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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, September 21, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening at the Secondary Center auditorium, 20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, with approximately fifty people in attendance. A non-public personnel meeting preceded the regular meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. John Bolin, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. John Bolin, President
 Mr. John Marianacci, Vice President
 Mrs. Toni Valenti, Secretary
 Dr. Frank Casarella, Treasurer
 Mr. Samuel Aritz
 Mr. David Alberigi
 Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo
 Mr. Gil Dominick

Absent: Dr. Estelle Campenni

Also in attendance were: Raymond J. Bernardi, Superintendent, Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, Vito Quaglia, Secondary Building Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Building Principal, Robert Kaluzavich, Elementary Principal of Montgomery Ave./SJD, Jon Pollard, Elementary Principal of Tenth St./JFK, Attorney Raymond A. Hassey, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Janet Boyer, Foodservice Manager, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Dave Amico, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Morgan Bilbow, Student Representative, Jean Marie Radle, Secretary to the District Principal of Curriculum, Elementary and Secondary Teachers.

Communications Report

Mrs. Valenti read the Communications Report.

1. Thomas E. Gluck, Acting Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Education, notifying the Superintendent, the district's Local Education Agency's (LEA) compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) has met the requirements. This year's determinations are based on the LEA's performance for federal fiscal year 2008. A LEA that receives a determination of "meets requirements" is eligible to take advantage of the 50% Maintenance of Effort (MOE) options under Section 300.203 of Part B of the IDEA.
2. Renee A. Palakovic, Division Chief, Pennsylvania Department of Education, notifying the Superintendent, the Division of Federal Programs has received the district's 2010-2011 Consolidated Federal Programs Application in substantially approvable form.
3. Deanna Mennig, Math Teacher, requesting permission to attend the "Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics" Conference in Harrisburg.
4. Cherish Francik requesting permission for use of the Secondary Center cafeteria for the Ice Hockey Team's "Meet the Warriors."
5. Wayne Steele, Events Chairman for Barbershop Quartet, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center auditorium, lobby, music classrooms and library for their Barbershop Show.
6. Rita Mauriello requesting permission to attend the Dibels Next Training Sessions in Harrisburg.
7. The UFCW Credit Union requesting approval to raffle baskets at home football games.

8. Tiffany Pizzano and Jenny Kranson, JFK PTO, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a Longaberger Basket Bingo fundraiser.
9. Deb Popson, Special Education Supervisor, requesting permission to attend the Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) Annual Officers Meeting and National Conference in South Carolina.
10. Grievance #2010-01 submitted by the Wyoming Area Education Association.

Summary of Applications Received

Speech & Language - 1
Elementary - 2
Health/Physical Education - 1

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. DeAngelo, second by Mr. Aritz to accept the minutes of regular meeting August 24, 2010. All eight board members present voted aye, motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bernardi read the Superintendent's Report.

1. *I would like to introduce the new **Student Representative, Morgan Bilbow**, who will serve on the **Board of Education** for a **two-year term (2010-2012)**. I welcome her and look forward to working with **Morgan and Jillian Balberchak**, who will begin her **second term** on the Board.*
2. *Acknowledge the **Perfect Attendance** for the **2009-2010** school year for the following employees:*

PERFECT ATTENDANCE
No Sick or Personal Days Used

Ann Marie Lawrence
Joan Shinko
Natalie Ferretti
Jennifer Judge
Christopher Alberigi
Paula Ball
Brian Butler
Tiffany Callaio
Paula Cecil
Angelo Falzone
Carolyn Flickinger
Annette Gentile
Christopher Hizynski
Ann Marie Kachmarsky
Leo Lulewicz
Catherine Maheady
Christine Marianacci
Rita Mauriello
Deanna Mennig
Theodora Rabel

Carol Rauh
Susan Sherinsky
Roseann Stull
Joshua Sutton

No Sick Days Used

Mary Pat Augello
Marilyn Bolus
Mary Lou Bosha
ReneeDeAngelo
Joe Gillespie
Mariclaire Jones
Robert Kaluzavich
Daneen Kearns
Linda McDermott
Ann More
Ann Marie Parente
Joanne Pellegrini
Sheila Murtha
Aida Robbins
Brian Strazdus
Leonarda Sperrazza
Jeanne Sviatko
Tosca Villano

3. *Report on 2010 PSSA Results.*

Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, gave a presentation on the PSSA results. According to Mrs. Serino, Wyoming Area students exceeded state averages at all grade levels. Every student in some elementary grades scored proficient or advanced in math. A writing program and elementary science program also showed students with high scores. Mrs. Serino stated, "The assistant superintendent at Lehigh Valley saw the scores online and called me." "He said, I want to know what you're doing because we need to be doing some of that."

