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Wyoming Area School District  
Work Session of the Wyoming Area Board of Education  
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643  
Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

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1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their minutes of regular meeting of February 26, 2014.
2. Jennifer Judge, Third Grade Teacher at SJD, requesting permission to take an unpaid leave of absence.
3. Debra Sleboda, Foodservice Worker at Tenth Street, requesting permission to take an unpaid leave of absence.
4. Mary Lou Bosha, Gifted Teacher, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
5. Alex Brogna submitting his letter of resignation as head boys basketball coach.
6. Ryan Kennedy submitting his letter of resignation as head girls basketball coach.
7. Lunda Comiskey submitting her letter of resignation as head field hockey coach.
8. Ralph Salerno, Parade Chairman of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual West Pittston Cherry Blossom Parade, inviting the school board and the Wyoming Area Marching Band to attend the West Pittston Cherry Blossom Parade on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 p.m.
9. Jessica Budzak, Prevention Specialist, requesting permission for the SADD Club to hold a mock car crash for the seniors at softball/baseball field.
10. Jessica Budzak, Prevention Specialist, requesting permission for the SADD Club to use the Secondary Center gym for a basketball tournament.
11. Wyoming Area Soccer Parents Association requesting permission to hold a carwash and bake sale/coin drop.
12. Wyoming Area Soccer Parents Association requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors."
13. Leonarda Sperrazza, Music Teacher, requesting permission to attend the Chorus Fest, along with twelve students at Mid Valley High School.

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14. Maureen Pikas, Secondary Center Teacher, requesting permission to attend a field trip to Gettysburg Battlefield, along with students and four chaperones.
15. Maureen Pikas, Secondary Center Teacher, requesting permission to attend a field trip to New York City, along with nine students and two chaperones.
16. Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center auditorium, lobby and lobby behind stage, along with drama club students and the Scranton Public Theater, for a children's theater show from Aesops Fables.
17. Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for Thespian Troupe Inductions for the Drama Club.
18. Shea Riley, Music Teacher, and Brendan Carter, Indoor Percussion Advisor, requesting permission to attend the Chapter Championships for indoor percussion at Parkland High School with twenty students and four or five parents.
19. Amy Kosco, Teacher at Tenth Street, requesting permission to attend the PSSA Science Conference, in Harrisburg.
20. James Belles, National Honor Society Advisor, requesting permission to hold the National Honor Society Banquet in the Secondary Center cafeteria.
21. Josette Cefalo, Cheerleading Advisor, requesting permission to use various facilities for upcoming activities.
22. Carmen Latona, English Teacher, requesting permission to attend the National Museum of Art in New York City, along with thirty students and teachers, Sarah Latona and Damien Rutkoski.
23. Erica Gillespie-Bartoli, Social Studies Teacher, submitting a letter of intent of her return on Friday, April 25, 2014, from her maternity leave.
24. Brendan Carter, Percussion Advisor, requesting permission to attend the Tournament Indoor Association Championships, along with approximately twenty five students, in Wildwood, New Jersey.

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25. Janet Serino, Superintendent, and Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Principal, requesting permission to attend the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators Conference 2014 in Hershey.
  
26. Steve Mytych, Sr., Head Wrestling Coach and Steve Mytych, Jr., Andy Schutz and Nick Heck, Assistant Wrestling Coaches, requesting permission to rent the multipurpose room for the USA Wrestling Team Swagger.

Summary of Applications Received

Elementary – 7

Special Education – 1

Math – 1

Speech Pathology – 1

Marching Band Director – 1

Assistant Band Director – 1

Cleaning – 3

Summer Cleaning - 2

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1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Tax Administrator

Earned Income Tax	80,110.16
Local Service Tax	1,511.32
Per Capita Tax	2,777.20
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>984.07</u>
Total:	85,382.75

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security	45,548.55
Retirement	282,565.37
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	93,656.00
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	39,776.90
Rental Subsidy	175,578.31
School District Special Education	204,248.00
School District Transportation	<u>278,978.00</u>
Total:	1,117,351.13

Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

Wyoming County	73.50
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Local Real Estate Taxes

Wyoming County	8,880.31
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Credit Card Rewards

Landmark Bank	57.46
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Miscellaneous

District Court 11-2-01	94.07
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2. Discuss to approve the April payment of \$93,647.93 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2013-2014 school year.

