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Wyoming Area School District  
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education  
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643  
Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting was held this evening at the Wyoming Area Secondary Center auditorium, 20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, with approximately 100 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, asked everyone to remain standing and take a moment of silence for deceased Mayor of West Pittston, Tony Denisco. Mrs. Gober-Mangan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

- Mrs. Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, President
- Mrs. Deanna Farrell, Vice President
- Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary
- Mrs. Kimberly A. Yochem, Treasurer
- Mr. Carmen Bolin
- Dr. Estelle Campenni
- Mr. Gerald A. Stofko
- Mrs. Toni Valenti
- Mr. Carl Yorina

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Vito Quaglia, Secondary Center Building Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Principal of Secondary Center, Joe Long, Elementary Building Principal of Montgomery Ave./SJD, Jon Pollard, Elementary Building Principal of Tenth St./JFK, Christine Rosenkrans, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Vanessa Nee, Director of Special Education, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Melissa Collevecchio, Food Service Director, Frank Pugliese, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Grace Gober and Emily Uritz, Student Representatives.

Attorney Ferentino welcomed everyone and asked for professionalism through this entire process regarding SJD. Everyone would be given an opportunity to ask questions and voice their opinions with no emotional outburst. Mrs. Gober-Mangan also announced that the board held an executive session on April 12, 2016 to discuss ongoing personnel issues.

#### Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit's minutes of regular meeting of February 24, 2016.
2. Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center auditorium, band room, chorus room and lobby for an "Evening of One Acts."
3. Art Bobbouine, Fortis Institute, requesting permission to rent the Secondary Center auditorium at \$500.00 for their graduation ceremony.
4. Tom Tomsak, Wyoming Area Cheer Parents Association, requesting permission to hold fundraisers for the 2016-2017 school year.
5. Sandra Colwell, Wyoming Area Music Sponsors, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for Spring Fling bingo.
6. Christine Rutledge, National Honor Society Advisor, requesting permission to use the Secondary auditorium and cafeteria for the National Honor Society Induction.

7. Right to Know Request from Walter Malek, Total Office Management, for information pertaining to our postage equipment.
8. Right to Know Request submitted for salaries of all district secretaries.
9. John Owens submitting his letter of resignation as custodian.
10. Carol Reilly, Secondary Center Cleaner, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
11. Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria/kitchen for Thespian Inductions.
12. Right to Know Request submitted for information pertaining to Special Education due process settlements and agreements.
13. Danielle A. Mariano, Director, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Department of Education, notification that the referendum exceptions pursuant to section 333(f) of Special Session Act 1 of 2006, submitted by Wyoming Area School District has been reviewed and that referendum exceptions totaling \$430,147.00 meet the requirements of section 333(f)(2).
14. Patti Drendall, Personal Care Aide at Tenth Street Elementary School, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
15. Rhonda Pizano, Cheerleading Coach, requesting permission to hold a Kiddie Camp, an Annual Fun Run and to attend the Pine Forest Cheer Camp.
16. Bill Holweg, President of the Wyoming Area Lady Warriors Basketball Parents Association, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers and activities for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year.
17. Gina Steve, Secretary at JFK, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
18. Shea Riley, Music Teacher, requesting permission to attend the Wildwood Championships and asking for the district to cover cost for half of charter bus and truck rental.
19. Pastor John J. Sempa, Corpus Christi Parish, requesting permission to use the district's risers for their bazaar.
20. Lisa Minnelli, Tennis Booster Club President, requesting permission to hold a Gertrude Hawk candy sale to support the boys tennis team.
21. Christine Rutledge, National Honor Society Advisor, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for the National Honor Society Senior Banquet.

Summary of Applications Received

Speech Language Pathologist – 1

Elementary – 1

Math – 1

Science – 1

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Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Gober-Mangan asked for approval of regular meeting minutes of March 22, 2016. All board members voted aye. Motion passed.

