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Wyoming Area School District  
Virtual Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting  
Wyoming Area Board of Education  
252 Memorial Street, Pennsylvania, 18643  
Tuesday, May 26, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

A virtual combined work session/regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening. A virtual non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Mr. Jason Jones, Network Engineer, started with an introduction at 7:17 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken by Mr. Marianacci.

Roll Call:

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

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

At this time, Mr. Tom Melone gave a power point presentation for the 2020-2021 budget.

With technical difficulties, Mr. Jones brought the Communications Report up on the screen for review.

Communications Report

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting minutes from regular meeting of March 25, 2020.
2. Deborah Przybyla, Elementary Teacher, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
3. David Pedri, Esq., Luzerne County Manager, requesting permission to hold the upcoming June primary election in the gymnasium of the Secondary Center.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stofko asked for approval of the minutes of virtual combined meeting of April 21, 2020. All board members voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. Our students are participating in an on-line platform for their instruction.
2. We have distributed 388 chromebooks for students who were in need of them.
3. We received a \$10,000 grant for chromebooks.

Mrs. Serino stated we have faced many challenges over the last few months but in spite of everything she is thankful for the Board of Education for their support, Administration and Guidance Counselors for giving students what they need. We have provided 400 chromebooks for student’s studies. Five hundred breakfast and lunches have been handed out by our cafeteria staff. The building has been cleaned and sanitized by custodians. Several secretaries continue to provide daily support and keep on top of things. Mrs. Serino thanked the Warrior community and families and asked that everyone send sympathies to the Jake Busch family and prayers and to keep the other two students in their prayers also that were involved in a vehicle accident.

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino read his report.

Attorney Ferentino sent sentiments regarding the recent tragic accident involving our students and everyone coming together to make these meetings happen. Last Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, they met over 1 hour for negotiations and personnel. Met this evening for on-going negotiations, personnel matters and special education. Attorney Ferentino stated that a virtual negotiation session was scheduled for tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. and a virtual negotiation session at 6:00 p.m. Attorney Ferentino stated that in lite of the budget findings this evening was everyone ok with having a negotiation meeting with the committee at 6:00 p.m.? Mr. Stofko stated he was and Mrs. Best and Mr. Bolin were also good with that.

Treasure’s Report

Mr. Bolin read the Treasurer’s Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	4,820,006.16
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,845.59
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	18,930.21
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	115,318.11
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	32,536.81
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	1,131,608.28
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	1,280,430.61

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

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Finance Report

Mr. Bolin read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	98,731.76
Local Services Tax	443.80
Per Capita Tax	679.35
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>1,940.11</u>
Total:	101,795.02

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Title I – Improving Basic Programs	41,651.07
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	7,526.29
Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment	3,093.21
Pasmart Targeted Computer Science & STEM Education	2,048.06
Basic Education Funding	<u>1,198,829.00</u>
Total:	1,253,147.63

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	9,970.52
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2. Approve the May payment of \$123,073.42 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for special education services and other related services for the 2019-2020 school year.
3. Approve the May payment of \$52,153.30 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2019-2020 school year.
4. Approve the May payment of \$6,666.67 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Liberty Academy Dual Diagnosis Services for the 2019-2020 school year.
5. Approve the budgeted library contribution for the 2019-2020 fiscal year: \$2,000.00 each to the Wyoming Free Library and West Pittston Library.
6. Approve the budgeted ambulance contribution for the 2019-2020 fiscal year: \$300.00 each to West Wyoming and Harding. (THIS ITEM WAS TABLED)
7. Approve to authorize the Secretary, in consultation with the Superintendent, Solicitor and Business Manager to solicit bids, as needed, for items in excess of the final adjusted base amount issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry for the 2020-2021 school year.
8. Approve to ratify the May 1, 2020 payment to FNCB Bank in the amount of \$127,536.15 for the General Obligation Note Series of 2018 of the Wyoming Area School District.
9. Approve the appointments of Dr. Steven Bonomo, Dr. Erani Pagliarini, Dr. Ann McDonough and Dr. Ryan McDonnell as school dentists, to do examinations as state mandated for grades K, 3 and 7 for the 2020-2021 school year.
10. Approve the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2020-2021 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.

The Proposed Final General Fund Budget provides for the expenditures of \$37,902,029.00 and equity and revenues of a like amount and reflects a tax of 16.9595 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 81.4339 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%.