4. *Integration of Promethean Boards with Effective Teaching Strategies/3 year Technology Initiative. Interactive White Boards (IWB's)/The 21st Century Classroom.*

At this time, Jen Hallman and Daneen Kearns gave a review of the Promethean Boards, which are computer powered boards that teaches students through games and graphics. Four teachers, Carmella Argento, Ryan Kennedy, Sheila Murtha and Elizabeth Dessoie demonstrated the Promethean Boards. Presently the district has seventy one of these boards which drew positive feedback from teachers who trained on the boards during the summer.

Mr. Bolin praised Daneen Kearns and Jen Hallman for teaching the teachers in the summer to learn the boards.

Student Representative's Report

Morgan Bilbow read the report.

Most of the clubs at Wyoming Area are still in the process of recruiting new members and are in the beginning phases of starting new ideas and projects for the 2010-2011 school year. The Key Club had a successful blood drive and collected around 42 units of blood for the American Red Cross. The Drama Club recently has announced that the school musical will be "Annie" and are having cabaret which they will be conducting a flash mob dance crew in the near future. Lastly, Student Council recently had a mums fundraiser for pep rallies and also the dances after home football games.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Casarella read the Treasurer's Report.

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Checking Account</u>	<u>Money Market Account</u>
Landmark Bank	General Fund	169,209.77	
First National Community Bank	General Fund	1,915,694.66	
Fidelity Bank	General Fund		.00
Wachovia Bank	General Fund	34,816.91	
PNC Bank	Payroll Account	2,655.13	
Fidelity Bank	Payroll Account	906.46	
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	11.34	
Landmark Bank	Cafeteria Account	76,813.50	
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	136,141.20	
Landmark Bank	Student Activities Account	4,423.94	
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	89,765.74	
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	14,477.76	
Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,059.47	
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,646.60	
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund-Bank Construction Account	133,900.32	
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Investment Account	1,087,254.60	
Landmark Bank	Delinquent Tax Fund Account	110,356.37	

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

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Finance Report

Mr. DeAngelo read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Don Wilkinson Agency (Aug.)</u>	
Earned Income Tax	136,802.93
Local State Tax	2,725.00
Per Capita , Current	<u>14,022.20</u>
Total:	153,550.13
<u>Local Realty Transfer Taxes</u>	
James Red O'Brien - Luzerne County	9,396.48
Dennis Montross - Wyoming County (July)	269.50
Dennis Montross - Wyoming County (Aug.)	<u>460.60</u>
Total:	10,126.58
<u>Luzerne Intermediate Unit</u>	
ARRA IDEA 2009-2010 (50% reduction)	280,180.00
<u>Delinquent Real Estate Taxes</u>	
Wyoming County	23,324.68
<u>State & Federal Subsidy Payments</u>	
Social Security	46,689.00
Title I - Improving Basic Programs	92,750.66
Academic Achievement Award	7,626.68
PA. Accountability Grants	51,242.00
Basic Education Funding	1,029,085.80
School District Transportation	109,837.00
Reimbursement of Charter Schools	8,934.00
Property Tax Relief Payment	<u>237,505.00</u>
Total:	1,583,670.14
<u>2010 Real Estate Taxes</u>	
<i>*George Miller</i>	<i>445,970.17</i>
<i>West Pittston Borough</i>	
Tom Polacheck	777,880.63
Exeter Borough	
Carol Bardzel	117,231.65
Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	
Robert Connors	356,354.46
West Wyoming Borough	
Paul Konopka	292,900.27
Wyoming Borough	
Wayman Smith	266,626.84
Exeter Township, Luzerne County	
<u>2009 Supplemental Bills</u>	
Wayman Smith	1,174.37
Exeter Township, Luzerne County	<u>471.09</u>
Total:	1,645.46
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
District Court 11-2-01	63.77