Superintendent’s Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. Congratulations to all students who participated in the Wyoming Area Drama’s Club presentation of “Grease” on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Secondary Center Auditorium. Also, Congratulations to Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Club Director and Assistant, Chuck Yarmey.
2. Congratulations to our **SECRETARIES** who will be honored on “Secretaries” Day (April 27)

Nancy Alberigi	Lori Napkora
Debbie Andiaro	Ann Marie Parente
Gloria Bovani	Theodora Rabel
Donna Chupka	Jean Marie Radle
Donna Collins	Toni Scalzo
Paula Denisco	Benjamin Schultz
Dawn Fasciana	Rosalie Schultz
Annette Falzone	Gina Steve
Rachelle Furman	Kimberly Thomas
Denise Holmes	Jackie Vasquez
Deborah Konopka	Kathy Youells
Gladys Lincoln	
Doreen Mariannacci	

3. Megan Tomsak and Holly Robbins, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from 10<sup>th</sup> Street, will be representing our school this year at the PMEA District 9 Band fest on Friday, April 29 at Tunkhannock Area School District. Congratulations to Mrs. Becker and the girls!
4. On March 15th the Wyoming Area Builders Club held a blanket making party in the cafeteria to benefit Project Linus.

A total of **128 blankets** were sponsored, made and donated by WA Builders Club members, WA Key Club members, WAC Builders Club members, WA Kiwanis members, students, faculty, and community members. This donation was the largest ever received by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of Project Linus. Builders Club advisors are Michelle Harden and Kate Menta.

5. Builders Club members worked on creating manipulatives and activities for Mrs. Evans's life skills class at 10th Street. Different groups of BC members then visited Mrs. Evans's classroom on March 16th, March 22nd, and April 22nd to interact with the life skills students and do the activities with them. On these 3 days, Builders Club members read the students stories, assisted them with planting seeds for Earth Day, worked on telling time, and helped them with practicing letters and numbers. Students also worked with various manipulatives including a colored paint brush sort; a shades of colors chart; a refrigerator, freezer, or cupboard food sort; alphabet clothes pins; sock matching and pairing; days of the week Mega blocks stacking; clothespin number matching; and a coin identification and sorting tray. The students in life skills loved spending time with the Builders Club buddies, and the Builders Club members thoroughly enjoyed their time working with the younger kids.
6. On Tuesday, April 5, 2016 sixth grade student Katlynn Borosky represented Wyoming Area at an orchestral festival in Berwick. The event, known as String Fest, is sponsored by PMEA (PA Music Educators Association). Music teacher Narda Sperrazza nominated and accompanied Katlynn to the festival.
7. On March 30, 2016 Tenth Street teacher Deborah Przybyla was honored by the PA Commission for Women, hosted by Governor Tom Wolfe in Harrisburg. Deborah was one of 27 former military women who were recognized for their military service to our country. Mrs. Przybyla served in the United States Air Force from 1977-1982. Mrs. Przybyla was nominated for this honor by Exeter mayor Cassandra Coleman, who is a former student of Mrs. Przybyla's.
8. On April 16, 2016, 27 members of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Chorus performed at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins hockey game. The students sang the Star Spangled Banner. The chorus is directed by music teacher Narda Sperrazza. Students were taken to the game by their parents, therefore, this event did not cost the district any money.

#### Student Representative's Report

Grace Gober read the report: Only 33 more days left of school, Spring sports are doing very well. Most sports are half way through their spring season.

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The freshman and sophomore semi is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> at Gramercy in Pittston, Junior and Senior class prom is May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Woodlands, Seniors picnic is June 6<sup>th</sup>, Class day is June 10<sup>th</sup>, Baccalaureate Mass is June 12<sup>th</sup>, Graduation is quickly approaching and seniors are more than happy to finally graduate. This will be on June 17<sup>th</sup> at football field. Quilting Club will be holding 2<sup>nd</sup> quilt show on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 in the gym, A spring concert will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The drama club put on the production of Grease. It was a huge success and they would like to thank everyone who came out to support them. National Honor Society inductions will be held this Thursday, here in the auditorium. The National Honor Society Senior Banquet will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria. Wyoming Area has welcomed a new club called "LEAP" into the school. This club will focus on helping the environment and doing community work. PSSA's and Keystones are being taken by the students this upcoming month. The Wyoming Area 9<sup>th</sup> grade class will be going to Gettysburg on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Treasurer's Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	4,948,461.97
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,126.14
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	72,728.45
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	123,235.86
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	14,736.29
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	Earned Income Tax Revenue	310,710.33

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

Finance Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Berkheimer Tax Administrator</u>	
Earned Income Tax	87,178.78
Local Service Tax	609.41
Per Capita Tax	300.40
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>872.04</u>
Total:	88,960.63