- 11. Approve the renegotiated MOU transportation agreement due to Covid-19 pandemic pursuant to Act 13 of 2020, subject to final approval by the business manager and school solicitor.
- 12. Approve to authorize Albert B. Melone Company, Business Consultant, to solicit quotes if necessary for securing a 2020-2021 Tax Anticipation Note.
- 13. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing:	May 2020	462,752.11	
Prepays:	April 2020	<u>180,189.95</u>	642,942.06
Cafeteria Account:		1,574.07	
Athletic Account:		<u>250.00</u>	<u>1,824.07</u>
Total:			644,766.13

- 14. Motion to approve a settlement with student #146454 for the establishment of a compensatory education fund of \$10,000 and payment of counsel fees of \$9,000 and the district shall fund an independent evaluation, subject to final written review by the school solicitor and special education counsel. (THIS ITEM WAS ADDED FROM THE FLOOR)
- 15. Motion to approve a settlement with student #3000885 for the establishment of a compensatory education fund of \$30,000 and payment of counsel fees of \$9,000, subject to final written review by the school solicitor and special education counsel. (THIS ITEM WAS ADDED FROM THE FLOOR)

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

At this time, Mr. Campenni to amend item #11 to subject to final writing and approval by the business manager and district solicitor. Second by Mr. Marianacci.

Mr. Marianacci stated item #6, West Wyoming no longer has an ambulance service. It is now Greater Pittston and asked Attorney Ferentino if we can hold off on that.

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Roll Call to table item #6.

Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, Yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed to table item #6.

Roll Call for item #11.

Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, Yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Roll Call for Finance Report.

Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, Yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, no on item #5 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed to accept the finance report.

Education Report

Mr. Campenni read the Education Report.

1. Reporting as per Federal Regulations Requirement that the District’s Federal Programs (Title I, Title II, and Drugs and Alcohol) are currently being planned for the 2020-2021 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District’s Business Office.
2. Accept, with regret, Deborah Przybyla’s letter of intent to retire effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
3. Approve Janet Serino, Superintendent, to oversee preparation of submission to PDE for approval: Title I, Title II, and Title IV grant programs and applications for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Approve the following extra-curricular positions for the 2020-2021 school year: (This item was tabled)

Lauren Wiedl	Special Education Chairperson
Maureen Pikas	Social Studies Chairperson (grades 9,10,11,12)
Joe Pizano	Physical Education Chairperson
Erica Bartoli	Career Technology Chairperson
Melissa Hosey	Art Chairperson
Carmen Latona	English Chairperson (grades 9,10,11,12)
Christine Marianacci	Foreign Language Chairperson
Shea Riley	Music Chairperson
Brian Butler	Guidance Chairperson
Charlene Berti	Library Chairperson
Nicole Biago	Nurse Chairperson
Leo Lulewicz	Math Chairperson (grades 9,10,11,12)
David Pizano	Science airperson (grades 9,10,11,12)

Thomas Loftus	Family & Consumer Science Chairperson
Leo Lulewicz	Senior Class Co-Advisor
Paula Cecil	Senior Class Co-Advisor
Kristina Anderson	Junior Class Co-Advisor
Ashley Evans	Junior Class Co-Advisor
Carmella Argento	Sophomore Class Advisor
Maureen Pikas	Freshman Class Advisor
Leo Lulewicz	Student Council Advisor
Josette Cefalo	Asst. Student Council Advisor
Josette Cefalo	Class Day Advisor
Damien Rutkoski	Key Club Advisor
Lisa Day	FBLA Co-Advisor
Chris Hizynski	FBLA Co-Advisor
Christine Rutledge	National Honor Society Advisor
Maureen Pikas	National History Day Advisor
Mike Fanti	Director of Intramurals
Joe Pizano	Athletic Director
Charles Yarmey	Drama Advisor
Kathryn Mangan	Asst. Drama Advisor
Angelo Bufalino	Marching Band Director
Christine Rutledge	Builders Club Advisor
Kayla Collura	Yearbook Advisor

5. Approve the appointment of Ami Bealla as a long term substitute for Diane Pellegrini, Kindergarten Teacher, retroactive to December 12, 2019 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, at the step placement of Bachelor's +24, Step 3, \$44,581.00 prorated according to duration of assignment.
6. Approve the appointment of Hannah Bruseo as a long term substitute for Alyssa Merkel, Second Grade Special Education Teacher, retroactive to January 27, 2020 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, at the step placement of Bachelor's +06, Step 3, \$40,315.00 prorated according to duration of assignment.
7. Approve the appointment of Matthew Finn as a long term substitute for David Mattes, Health & Physical Education Teacher, retroactive to January 27, 2020 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, at the step placement of Master's, Step 3, \$49,332.00 pro-rated according to duration of assignment.