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3. Discuss to approve the April payment of \$32,160.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2013-2014 school year.
4. Discuss to approve a refund of paid property taxes for the year 2013 for \$872.99 PIN #65-E11NE4-004-06A/Plate # 65-2-137-3-D1-3.
5. Discuss to approve a refund of paid property taxes for the year 2011 for \$1,566.08 PIN#65-E11NE4-007-002/Plate#65-2-488-5.
6. Discuss to approve the Sports Medicine Service Agreement between Wyoming Area School District and Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center for three years at a cost of \$35.00 per hour. The term of the contract is for three years.
7. Discuss to approve the authorization of Albert B. Melone Company, Business Consultant, to solicit quotes if necessary for securing a 2014-2015 Tax Anticipation Note.
8. Discuss to approve Resolution Opposing Restricting Federal Medical Assistance Reimbursement:

RESOLUTION OPPOSING RESTRICTING  
FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT

Adopted by the Board of School Directors of the Wyoming Area School District  
on [Insert Date]

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Area School District is committed to providing all students with a free and appropriate public education that allows all children to become successful and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Area School District is committed to providing all students regardless of disability with the essential services to be successful in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Area School District like many other school districts and intermediate units across the Commonwealth rely on federal Medical Assistance reimbursement through the Medical Assistance School Based Access (Access) program to help fund essential services to children with disabilities;

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WHEREAS, without the timely and consistent disbursement of these funds from the Department of Public Welfare to the Wyoming Area School District for services that our students are entitled to by law and which will then have to fund these services through local revenue; and,

WHEREAS, changes to eligible services for Medical Assistance has also resulted in the loss of million dollars to school districts across the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, more than \$28 million in school district and intermediate unit reimbursement claims have been rejected by the Department of Public Welfare due to its insistence on evidence that a private insurer will not cover the services where there is no experience or precedent in Pennsylvania or in any other state in the union that private insurers cover these services; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the ONLY state in the country that requires a blanket letter of denial as a condition for a school district to receive Medical Assistance reimbursement through the Medical Assistance School Based Access program; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 insurers representing millions of dollars in unpaid reimbursements have yet to sign a blanket letter of denial; and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in millions of dollars in unpaid claims for essential services that school districts and intermediate units are required to provide to their students; and

WHEREAS, school districts and intermediate units still have not received full payment for claims from the only ten insurers that have signed a blanket letter of denial; and

WHEREAS, there is still no resolution to regarding unpaid claims and the Wyoming Area School District has been informed that any and all unpaid claims as of May 10, 2014 will be permanently dismissed and left unfunded; and

WHEREAS, this unnecessary and unprecedented requirement of obtaining a blanket letter of denial risks leaving millions of dollars in federal funding unclaimed for services provided to children with disabilities.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Wyoming Area School District urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly, Pennsylvania State Senate, The Corbett Administration and the Pennsylvania Department of Education to demand that the Department of Public Welfare and the Public Consulting Group remove the unprecedented barriers and requirements recently imposed to restrict the federal Medical Assistance reimbursement through the Medical Assistance School Based Access program for essential services to Pennsylvania's most vulnerable children.

The Wyoming Area School District seeks support from other school boards, its local legislators and members of the Senate and House Education Committees in petitioning the Corbett Administration, the Department of Public Welfare and the Public Consulting Group to allow the funding to flow to school districts and intermediate units to support essential services to students with disabilities.

This resolution will be shared with the Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units for dissemination to Commonwealth School Districts, Intermediate Unit's, Pennsylvania School Board Association, local legislators and members of the Senate and House Education Committees, the Governor's Office, the Department of Public Welfare and the Public Consulting Group.

9. Discuss to approve the request for the district to waive the late fees for property taxes for the year 2013 for \$126.84 PIN#65-E11NW3-005-005-000/ Plate #65-2-64-3.



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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 2013-2014 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Discuss to approve Riane Hulme for tenure, having completed three years of satisfactory service as a temporary professional employee as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools retroactive to January 2014.
3. Discuss to approve the request of Jennifer Judge, Third Grade Teacher at SJD, to take an unpaid leave effective June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 20, 2014.
4. Accept, with regret, Mary Lou Bosha's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2013-2014 school year.
5. Discuss to approve the request of Janet Serino, Superintendent, and Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Principal, to attend the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators Conference 2014 in Hershey, Monday, May 5, 2014 and Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at a total cost of 780.10 for Mrs. Serino and \$910.00 for Mrs. Ranieli. Cost to come out of Title II funds.
6. Discuss to approve the job description for Director of Curriculum and Instruction.
7. Discuss to approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2013-2014 school year.