E-Rate Credit

Comcast 629.64

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security 56,101.63  
 Retirement 332,856.02  
 School District Special Education 216,943.00  
 School District Transportation 285,217.00  
 Total: 891,117.65

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County 12,918.93

Miscellaneous

District Court 11-2-01 158.28  
 Luzerne County Probation Services-restitution 96.93  
 Total: 255.21

2. Approve the April 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.
3. Approve the April payment of \$41,685.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2015-2016 school year.
4. Approve the appointment of Golden Photo Studio as the official school photographer for both elementary and high school for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years.
5. Approve the payment of \$1,000.00 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the 2016 Michael M. Ostrowski Performing Arts Institute (PAI) Memorial Scholarship, which sponsors two students to attend PAI on a full performance grant. This is one of the premier summer arts programs in the country held at Wyoming Seminary.
6. Approve the May 1, 2016 payments to Wilmington Trust (M&T Bank) for the following debt obligations:

General Obligation Bonds Series 2015	102,299.52
General Obligation Bonds Series 2016	78,893.79

7. Approve to authorize Albert B. Melone Company, Business Consultant, to solicit quotes if necessary for securing a 2016-2017 Tax Anticipation Note.
8. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 for ESL (English as a Second Language) instructional hours for December 2015 to February 2016 as follows:

December (total of 62.5 hours at \$52.84)	3,302.50
January (total of 90 hours at \$52.84)	4,755.60
February (total of 87 hours at \$52.84)	<u>4,597.08</u>
Total:	12,655.18

9. Approve property, easement and access surveying services in the area of Penn and Susquehanna Avenues to be completed by Quad 3 Architectural, Engineering, and Environmental services at a cost not to exceed \$7,300.00.

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10. Approve the payment in the amount of \$14,272.68 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for Instructional Technology for the district's share of the cost of the Wide Area Network (WAN) for the 2015-2016 school year.
11. Approve an agreement with Luzerne Intermediate Unit that will allow school districts to apply for an emergency certification for qualified applicants. Applicants must complete the Guest Teacher Training program to meet the requirements that will allow them to substitute for participating member school districts. The LIU Guest Teacher membership fee will be waived for the 2015-2016 school year.
12. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing: April 2016	693,244.36	
Prepays: March 2016	<u>87,732.18</u>	780,976.54
Cafeteria Account:	76,347.91	
Athletic Account:	<u>1,029.00</u>	<u>77,376.91</u>
Total: 858,353.45		

Motion by Mrs. Yochem, second by Mrs. Farrell, to accept the finance report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, 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 school calendar to start September 2, 2016 for the 2016-2017 school year.
3. Approve to rescind the appointment of Jill Walsh as a Temporary Professional Employee (TPE) and approve the appointment of Jill Walsh, Professional Employee, retroactive to March 30, 2016, at the step placement of Master's +24, Step 11, \$54,332.00, pro-rated according to her start date.
4. Approve the agreement between the 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 be used at the discretion of Steve Chipolis during the 2015-2016 school year.
5. Approve the 2016 Summer Math and English Program to begin June 20<sup>th</sup> to July 21, 2016.
6. Motion to approve an Early Retirement Incentive of 60% of salary for professional staff. Professional employees must notify the district of their intent by June 1, 2016. All other conditions of the collective bargaining agreement regarding retirement incentives will remain in effect. (This item was added from the floor)

7. Approve the request of Rebecca Jones to take a leave without pay to be used intermittingly for the remainder of the school year. (This item added from the floor)
8. Approve the request of Rose Mary Litwin to take a sabbatical leave for the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period for 2016. (This item added from the floor)

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

On the Question: Melissa Dolman, President of the Wyoming Area Education Association, stated item #8 wasn't supposed to be on the agenda. It was pulled and she actually cannot do that. Attorney Ferentino responded based on that, it most likely will be denied.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes on 1 through 6 and no on 7 and 8. Dr. Campenni, yes on 1 through 6 and no on 7 and 8. Mr. Bolin, yes on 1 through 6 and no on 7 and 8. Mr. Stofko, yes on 1 through 6 and no on 7 and 8. Mr. Yorina voted yes on 1, no on 2, yes on 3,4,5,6 and no on 7 and 8. Mrs. Yochem, yes on 1 through 6 and no on 7 and 8. Mrs. Farrell, yes on 1 through 6 and no on 7 and 8. Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes on 1 through 6 and no on 7 and 8. Mr. Marianacci, yes on 1 through 6 and no on 7 and 8.

