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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Also in attendance: Raymond J. Bernardi, Superintendent, Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Attorney Raymond A. Hassey, Robert Kaluzavich, Elementary Principal of Montgomery Ave./SJD, Jon Pollard, Elementary Principal of Tenth St./JFK, Angelo Falzone, Director of Transportation/Attendance, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Janet Boyer, Foodservice Manager, Dave Amico, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, Jillian Balberchak and Morgan Bilbow, Student Representatives, WBRE -TV.

Communications Report

Mrs. Valenti read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit submitting their regular meeting minutes for August 18, 2010.
2. Amy C. Morton and Edward Vollbrecht of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, notifying the Superintendent the 2010-2011 Pennsylvania Education budget includes funding for Cohort 3 Classrooms for the Future/21st Century Teaching and Learning with Technology Integration Coaches in the amount of \$25,000 per high school.
3. John Roberts, Library Director of the Wyoming Free Library, thanking the district for the 2009-2010 contribution of \$2,000.00.
4. Bob Orlando, President of the Wyoming Area Kiwanis, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Breakfast with Santa".
5. Greg Mruk requesting permission to use the Secondary Center gymnasium for a charity 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.
6. Barbara Bullions, Drama Advisor, requesting permission for the Thespians to attend a state conference in Connellsville, Pennsylvania.
7. Heather Caprari, Secondary Math Teacher, submitting her letter of resignation.
8. John Kaschak, CPA, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, notifying the Superintendent, the Office of the Budget, Bureau of Audits, has received the single audit report of Wyoming Area School District for the year ended June 30, 2009. A preliminary review of the audit report disclosed that it contains no findings related to federal awards passed through the commonwealth funding agencies. Copies of the audit report will be forwarded to the PA. Department of Education, PA. Department of Agriculture and PA. Department of Public Welfare for review.

9. Rosella Fedor, Special Program Advisor, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria, library and auditorium for educational programs.
10. Ron Musto, Volunteer for sixth grade basketball West Side Wizards, requesting permission to use the Tenth Street or Secondary Center gymnasium to practice for the BackCourt Hoops League in Scranton.
11. Ed DeLucca, Technology Education Teacher, requesting permission to attend the Technology & Engineering Education Association Program Conference (TEEAP) in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.
12. Correspondence from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to the Superintendent regarding the GI Bill Benefit for high school students.
13. Robert Shlesinger of the Scranton Public Theatre, requesting permission to use the auditorium for a production of "Snow White".
14. Theresa Wysocki, President of the Wyoming Area Lady Warriors Basketball Parent Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Lady Warriors".
15. Joe Pizano and Mike Fanti, Track & Field Coaches, requesting permission to attend the 29th Annual All Star Track & Field Clinic in Atlantic City.
16. Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, requesting permission to attend "Improving School Performance" workshop in Hershey.
17. Cathy Hague, Secretary, submitting her letter of retirement.
18. Becky Rogan, Secretary, submitting her letter of resignation.
19. Agnes Stavish, Cafeteria Personnel, submitting her letter of retirement.

Summary of Applications Received

Elementary - 2
 Science - 1
 Math - 24
 Custodian - 18
 Secretary - 28

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. DeAngelo, second by Mr. Aritz, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting September 21, 2010. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bernardi read the Superintendent's Report.

1. ***Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade "students of the month" for September, 2010:***

Mackenzie Bilbow

Mitchell DeAngelo

Paul Hager

Samantha Kibbler

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Antoinette Mauriello	Lauren Perry
Jessica Sleboda	Emily Yarmey
Hannah Begley	Morgan Egerter
Abigail Gibbs	Hannah Johnston
Evan Musto	Rachael Paisley
Sara Romanowski	Emily Wolfgang

2. An **After-School Tutoring Program** began the week of October 5th and will continue through the December 9, 2010 for eligible children in grades 1 through 8 in all District buildings. This Program is made possible through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (AARP) Title I stimulus money. There are 198 students participating.
3. On September 14th, a **Senior Information Night** for 9th and 10th grade students was held at the Secondary Center Library with over 100 parents in attendance. Student Representatives from various leadership programs were in attendance and described their experiences with Junior Leadership and Diversity Club. I would like to thank **Rosella Fedor** and the **Guidance Department** for making this event a success.
4. Wyoming Area Secondary Center entered into a month-long recycling competition called "**GreenSylvania**". This event is a state wide recycling competition sponsored by the Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Region III), and Keep America Beautiful. District students and staff, along with the assistance of Exeter Borough Multi-Municipal Recycling Program, will collect and weigh all paper recyclables and report the results weekly to PROP. The school that recycles the most paper per capita, during the month of October, will be awarded the "traveling" trophy.