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

Mr. Campenni motioned to table Item #4, Seconded by Mrs. Yochem.

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

Motion passed to table item #4.

Roll Call for Education Report.

Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, Yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

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Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. DeAngelo read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the appointment of Rhonda Pizano as Cheerleading Advisor for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

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

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Sofko read the Building Report.

1. Approve the request of David Pedri, Esq., Luzerne County Manager, to hold the upcoming June primary election in the gymnasium of the Secondary Center. Set-up, Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, Election, Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, clean-up, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Approve the appointment of the following building coordinators for the 2020-2021 school year:

Sheila Murtha	Primary Center
Kory Lyn Angeli	Intermediate Center
Danielle Lopresto	Kindergarten Center

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

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

Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mrs. Valenti read the Policy Report.

1. Approve the attachments to policy #335 Family and Medical Leave.
2. Approve the first reading of revised policy #626 Federal Fiscal Compliance.
3. Approve the first reading of revised policy #805.2 School Security Personnel.

Motion by Mrs. Valenti, second by Mr. Pribula, to accept the policy report.

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

Motion passed.

Police Report

**Wyoming Area Police Department  
Monthly Report for March 2020  
Total Calls for Service**

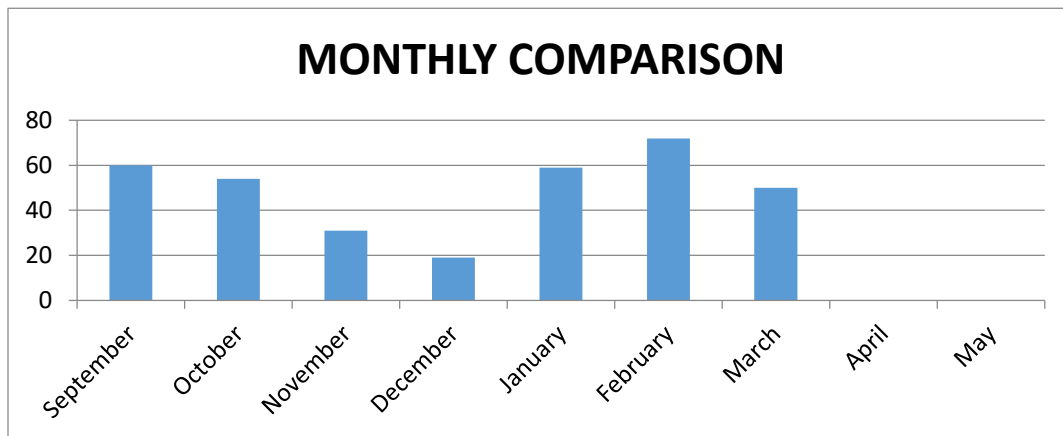
<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
2400	Disorderly Conduct	2
2450	Harassment	7
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	1
2690	All Other Offenses - Reports	2
2890	Curfew & Loitering (Juvenile) - Reports	1
3610	Disturbances – Juvenile	5
3900	Traffic & Parking Problems	5
4020	Non-Criminal – Suspicious Auto	1
4022	Non-Criminal – Suspicious Person	2
4090	Non-Criminal – Reports	6
6614	Traffic Related – Other Traffic	1
7016	Follow Up Information	6
7504	Assist Other Agencies – Other Police	1
9997	Child Custody	1
9999	Welfare Check	1
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>50</b>

Monthly Comparison

February Calls for Service  
**72**

March Calls for Service  
**50**

Plus/Minus Comparison  
**-22**



Open Discussion:

Mr. Campenni asked if there were any updates on graduation. Mrs. Serino responded they are the same. Tomorrow the students will walk across the stage, have their photograph taken, turn their tassel and be on video. Next Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, their graduation, there will be a parade and on August 1st, a tentative date, depending on the phase we are in, we will honor the students at the stadium. Meetings with the class officers and senior parents took place and they are planning activities. The board received a letter explaining this and it is also on our website.

Mr. Campenni also congratulated Dave Pacchioni, for being acknowledged on the Ellen Show. Mr. Pacchioni thanked all teachers, parents and the administration staff. He also thanked Mr. Robert Galella for getting his name out there.

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With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bolin, second by Mr. Marianacci.

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Gerald Stofko, President

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John Marianacci, Secretary