Items 7 and 8 failed.

#### Activities Report

Mrs. Farrell read the Activities Report.

1. Approve to vacate all extra-curricular positions at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Positions will be posted for the 2016-2017 school year as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
2. Approve the request of Tom Tomsak, Wyoming Area Cheer Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers for the 2016-2017 school year:
  - Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale in May
  - Car Wash at Dileo's Service Station on Saturday, June 4, 2016
  - Sell snow cones at Cherry Blossom Festival April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 1, 2016
3. Approve the request of Rhonda Pizano, Cheerleading Coach, to attend Pine Forest Cheer Camp at the Trails End Facility in Beach Lake, PA., along with the cheerleaders from Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 17, 2016. This is funded by the cheerleaders. A bus is needed for transportation.
4. Approve the request of Bill Holweg, President of the Wyoming Area Lady Warriors Basketball Parents Association, to hold various fundraisers for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year:
  - Sell donuts during all home football games
  - Meet and greet for basketball program-girls will visit various businesses to discuss ad space for the team program book
  - Program book-create and sell program book to include business ad space and pictures of the teams and Kid Camp
  - Lottery tickets – sold by players
  - Coaches vs Cancer- sell bake goods and t-shirts for American Cancer Society
  - Revellos Pizza Sale in January 2017

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5. Approve the request of Shea Riley, Music Teacher, to attend the Wildwood Championships, along with students, Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 1, 2016. The district is asked to cover the cost of half of charter bus and rental truck at a total of \$2,147.38.
6. Approve the appointment of Joseph Bellino as a volunteer assistant baseball coach for the 2016 spring season.
7. Approve the request of Lisa Minnelli, Tennis Booster Club President, to hold a Gertrude Hawk candy sale to support the Boys Tennis team starting April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 27, 2016.

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

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

Motion passed.

#### Building Report

Mr. Stofko read the Building Report.

1. Approve the request of Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, to use the Secondary Center auditorium, band room, chorus room and lobby for an "Evening of One Acts" on Friday, May 27, 2016, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal. (Class A)
2. Approve the request of Christine Rutledge, National Honor Society Advisor, to use the Secondary Center auditorium and cafeteria/kitchen for the National Honor Society Induction on Thursday, April 28, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director. A \$25.00 per hour fee may be charged to the organization if a custodian or food service worker's services are needed. (Class A)
3. Approve the request of Sandra Colwell, Wyoming Area Music Sponsors, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for Spring Fling bingo on Sunday, May 22, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director. A \$25.00 per hour fee may be charged to the organization if a custodian or food service worker's services are needed. (Class A)
4. Approve the request of Art Bobbouine, Fortis Institute, to rent the Secondary Center auditorium at \$500.00 for their graduation ceremony on Friday, June 24, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal. A \$25.00 per hour fee may be charged to the organization if a custodian's services are needed. (Class E)
5. Accept, with regret, John Owen's letter of resignation as custodian effective May 13, 2016.
6. Approve the request of Carol Reilly, Secondary Center Cleaner, to take a medical leave of absence immediately until further notice.
7. Approve the request of Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria/kitchen for Thespian Inductions on Sunday, June 5, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (this includes set up and clean up) Event starts at 12:00, pending approval by the building principal and food service director. A \$25.00 per hour fee may be charged to the organization if a custodian or food service worker's services are needed. (Class A)