Mr. Bernardi commended the students of Wyoming Area for raising over \$2,800.00 for Ryan's Run for the Pediatric Division. Ryan Leckey broadcasted the event from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Student Representative's Report

Morgan Bilbow read her report.

The Key Club recently held a kickball tournament this past Saturday at the Atlas field, against teams from Pittston Area. They also held a fundraiser for WNEP's Ryan's Run for children with disabilities. The Key Club raised money by donating in homerooms and selling chances to pie some of their favorite teachers. Our school raised the most money and the juniors and seniors were awarded a "fun day" for their contributions. Wyoming Area had a great turnout of students to arrive at 5:00 a.m. for WNEP's broadcast. The Student Council held their annual Halloween Party for members in grades 7 through 12, last night. FBLA has begun and it has two new advisors for the 2010-2011 school year, Mrs. Klepadlo and Mrs. Barrett. The juniors and seniors recently were given Gertrude Hawk candy fundraisers for prom. The Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership program is being offered to sophomores that apply in the upcoming weeks. The SAVE Club is beginning its activities and is still taking new members.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Casarella read the Treasurer's Report.

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Checking Account</u>
Landmark Bank	General Fund	.00
First National Community Bank	General Fund	2,798,536.88
Wachovia Bank	General Fund	34,922.51
PNC Bank	Payroll Account	2,655.13
Fidelity Bank	Payroll Account	906.46
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	498.34
Landmark Bank	Cafeteria Account	.00
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	236,225.36
Landmark Bank	Student Activities Account	4,428.32
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	101,387.45
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	11,433.29
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,650.25
PNC Bank	Construction Fund Acct.	122,488.32
PNC Bank	Bank Investment Acct.	1,087,322.52
Landmark Bank	Delinquent Tax Fund Account	.00

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

Finance Report

Mr. DeAngelo read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Don Wilkinson Agency (Sept.)</u>	
Earned Income Tax	140,254.15
Local State Tax	2,580.02
Per Capita , Current	15,824.90
Per Capita, Delinquent	22.00

Total: 158,681.07

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Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

Wyoming County 10,143.54

E-Rate Reimbursement

Verizon Wireless 5,721.96

One Communications 4,834.39

Total: 10,556.35

Fee for Use of Facilities

Scranton Public Theatre 250.00

Use of Auditorium for Play - Jan. 2010

Pennsylvania Department of Revenue

Public Utility Realty Tax (PURTA) 19,332.87

Distribution check for tax year 2009

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security 93,766.30

Retirement 107,577.40

ARRA - Title I Part A 15,808.86

PA. Accountability Grants 99,560.00

School District Special Education 204,248.00

Total: 520,960.56

2010 Real Estate Taxes

Paul Konopka 979,542.91

Wyoming Borough

George Miller 1,607,557.83

West Pittston Borough

Robert Connors 577,808.47

West Wyoming Borough

Carol Bardzel 309,871.25

Exeter Twp., Wyoming County

Tom Polacheck 912,215.97

Exeter Borough

Tuition Reimbursement

Shamokin Area School District 819.93

For 2008-09

Miscellaneous

District Court 11-2-01 68.34

2. Approve the October payment of \$73,400.39 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2010-2011 school year.
3. Approve the October payment of \$47,128.00 to the West side Career and Technology Center for the 2010-2011 school year.
4. Approve the agreement with Berkheimer Outsourcing, Inc., 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 a refund of paid property taxes for the year 2009 as requested by the Luzerne County Board of Assessment Appeals as per court order for the following properties:

PIN#17-A10-00A-176 137.57
 PIN#65-011SE4-002-019 216.85

6. Approve to approve and provide district consent on accepting the proposed following bids as submitted by the County of Luzerne Tax Claim Bureau as required by Pennsylvania Statutory Law for the Repository Tax Sale for the following properties:

