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Wyoming Area School District
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

A combined work session/regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening at the Wyoming Area Secondary Center library, 252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643, with approximately seven people in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Gober-Mangan asked for everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for a student and her mother that had passed away. Mrs. Gober-Mangan, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Everyone was present.

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, School Solicitor, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Principal, David Pacchioni, Assistant Principal of Discipline, Joseph Long, Elementary Principal of Intermediate Center, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Principal of Secondary Center, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Jason Jones, Director of Technology, Melissa Collevchio, Food Service Director, Frank Pugliese, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Angelo Falzone, Attendance/Transportation Director, Jeremy Harman, Student Representative.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. The Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their minutes from regular meeting September 27, 2017.
2. Nichole Johnson submitting her letter of resignation as food service worker.
3. John J. Sempa, Pastor, Corpus Christi Parish, requesting permission to use risers for family mass on Christmas Eve.
4. Len Galli requesting permission to use the Secondary Center, along with local municipal police officers, for Active Shooter Response Training.
5. Right to Know Request submitted for information regarding cell phone violations.
6. Gladys Lincoln, Clerical Aide, requesting permission to take a personal leave of absence.
7. Andrea Horton, Special Education Aide, requesting permission to extend her leave of absence.
8. Dennis Hando, Sr., Part-Time Cleaner, requesting permission to take a leave of absence.

9. Bob Borzell and Trish Medico, Chairpersons of St. Barbara Parish Bazaar and Father Michael Finn, acknowledging the Wyoming Area Drama Club, Cheerleaders and Football team for volunteering at the St. Barbara annual Bazaar this past July.

Summary of Applications Received

Elementary – 1

Reading Specialist – 1

Substitute Aide – 1

Substitute Nurse – 1

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Gober-Mangan asked for approval for minutes of regular meeting October 24, 2017. Mrs. Yochem abstained. All remaining board members voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. The Wyoming Area Middle School Young Scholars team competed in the annual Young Scholars competition at Scranton Preparatory School on Nov. 4. In this competition, students compete against Luzerne, Wyoming and Lackawanna county schools in academic areas such as literature, math, social studies, and science. The team is coached by Michelle Harden and Chris Hizynski. The Wyoming Area team tied for fourth place out of 22 schools.
2. Our Annual Veteran's Day Program was held on Wednesday, November 8th, 2017. We were fortunate to have the Scranton Public Theatre Company present The Last Thoughts of Gino Merli, a one person play about the Medal of Honor winner's experiences during WWII. In addition, our Local Veteran's were our guests at a luncheon and were honored attendees at a school wide program in our gym. Thank you to Mrs. Pikas and Mrs. Argento for organizing the activities. Thank you to the students from the History Club, Key Club, Band and Chorus along with their advisors, Mrs. Riley, Ms. Sperrazza, and Mrs. Klepadlo. As well as the Scranton Public Theatre for sharing their program with us. I would also like to recognize Mrs. Collevecchio and the food service department for their excellent food.
An *AUDIO* was played acknowledging students during the Vet's program.

Mrs. Serino also noted that the first responders were also served a Thanksgiving meal at the elementary and Secondary Center for their services.

3. Several local colleges/universities (including: Wilkes University, King's College, Misericordia University, University of Scranton, Keystone College, Luzerne County Community College and Lackawanna College) are participating in an Instant Decision Day at the WA Secondary Center on Wednesday, November 15th. Members of the senior class can complete applications and receive same day acceptance decisions from the schools. Thank you to our guidance department for organizing this event.
4. The Intermediate Center participated in the River Rivalry Spirit Week Student Council Canned Food Drive. They collected over 2300 cans which were donated to the United Methodist Church across the street from their school.
5. The Intermediate Center Student Council is conducting a new/gently used coat drive from now until November 22nd.

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6. The Intermediate Center Student Council held their swearing in on Wednesday, November 1st, Mrs. Serino swore in our newest members of student council, President Samara Campenni, Vice President Anthony DeLucca, Secretary Nerissa Satkowski, and all representatives took the oath to serve the school. Remarks were given by Mrs. Janet Serino and Board President Beth Gober-Mangan.
7. The Intermediate Center Leo Club is sponsoring a Toys for Tots collection beginning November 28th through December 15th.
8. The students in First, Second, and Third grades at the WA Primary Center discussed several autumn topics in September and October. As a culminating activity, the students participated in an Apple Celebration on Tuesday, October 24th. The local business Brace's Orchard set up a farmer's market at the school where students had the opportunity to see and talk to employees, as well purchase apples and various apple products. The Brace's Orchard staff commented on the school's great organization of the project and the positive behavior of the students during this activity.