8. Approve the request of Patti Drendall, Personal Care Aide at Tenth Street Elementary School, to take a medical leave of absence effective Tuesday, May 24, 2016, through the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
9. Approve the request of Rhonda Pizano, Cheerleading Coach, to hold a Kiddie Camp from Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, July 28, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Secondary Center cafeteria and adjacent hallway, pending approval by the building principal and food service director. A \$25.00 per hour fee may be charged to the organization if a custodian's services are needed. (Class A)
10. Approve the request of Rhonda Pizano, Cheerleading Coach, to host the Annual Fun Run on Monday, July 4, 2016, at the stadium, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. A \$25.00 per hour fee may be charged to the organization if a custodian's services are needed. (Class A)
11. Approve the request of Bill Holweg, President of the Wyoming Area Lady Warriors Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center gym for a Summer Kid Camp Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 9, 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. A \$25.00 per hour fee may be charged to the organization if a custodian's services are needed. (Class A)
12. Approve the request of Bill Holweg, President of the Wyoming Area Lady Warriors Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center gym for Varsity Team Camp, Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. A \$25.00 per hour fee may be charged to the organization if a custodian's services are needed. (Class A)
13. Approve the request of Gina Steve, Secretary at JFK, to take a medical leave of absence effective Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> to Friday, June 10, 2016, with intent to return at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.
14. Approve the request of Pastor John J. Sempa, Corpus Christi Parish, to use the district's risers for their bazaar, Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday, June 25, 2016, pending approval by the building principal.
15. Approve the request of Christine Rutledge, National Honor Society Advisor, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for the National Honor Society Senior Banquet on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director. A \$25.00 per hour fee may be charged to the organization if a custodian or food service worker's services are needed. (Class A)
16. Motion to approve the permanent closure of the Sarah J. Dymond Elementary School effective 2016-2017 school year.

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

On the Question: Mr. Yorina question item #14. If someone got hurt on the risers could the district be sued? Attorney Ferentino responded yes. However, on equipment there is a waiver in place. These facilities need to be insured to utilize those as well. Attorney Ferentino stated there should be a waiver in place for this. However, as owners of the risers he didn't believe the district would be held liable. Mrs. Gober-Mangan asked for questions from 1 through 15 from the audience. There were no questions.

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Mrs. Gober-Mangan asked for questions on item #16.

Board members expressed their concerns and were sorry to have to close the SJD Building. Mrs. Yochem stated after the feasibility study and having conversations with administration, it has become inevitable that the school must close. Mr. Stofko stated he attended SJD for eight years and made many, many friends and has studied this for two years. In his heart he wants to keep the school open but that is not the right answer. Mrs. Valenti stated she has been on the board for 21 years and this is the hardest decision she ever had to make. She never wanted to close the school but financially... it's breaking her heart. Dr. Campenni, Mr. Marianacci and Mrs. Farrell also stated they never wanted to close the school but they had a lot of information, with all the repairs it needs, it is the right thing to do. Mr. Yorina stated he would be voting to keep the school open. He respects administration but we still need to heat it anyway if no one buys it. If the boiler goes we still have to replace it. We might save maybe \$50,000. Mrs. Serino, Superintendent, stated she went to school at SJD. She must be pro-active and do the best thing for our students so they have the best education. There have been a lot of scenarios they have conducted. Mrs. Yochem stated that they wanted to close SJD years ago but all the facts were not there and she is absolutely correct. It was not done appropriately and Mrs. Serino said she would be the first person to say it was not done appropriately. They have truly looked at everything including surveys for our teachers. Letters from parents were sent to board members. We are being extremely transparent. We want what is best for our children. Mrs. Gober-Mangan stated it makes her sick to have to do this but we are driven by the finances. This year alone we didn't have a budget and the knowledgeability as to how we were to pay our staff and have classes and we face this going into next year again. It's awful.

Audience Members:

Sheila Murtha, teacher at SJD, asked why there wasn't maintenance on SJD to get to this point. It's a beautiful school with a nature trail, a greenhouse and playground. Mrs. Gober-Mangan responded it was a matter of finances. It was in this condition when she ran six years ago. Every year the board agonizes over if the boiler will make it another year. Mr. Yorina stated when budgets are built you start to pull money out of funds and over time you start to lose your infrastructure. You try to take care of each building to make that 20 year cycle. With plancon schools were under the assumption they would get some of the money back from the State. Schools borrowing thinking they would get money back, something like the budget. It looks like you are not taking care of things on purpose. Mr. Yorina stated that the district was having issues when he worked here. Mary Jean Musto stated it should have been consistent every year. Mrs. Murtha stated down the road a boiler will need to be put it at SJD. Attorney Ferentino responded that is in the event it cannot be sold out in the marketplace. The plan is to unload the property for fair price. It was appraised and a feasibility study was done.

Mr. Yorina motioned to table item #14. Second by Dr. Campenni.

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

Motion failed to table item #14.

Roll Call on items 1 through 16.

