sing the Alma Mater on Saturday, October 22, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 pm., pending approval by the building principal. A fee of \$25.00 per hour may be charged to the organization if a custodian's services are needed. (Class E)
5. Approve the request of Roslyn Leo, Cheer Advisor, Wyoming/West Wyoming/Exeter Panthers, to rent the gym, gym hallway, concession stand, multi-purpose room and cheer mats at \$230.00 for the WVVYFFC League Cheer Competition, Saturday, September 24, 2016, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The facilities are to be used in the event of inclement weather only. 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)
6. Approve the request of Samantha Vacula, Wyoming/West Wyoming/Exeter Panthers, to rent the Secondary Center cafeteria and hallway at \$50.00 for Designer Purse Bingo on Sunday, June 26, 2016, starting at 1:00 p.m. They would like access to building at 10:00 a.m., pending approval by the building principal and foodservice director. A fee of \$25.00 per hour may be charged to the organization if a custodian or cafeteria worker's services are needed. (Class B)
7. Accept, with regret, Mitchell Payne's letter of resignation as part time cleaner retroactive to May 1, 2016. Mr. Payne would like to remain on the substitute list.
8. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

ON the Question: George Race asked if the pool is used a lot. Response was the Germania Scuba used it and swim meets are held.

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

Motion passed.

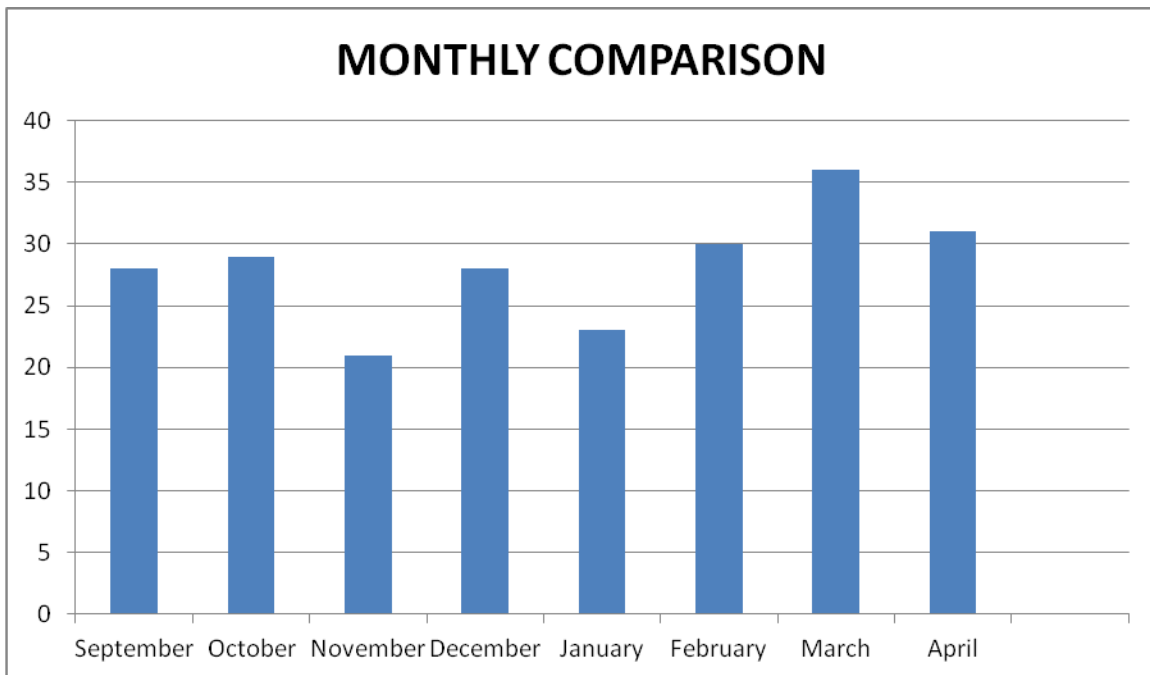
#### Police Report

**Wyoming Area Police Department  
Monthly Report for April 2016  
Total Calls for Service 31**

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>CODE</b>                         |                    |
| 3870 – Medical Emergency            | 1                  |
| 2450 –Harrassment                   | 4                  |
| 2490 – Disorderly Conduct Reports   | 2                  |
| 2601 – Use of Tobacco In Schools    | 1                  |
| 2690 – All Other Offences – Reports | 5                  |
| 3100 – Motor Vehicle Accidents      | 1                  |
| 3610 – Disturbances – Juvenile      | 2                  |
| 4090 – Non – Criminal – Reports     | 6                  |
| 4091 – Custody Dispute (s)          | 1                  |
| Pare – Parent Conference            | 1                  |
| Trua – Compulsory School Attendance | 7                  |
|                                     | <b>Total</b> ----- |
|                                     | <b>31</b>          |

Monthly Comparison

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| <b>March Calls for Service</b> | <b>April Calls for Service</b> | <b>Plus/Minus Comparison</b> |
| 36                             | 31                             | -5                           |



Open Discussion: Mr. Yorina commented regarding what a great job our students are doing in competitions. (Science Olympiad, Chorus, etc.) Mrs. Serino said in the past they used to recognize the students at the board meeting. There wasn't a lot of people so they weren't getting the recognition they deserved. Now they get honored by their peers.

- Donna Kostik, Wyoming, commented on students starting school later this year for students. Mrs. Serino responded that the main reason is students will be moving to different buildings and this will give us more time. Attorney Ferentino stated it is the move and contractual reasons as well.
- Bob Borzell, Wyoming, under building, item #5, where were they holding the cheerleading competition. Mrs. Serino responded they didn't list it on their request.
- Craig Robertson, President of the West Pittston High School Alumni Association, introduced himself to the board and thanked them for allowing his request to be approved to tour Montgomery Avenue School.
- John Pegg, West Wyoming, commented on basic ed funding and special education funding, the teachers contract and stated it would be nice to hear good things about revenue such as the foundation.

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- George Race, Exeter, asked if SJD is sold where does the money go? Attorney Ferentino responded into the general fund.
- Mr. Yorina commented on the special education prom at Gennetti's. As a parent of a special needs child he was happy that the children are included.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Marianacci, second by Mr. Stofko.

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Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, President

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John Marianacci, Secretary