In appreciation, Brace's Orchard made a \$150 donation to the school that will be used to support the School Wide Positive Behavior Program at the Primary Center.





9. Thank you to Jerry Stofko for his 4 (four) years of dedicated service as a Board Member.

Mrs. Gober-Mangan thanked Mr. Stofko stating that not only did he serve our country as a veteran but also served our community as a board member.

Student Representative’s Report

Jeremy Harman read his report.

The juniors and seniors are selling Gertrude Hawk Chocolate as a fundraiser and the seniors have just handed in all their money for their poinsettia fundraiser. Powder Puff was a complete success. We made a lot of money and we wouldn’t have been able to do it if we didn’t have the help of our advisors and parents. On Wednesday, November 15th, the school is having an instant decision day for the seniors. This gives the seniors the opportunity to talk to schools such as, Wilkes, Kings, Misiercordia, etc. and get an instant decision if they are accepted. Winter Formal is approaching and will be held December 22nd, at Fox Hill. Drama clubs production Boeing Boeing is this weekend! It is on November 17th and 18th at 7 pm and 19th at 2 pm. Tickets are \$8. It is a very comedic show and you definitely don’t want to miss it.

Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Treasurer’s Report.

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| First National Community Bank | General Fund | 12,057,948.90 |
| First National Community Bank | Payroll Account | 359,664.67 |
| First National Community Bank | Cafeteria Account | 60,512.77 |
| First National Community Bank | Student Activities Account | 139,450.18 |
| First National Community Bank | Athletic Fund Account | 3,554.57 |
| First National Community Bank | Purchasing Account | 500.00 |
| Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust | Earned Income Tax Revenue | 313,011.32 |

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

Finance Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Tax Administrator

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| Earned Income Tax | 64,117.49 |
| Local Services Tax | 449.98 |
| Per Capita Tax | 5,116.00 |
| Delinquent Per Capita | <u>4,219.67</u> |

Total: 73,903.14

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State & Federal Subsidy Payments

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| Title I – Improving Basic Programs | 134,507.08 |
| Title II – Improving Teacher Quality | 12,934.42 |
| Title VI – Student Support & Academic Enrichment | 1,912.86 |
| Medical Assistance-Access | 34,389.55 |
| Basic Education Funding | 1,159,212.00 |
| School District Transportation | 229,882.00 |
| Property Tax Relief Payment | <u>234,218.84</u> |
| Total: | 1,807,056.75 |

2017 Real Estate Taxes

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| Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough | 539,989.69 |
| Thomas Pizano – Exeter Borough | 147,231.51 |
| Wayman Smith – Exeter Township, Luzerne County | 101,762.50 |
| Ann Marie Farley – Exeter Township, Wyoming County | 50,033.83 |
| George Miller – West Pittston Borough | 119,057.58 |
| Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough (Supplemental) | 2,032.19 |
| Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough | <u>68,546.85</u> |
| Total: | 1,028,654.15 |

Local Realty Transfer Tax

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| Luzerne County | 11,864.58 |
| Wyoming County | <u>330.46</u> |
| Total: | 12,195.04 |

2. Approve the November payment of \$133,754.15 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for programs and services for the 2017-2018 school year.
3. Approve the November payment of \$47,049.00 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2017-2018 school year.
4. Approve to ratify the agreement with Berkheimer One Source to assist in the printing and mailing of the annual Homestead/Farmstead invitation letters to eligible residents that reside within Luzerne County of the District.
5. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing Special Education Services to the Wyoming Area School District for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$133,652.00.
6. Approve a credit from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing services related to the Alternate Learning Center for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$30,656.00.
7. Approve a credit from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Lynnwood Academy Services for the 2016-2017 school year at an annual district charge of \$28,674.76.
8. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing Social Work Services for the 2016-2017 school year to the Wyoming Area School District at a charge of \$82,657.90.
9. Approve a credit to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing services related to the Partial Hospitalization Program for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$19,660.76.
10. Approve a credit to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing services related to the Service Learning Program for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$20,940.00.

11. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing Nonpublic Schools Transportation for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$10,899.70.
12. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing English as a Second Language for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$6,745.41.
13. Approve a three year employment agreement between Wyoming Area School District and Frank Pugliese, Director of Physical Plant/Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds and Employees commencing August 28, 2017 and ending August 31, 2020.
14. Approve the following refunds for paid property taxes for the year 2016:

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| 67-E10SE3-001-029-000 | 119.83 |
| 67-E10SE3-001-014-002 | 114.79 |

15. Approve the final written Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Wyoming Area School District and the Wyoming Area Education Association PSEA/NEA, September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019.
16. Approve the payment of \$19,140.00 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Psychological Services for 2016-2017 school year (319 hours @ \$60/hour).
17. Approve the request of the Wyoming Area School District Tax Collectors to receive compensation regarding collection of installment payments for the 2017 year for real estate taxes in the amount of \$2,505.00.
18. Approve the general ledger sheet:

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| Bill Listing: November 2017 | 909,030.84 | |
| Prepays: October 2017 | <u>298,594.99</u> | 1,207,625.83 |
| Cafeteria Account: | 82,704.53 | |
| Athletic Account: | <u>13,967.00</u> | <u>96,671.53</u> |
| | Total: | 1,304,297.36 |

Motion by Mrs. Yochem, second by Mrs. Farrell, to accept the Finance Report.

ON the question: James English questioned items for payment. Mr. Melone explained items #2 and #3 are monthly figures. The rest of the LIU items are end of year reconciliations. We pay monthly amounts to the LIU and at the end of the year they tell us whether we owe them money or if we have a credit coming back.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted no on item #15 and yes on remaining report. Dr. Campenni voted no on item #13 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Bolin voted no on item #13 and yes on remaining report. 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.

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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 2017-2018 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion by Mr. Yorina, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the education report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, 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.

Activities Report

Mrs. Farrell read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2017-2018 winter sports season:

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| John Zullo | Girls Basketball |
| Patrick Hall | Elementary Wrestling |
| Paul Johnson | Wrestling |

2. Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2017-2018 elementary basketball season:

Molly Kearns
Lisa Gaylord
Jason Gaylord
Gina Giardina

3. Approve the appointment of Brian Hines as assistant junior high wrestling coach at a salary of \$2,571.00 for the 2017-2018 winter sports season.

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, second by Mr. Marianacci, to accept the activities report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, 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. Accept, with regret, Nichole Johnson's letter of resignation as food service worker retroactive to November 10, 2017.
2. Approve the request of John J. Sempa, Pastor, Corpus Christi Church, to use risers for family mass on Christmas Eve.
3. Approve retroactively the use of the Secondary Center cafeteria for the Wyoming Area Ice Hockey's "Meet the Warriors" held on November 1, 2017.

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4. Approve retroactively the use of the multi-purpose room for elementary wrestling practices beginning October 24, 2017 until the end of February 2018.
5. Approve the request of Len Galli to use the Secondary Center, along with local municipal police officers, for Active Shooter Response Training on Saturday, January 13, 2018 and Sunday, January 14, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
6. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list for the 2017-2018 school year.
7. Approve the request of Gladys Lincoln, Clerical Aide, to take a personal leave of absence retroactive to November 6, 2017 until December 18, 2017.
8. Approve the appointment of Robert Kibbler as part-time (10 month) cleaner.
9. Approve the appointment of Courtney Burdick as part-time (10 month) cleaner.
10. Approve the request of Andrea Horton, Special Education Aide, to extend her leave of absence from January 3, 2018 to January 31, 2018.
11. Approve the request of Dennis Hando, Sr., Part-Time Cleaner, to take a leave of absence effective November 14, 2017 through December 8, 2017, with intention to return on December 11, 2017.

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

On the Question: Mr. Yorina asked why items #3 and #4 are retroactive and if people know they have to follow policy and get it in on time. The board secretary responded she does not get them in time for the meeting and sometimes wait for them to get signed and approved. Mr. Yorina asked why do we put them on then? They should follow the rules of policy. Mrs. Gober-Mangan said sometimes it's a turn over and they don't know.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti, 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.