Mrs. Valenti voted yes with a heavy heart. Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Yorina, voted yes on items #1 through #15 and voted no on item #16. Mr. Yorina stated this in no way reflects any personal opinion of administration. They did a phenomenal job. Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

**Wyoming Area Police Department  
Monthly Report for March  
Total Calls for Service 36**

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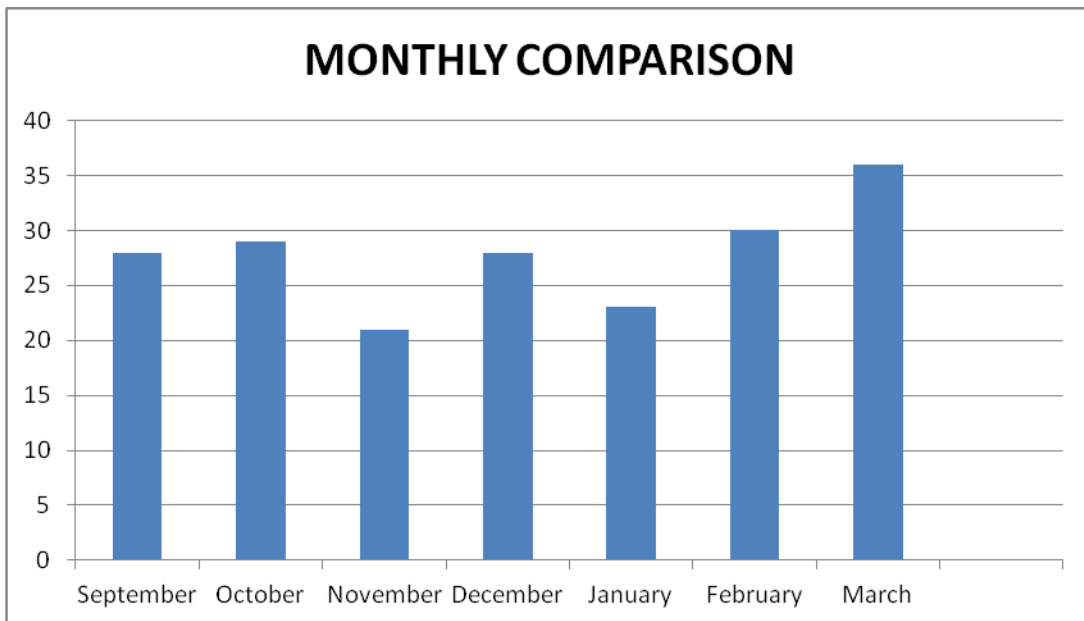
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2211- Liquor Law-Underage –Purch,Consp,Possess	1
2450- Harassment	2
2690- All Other Offenses – Reports	7
3100 – Moter Vehicle Accidents	1
3610 – Disturbances – Juvenile	1
3900 – Traffic and Parking Problems	1
4022 – Non-Criminal – Suspicious Person	3
4090 – Non –Criminal – Reports	6
5004 – Lost & Found - Found Articles	1
7502 – Assist Other Agencies – Fire Dept.	1
Trua – Compulsory School Attendance	10

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**Monthly Comparison**

February Calls For Service 30	March Calls For Service 36	Plus/Minus Comparison +6
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At this time, Mrs. Gober-Mangan motioned to approve a center based elementary realignment at the district with the following configurations of buildings:

JFK – Kindergarten, Tenth Street – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, grades, Montgomery Avenue – 4th, 5th, 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Second by Mr. Yorina.

Mr. Yorina stated that Mrs. Serino did a very nice job with the research. Mr. Yorina stated he will be voting yes on this.

Mrs. Gober-Mangan stated the reason she is choosing centers is that the children will have socially economic awareness of their peers from kindergarten to twelfth grade.

Audience comments:

- Donna Kostik, a mother of six, submitted a petition from Tenth St, working moms will have to change their schedules, family at core, splitting children up, consider neighborhood instead of centers, she will fight for her children no matter what.

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Mrs. Gober-Mangan thanked Mrs. Kostik for her courage and said to her children that they have a wonderful mother.