2. Approve the September payment of \$73,400.39 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2010-2011 school year.
3. Approve the September payment of \$47,128.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2010-2011 school year.
4. Approve the attached list of tuition reimbursements submitted as of August 31, 2010.
5. Approve the payment of \$11,412.00 to Charles W. Grimm Construction from the Capital Project Account.
6. Approve the appointment of Dehey & McAndrew to provide continued consulting and support services for benefit plan entitled IRC Section 125 at a cost of \$5,250.00 for the 2010-2011 school year. Services include all administration, plan documentation and IRS filings.
7. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing:	9-21-10	600,831.76	
Prepays:	8-31-10	<u>67,919.03</u>	668,750.79
Cafeteria Account:		25,904.34	
Athletic Fund Account:		<u>871.50</u>	<u>26,775.84</u>
		Total:	695,526.63

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

Roll Call: All Board Members present voted yes to accept the finance report. Motion passed.

**WYOMING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE FOR TUITION REIMBURSEMENT
SEPTEMBER,
2010**

EMPLOYEE NAME	AMOUNT TO BE REIMBURSED
ALTAVILLA DOMINIC	\$300.00
ANDREWSCAVAG E DONNA	\$300.00
ANGELI KORY LYN	\$900.00
ARGO ANTHONY	\$900.00
ARITZ ASHLEY	\$900.00
AUGELLO MARY PAT	\$1,200.00
BIAGO NICOLE (Ginthner)	\$600.00
BLAZICK VICTORIA (Ziegler)	\$1,500.00
BOLUS MARILYN	\$600.00
BUFALINO PAMELA	\$300.00
BURDETT MELISSA	\$1,500.00
CALLAIO TIFFANY	\$1,500.00
CEFALO JOSETTE	\$600.00
CEFALO JUDITH	\$600.00
DAIELLO KIMBERLY (Ziegler)	\$600.00
DAY LISA	\$780.00
DELUCCA COURTNEY	\$600.00

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DESSOYE	ELIZABETH	\$1,500.00
DILEO	DIANE	\$600.00
DRAGWA	KELLY	\$1,200.00
DWYER	KAREN	\$300.00
EVANS	BRANDI (Grochal)	\$1,500.00
FANTI	MICHAEL	\$300.00
GILLESPIE	ERICA	\$1,500.00
HIZYNSKI	CHRISTOPHER	\$300.00
JUDGE	JENNIFER	\$900.00
KACHMARSKY	ANN MARIE	\$900.00
KENNEDY	RYAN	\$600.00
KOPKO	JOSEPH	\$900.00
LATONA	SARAH	\$1,200.00
LAWRENCE	ANN MARIE	\$900.00
LOFTUS	THOMAS	\$1,800.00
LULEWICZ	LEO	\$300.00
MAZZITELLI	SARA	\$600.00
MCANDREW	TRUDY	\$300.00
MENNIG	DEANNA	\$900.00
MOLINO	STACEY (Rutt)	\$600.00
MURTHA	SHEILA	\$600.00
PORFIRIO	DEEDRA	\$300.00
REBOVICH	REBECCA	\$1,800.00
RUTKOSKI	DAMIEN	\$600.00
SCHULTZ	SUSAN	\$300.00
STEVENSON	JUDY	\$300.00
STRAZDUS	BRIAN	\$600.00
TENCZA	MARY ANN	\$300.00
TOWNSEND	CLARISE	\$600.00
YEAGER	STACEY	\$300.00
		\$36,480.00

Education Report

Dr. Casarella read the Education Report in the absence of Dr. Campenni.

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 2010-2011 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve to rescind the appointment of Barbara Talaska as a Temporary Professional Employee Secondary Art Teacher and approve as a Professional Employee Secondary Art Teacher for the 2010-2011 school year at a step placement Masters Step 8 \$43,370.00.
3. Approve to rescind the appointment of Heather Caprari as a Temporary Professional Employee 7-12 Math Teacher and approve as a Professional Employee 7-12 Math Teacher for the 2010-2011 school year at step placement Masters +06 Step 5 \$40,048.00.
4. Approve the following step placements for the following Temporary Professional Employees:

Nancy Roman	Bachelors +12	Step 1	\$33,882.00
Kathleen Geraghty	Bachelors +24	Step 1	\$34,873.00