Police Report

Wyoming Area Police Department Monthly Report for October, 2017 Total Calls for Service

| <u>CODE</u> | | <u>COUNT</u> |
|-------------|--|--------------|
| _0000 | Parent Conference | 2 |
| 0002 | Transport | 1 |
| 2400 | Disorderly Conduct | 1 |
| 2450 | Harassment | 3 |
| 2601 | Use of Tobacco in Schools | 1 |
| 2690 | All Other Offenses - Reports | 3 |
| 2811 | Curfew Law (Juvenile) - Male | 3 |
| 3501 | Suspicious Persons, Autos, Circumstances | 1 |
| 3800 | Service Call – Miscellaneous | 1 |
| 3870 | Medical Emergency | 1 |
| 3900 | Traffic & Parking Problems | 5 |
| 4022 | Non-Criminal – Suspicious Person | 1 |
| 5004 | Lost & Found – Found Articles | 1 |
| 7016 | Follow Up Information | 4 |
| TRUA | Compulsory School Attendance | 6 |

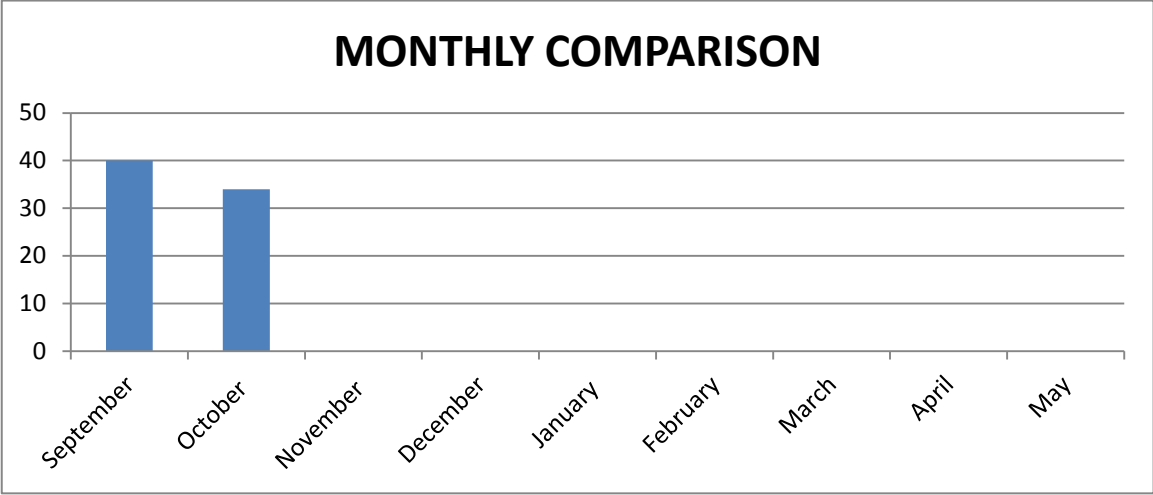
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Total

34

| <u>Monthly Comparison</u> | | |
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| <u>September Calls for Service</u> | <u>October Calls for Service</u> | <u>Plus/Minus Comparison</u> |
| 40 | 34 | -6 |



Open Discussion:

- Mrs. Gober-Mangan stated the reorganization meeting will be held on December 6th at 6:00 p.m.
- Dr. Campenni acknowledged Mr. Stofko as a board member stating they had many conversations and sometimes they would agree to disagree. Dr. Campenni thanked Mr. Stofko for everything.
- Mr. Stofko commented starting out as a board member he didn't have an agenda and he worked with the board and there were disagreements. People don't see the interaction that goes on in the back room. People don't see the interactions down at West Side Tech. Mr. Stofko stated he is going to miss that. Mr. Stofko thanked administration and everyone that is involved with the school board.
- Mr. Yorina stated that the board will miss him. They did agree to disagree on many things but Mr. Yorina stated he never doubted Mr. Stofko's passion from a personal stand point. Mr. Yorina also stated he has a feeling Mr. Stofko will be back.
- John Pegg spoke with Mr. Melone regarding the credit and payments in finance report. Mr. Melone responded that a credit is to our benefit. A payment is the opposite.
- Courtney Burdick questioned item #7 regarding Toys for Tots. Mr. Long stated he will get the information out.
- James English spoke about taxes and how everyone is hurting. Why did Wyoming Area approve 2.4% tax increase? Mrs. Gober-Mangan responded they are trying to keep the school floating and she has been to Harrisburg with Mrs. Serino, Superintendent. They do not take this lightly.
- Mr. Yorina commented on the Veteran's Program that it's getting bigger than ever and acknowledged everyone involved.
- Mrs. Valenti thanked Jon Pollard for preventing a riot if Pittston Area players were to ring our bell at the Wyoming Area vs. Pittston Area football game. Mr. Pollard acknowledged our players for respecting him, Mr. Long and law enforcement. Our team was respectful to walk away.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Marianacci, second by Mr. Stofko.

Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, President

John Marianacci, Secretary