- Christine of Wyoming, restructuring may cause stress and anxiety, children will be walkers no matter what happens tonight, concern of classroom size, her son saying he won't be able to help the other kids, if we go with centers, we take away so many opportunities to mold these students into responsible adults, urged board to reconsider and keep opportunities for the children.
- Chris Hizynski, a parent and teacher, expressed his concern regarding the traffic at JFK Penn Avenue. Attorney Ferentino responded traffic patterns have been considered. On the agenda tonight a survey is currently being considered in an area near Pride. They will work with the police department and crossing guards and also the bussing company.
- Nancy Long, a parent, Mom is 78 and homebound, doesn't want child to ride bus, child is five years old, how can she bus her when she walks her to school, doesn't believe in the socially economical background.
- Sherry Dymond, knew no one from a neighborhood school.
- Joann Shiner asked how they came up with a center. Mr. Joe Long, Principal, came up with both plans and there was enough room at both buildings to take SJD. It was based on education not just floor plans. Christine Rosenkrans responded they looked at how students are affected academically. With the many changes the centers approach allows us to have a unified curriculum where students in the district have similar experiences and their progress is measured in a consistent manner. Having the teachers in the same grade level buildings will allow them to plan and grow together.
- Melissa Dolman, a teacher, questioned how the administrators will be split for the buildings. Mrs. Serino responded obviously for Tenth Street and Montgomery a principal will have to be there. Discussion will take place of how they will cover the other building as well.
- Chris Hizynski, teacher, concerned that they didn't have all the answers as to start times, traffic patterns and moving cost. Mrs. Serino responded the administration has been trying to come up with these answers and the answers that they had were for every single scenario. There is a transportation consultant that we already moved forward to. Mr. Pugliese is already looking at cost for moving and already has met with Pace Transportation for the types of busses needed. Some board members mentioned using small types of transportation for children coming farther away.  
The answers are there but the issue is, for us to sit here this evening and go this is this, this is this. The board hired administration to find out the answers to these questions. They have worked long and hard and will continue to work long and hard.
- Linda McDermott, a teacher, directed her attention to Mr. Hizynski and asked how do you know they don't have the answers? They just voted to close the building. They can't answer until they vote, then everything will unfold. They can't put the cart before the horse. That would be wrong. Attorney Ferentino asked Mr. Hizynski to come to the May meeting, the June meeting, these things will be refined. All things were considered. The resolutions will come in the next coming months. Mrs. Gober-Mangan also stated that the board still has questions for the administration. It's not set in stone and it still needs to be refined.
- Sheila Murtha asked if we go to regional it affects SJD teachers? Attorney Ferentino responded this affects everyone. There also is a 90 day cooling off period by law we have to follow. We had hearing within weeks of the new board being formed. With 90 day cooling off period we cannot make decisions during that time. Attorney Ferentino stated so tonight is beyond the 90<sup>th</sup> day and the plans are implemented. We didn't have a board that could have made this decision in October or November then our board changed. The board that had the hearing has to make the decision after the 90 days. This is the best scenario we could have had.

- Donna Kostik commented that we are closing SJD but we are configuring which is probably going to cost additional financial money. Mrs. Gober-Mangan responded it will cost either way. We still have to move classrooms around. Yes, the board asked those questions.
- Jamie Brown of Harding commented that she was a big supporter of keeping SJD open four years ago. False numbers were given when the old superintendent was here. The reality is that all of our kids at SJD and the kids at Montgomery have to go to Tenth Street anyway. When they go they don't feel welcome, they don't feel like they should be there. There may be three kids they know and then they don't let them sit together at lunch, they have to sit with homeroom. And that is the only people they know. So, its not all a wonderful scenario when they are thrown into someone else's building. Supports neighborhood schools.
- Mrs. Valenti felt that centers are better.

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

Motion passed for a center based elementary realignment.

Attorney Ferentino stated that under the law teachers must receive written notice within 60 days of the closure within the next school year.

Mrs. Gober-Mangan motioned to send a written notice to the teachers within 60 days of the closure within the next school year. Second by Mrs. Valenti.

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

Motion passed.

Open Discussion:

Holly Miller, a parent, stated her daughter was threatened and discriminated against by a teacher. Attorney Ferentino responded that Wyoming Area does not tolerate discrimination and bullying and if she had a personnel matter or legal matter he would be happy to discuss it with her. Mrs. Miller stated her daughter was discriminated against because she is disabled. Attorney Ferentino assured her he would discuss the matter if she would like in private.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Gober-Mangan.

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Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, President

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John Marianacci, Secretary

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