5. Approve the appointment of Juel Anne Klepadlo and Lisa Barrett as FBLA Co-Advisors for the 2010-2011 school year.
6. Approve the appointment of Morgan Bilbow as student representative to the Wyoming Area School Board for the 2010-2011 school year.
7. Approve Kelly Dragwa for tenure having completed three years of satisfactory service as a temporary professional employee recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.
8. Approve the request of Deanna Mennig, Math Teacher, to attend "Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics" Conference from Wednesday, November 10th to Friday, November 12, 2010 in Harrisburg. Cost for registration is \$70.00 and lodging is \$305.20 to be funded by Title II funds.
9. Approve the request of Rita Mauriello to attend the Dibels Next Training Sessions in Harrisburg from Monday, October 4th to Thursday, October 7, 2010. Cost to be funded by Title I funds.
10. Approve the request of Deb Popson to attend the Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) Annual Officers Meeting and National Conference in South Carolina from Tuesday, October 26th to Friday, October 29, 2010. Cost not to exceed \$260.00.
11. Approve the revised teacher substitute list.

Motion by Dr. Casarella, second by Mr. Marianacci, to accept the education report.

Roll Call: All Board Members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the appointment of Celeste Calpin as Driver Theory Instructor for the 2010-2011 school year.
2. Approve to rescind the following appointments for the 2010 fall season:

Kelly Dougherty Assistant Varsity Field Hockey Coach
Joelle Lussi Jr. High Assistant Field Hockey Coach
Noah Pickett Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach

3. Approve to ratify the following appointments for the 2010 fall season:

Joelle Lussi – Jr. High Field Hockey Coach	1,923.00
Megan Krebs – Assistant Jr. High Field Hockey Coach	1,422.00
Noah Pickett – Head Girls Volleyball Coach	1,815.00

4. Approve the request of the UFCW Credit Union to raffle baskets at the home football games with proceeds to benefit student activities.

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

Roll Call: All Board Members present voted yes. Motion passed.

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Building Report

Mr. Dominick read the Building Report.

1. Approve to ratify the request to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors Soccer Team" on Sunday, August 29, 2010.
2. Approve the transfer of Carolyn Carlson as a personal care aide for a kindergarten student at Montgomery Avenue Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year.
3. Approve the request of Cherish Francik for the Ice Hockey Team to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors" on Sunday, October 24, 2010, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager.
4. Approve the request of Wayne Steele, Event Chairman for the Barbershop Quartet, to use the Secondary Center auditorium, lobby, music classrooms, library and balcony for their Barbershop Show on Saturday, April 16, 2011, 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Also requesting the auditorium for Friday, April 15, 2011, for dress rehearsal from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
5. Approve the transfer of Maureen Mello to Tenth Street cafeteria as part-time, 4 hour foodservice cashier.
6. Approve the request of Tiffany Pizzano and Jenny Kranson, JFK PTO, to hold a Longaberger Basket Bingo fundraiser on Sunday, December 5, 2010 or alternate date Sunday, December 12, 2010, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager.
7. Approve the revised substitute support personnel list.

Motion by Mr. Dominick, second by Mr. Aritz, to accept the building report.

Roll Call: All Board Members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Open Discussion

Mrs. Valenti stated she would like to thank Mr. Harris of Wyoming Valley Pallets for donating mulch for the JFK Building and would like to send a thank you note to him. Dr. Casarella commended the teachers for the great job they did with the PSSA's. Mr. Aritz commended Joe Scrobola for the fly over at the stadium before the start of the first home football game with West Scranton. It was unbelievable. Mr. Bolin commended Bobby Messina of the Eagle Scouts for donating and erecting a flag pole at the Montgomery Avenue Elementary School. Mr. George Race of Exeter questioned the pension reduction and impact to Wyoming Area School District. Mr. Melone responded that the reduction to Wyoming Area School District due to the rate reduction would approximate \$154,000.00 in savings. The savings would remain in the general fund and if not spent would increase the fund balance. The PSERS by letter recommends to add the savings in the fund balance and help offset future increases. Projections are available for approximately ten years and you should refer to the PSERS web site for additional information.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Mr. DeAngelo.

John Bolin, President

Toni Valenti, Secretary