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1. Discuss to approve to vacate all extra-curricular positions at the end of the 2013-2104 school year. Positions will be posted as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
2. Accept, with regret, Ryan Kennedy's letter of resignation as head girls basketball coach.
3. Accept, with regret, Alex Brogna's letter of resignation as head boys basketball coach.
4. Accept, with regret, Lunda Comiskey's letter of resignation as head field hockey coach.
5. Discuss to approve the request of the Wyoming Area Girls Soccer Parents Association, to have a car wash at West Side Auto and bake sale/coin drop at Gerrity's in West Pittston on Saturday, August 2, 2014, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., provided the organization is not standing on a roadway soliciting contributions from the occupants of any vehicle in accordance with 75 Pa.C.S. 3545.
6. Discuss to approve the request of Leonarda Sperrazza, Music Teacher, to attend the Chorus Fest, along with twelve students at Mid Valley High School on Friday, May 9, 2014. Cost of registration is \$385.00. Also requesting use of the mini bus.
7. Discuss to approve the request of Carmen Latona, English Teacher, to attend the National Museum of Art in New York City, along with approximately thirty students and teachers, Sarah Latona and Damian Rutkoski on Friday, May 23, 2014. The trip is completely funded by the students' fundraisers.
8. Discuss to approve the request of Maureen Pikas, Social Studies Teacher, to attend the AP Euro trip to New York City to visit the 911 Memorial, Museum of Natural History and Ellis Island, along with nine students and Carmella Argento, on Wednesday, June 4, 2014. Transportation is funded by the students.
9. Discuss to approve the request of Maureen Pikas, Social Studies Teacher, for the American Culture 9 Honor Students to attend a field trip to Gettysburg Battlefield on Tuesday, May 27, 2014. Cost to students is \$38.00 (which covers transportation.)
10. Discuss to approve the request of Amy Kosco, Tenth Street Teacher, to attend PSSA Science Conference, in Harrisburg, Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, June 18, 2014. All costs are paid through Data Recognition Corp.

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11. Discuss to approve the request of Shea Riley, Music Teacher, and Brendan Carter, Indoor Percussion Advisor, to attend the Chapter Championships for Indoor Percussion, on Saturday, April 26, 2014, at Parkland High School, along with twenty students and four or five parents. Cost for transportation is \$375.00 for one bus.
12. Discuss to approve the appointment of Randy Colarusso as volunteer coach for 7/8 Grade Boys' Baseball for the 2014 spring sports season.
13. Discuss to approve the request of Brendan Carter, Percussion Advisor, to attend the Tournament Indoor Association Championships, along with approximately twenty five students, in Wildwood, NJ., Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 4, 2014. Cost for rental van and mini coach is \$1,856.87.

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1. Discuss to approve the revised support personnel substitute list for the 2013-2014 school year.
2. Discuss to approve the request of the Wyoming Area Girls Soccer Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria (no kitchen) for "Meet the Warriors" on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, 7:00 p.m. (set up will be 6:00 p.m.), pending approval by the building principal and foodservice director. A \$25.00 fee may be charged to the organization if a custodian's services are needed.
3. Discuss to approve the request of Jessica Budzak, Prevention Specialist, to use the parking lot of the softball/baseball field for a SADD Mock Car Crash for the seniors on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 12:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.
4. Discuss to approve the request of Jessica Budzak, Prevention Specialist, to use the Secondary Center gym and concession stand for the SADD Club to host a basketball tournament on Saturday, May 31, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 200 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.
5. Discuss to approve the request of Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, to use the Secondary Center auditorium, lobby and lobby behind stage, along with the drama students and Scranton Public Theater, for a children's theater show from Aesops Fables, Saturday, May 24, 2014, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
6. Discuss to approve the request of Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria (no kitchen) for Thespian Troupe inductions for the Drama Club on Sunday, June 1, 2014, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and foodservice director. A fee of \$25.00 per hour may be charged if a custodian's services are needed.
7. Discuss to approve the request of James Belles, National Honor Society Advisor, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for the National Honor Society Banquet on Thursday, May 15, 2014, 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and foodservice director.

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- 8 . Discuss to approve the following requests from Josette Cefalo, Cheerleading Advisor, pending approval by building principal and athletic director:
- April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup>, Cookie/Cracker Fundraiser
  - April 28<sup>th</sup> -Multipurpose room, 7:30 p.m., Class day tryouts
  - April 29<sup>th</sup> –June 10<sup>th</sup>, Cheerleading Practice – Caf./Multipurpose room (only if inclement weather) Tues. and Thurs. 5:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  - May 12<sup>th</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup>, Auditorium (if available), Mon., Tues., Wed., Class Day practices at 7:30 p.m.
  - June 11<sup>th</sup>, Auditorium, 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Class Day set-up
  - June 12<sup>th</sup>, Auditorium, all day until 4:30 p.m., Class Day
  - June 16<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, Multipurpose Room, (only if inclement weather) Mon., Tues., Wed., Thur., 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Summer Cheerleading practices
9. Discuss to approve the request of Debra Sleboda, Cafeteria Worker at Tenth Street, to take an unpaid leave of absence for personal reasons retroactive to April 10, 2014.
10. Discuss to approve the agreement between Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals and Wyoming Area School District to allow any member of the support staff to voluntarily donate one sick leave day during the 2013-2014 school year to be used at the discretion of Carol Gamble.
11. Discuss to approve the request of Steve Mytych, Sr., Head Wrestling Coach and Andy Schutz, Nick Heck and Steve Mytych, Sr., Wrestling Coaches, to rent the multipurpose room for USA Wrestling Team Swagger at \$600.00 to provide quality instruction in the fundamentals of wrestling. Sessions will be held in April and May on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at \$140.00 for ten sessions, pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.

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Policy Report

1. Discuss to approve the second reading of policy #916 Booster Organizations.