Plate#16-4-T-1732 737.00
 Plate#16-4-T-1529-6 737.00
 Plate#16-4-T-1502-1 754.00

7. Approve acceptance and filing of PlanCon Part J Project Accounting based on final costs and the attached Independent Auditor’s Report for the Wyoming Area School District Tenth Street Elementary Construction Project. Upon approval the documents will be submitted to the Department of Education, Division of School Facilities.
8. Approve the contract between Integrated Technologies, Inc. and Wyoming Area School District designed to provide fire alarm testing, monitoring and maintenance for a three year period at a cost of \$5,160.00 per year.
9. Approve an agreement with Dehey McAndrew to provide services for the reporting and administration of IRC 403(b) post retirement plans . The cost is a fixed professional fee of \$2,475.00 plus \$9.75 per retiree per year.
10. Approve the ratification of a lease between Wyoming Area School District and HP Financial Services for various computer technology payable over 36 month term. The annual payment is \$10,570.15 per year for a three year period.
11. Approve the list of teacher credit adjustments submitted as of August 31, 2010.

Name	From	To	Step	Increase
DOMINIC ALTAVILLA	B+18	B+24	5	471.00
KORY LYN ANGELI	M	M+06	16	1,108.00
KARA ANTHONY	B+12	B+18	3	791.00
CARMELLA ARGENTO	M+30	M+42	9	3,046.00
ANTHONY ARGO	M+24	M+30	8	557.00
ASHLEY ARITZ	B+24	M+06	3	3,101.00
MARY PAT AUGELLO	M+36	M+48	7	3,463.00
NICOLE BIAGO (Ginthner)	B+18	B+24	3	427.00
VICTORIA BLAZICK	M+18	M+30	6	951.00
MARILYN BOLUS	B+12	B+18	5	877.00
PAMELA BUFALINO	M+48	M+60	7	2,241.00
MELISSA BURDETT	M+36	M+48	9	3,654.00
JUDITH CEFALO	M+36	M+42	10	1,884.00
KIMBERLY D'AIELLO	M	M+06	5	443.00
LISA DAY	M+18	M+24	7	513.00
COURTNEY DELUCCA	M+36	M+42	7	1,732.00
ELIZABETH DESSOYE	B+12	M	2	3,839.00
DIANE DILEO	M	M+06	4	419.00
KELLY DRAGWA	B+24	M+06	4	3,183.00
BRANDI EVANS (Grochal)	B	B+18	3	2,373.00
ERICA GILLESPIE	B+24	M+06	3	3,101.00
CHRISTOPHER HIZYNSKI	B+18	B+24	3	427.00
JENNIFER JUDGE	M+12	M+18	6	475.00
ANN MARIE KACHMARSKY	M+12	M+24	5	887.00
RYAN KENNEDY	M+24	M+30	5	444.00

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JOSEPH KOPKO	M+48	M+60	8	2,329.00
SARAH LATONA	B	B+12	4	1,656.00
ANN MARIE LAWRENCE	M+12	M+18	5	444.00
THOMAS LOFTUS	M+12	M+24	8	1,117.00
SARA MAZZITELLI	B	B+6	3	791.00
DEANNA MENNIG	M+48	M+60	7	2,241.00
STACEY MOLINO (Rutt)	M+36	M+42	7	1,732.00
SHEILA MURTHA	M+12	M+18	7	514.00
MAUREEN PIKAS (Shovlin)	M+30	M+42	7	2,858.00
DEEDRA PORFIRIO	M+18	M+24	7	513.00
CARLA ROMANCHICK	M+6	M+12	3	400.00
DAMIEN RUTKOSKI	M+30	M+36	14	1,569.00
JENNIFER SEIGER	M+24	M+36	7	1,639.00
LEONARDA SPERRAZZA	M+48	M+60	8	2,329.00
BRIAN STRAZDUS	M+6	M+12	3	400.00
CAROL TABIT	M+42	M+54	16	4,040.00
CLARISE TOWNSEND	M+24	M+36	7	1,639.00
KATIE VANNESS	M+24	M+30	8	557.00

Total \$67,175.00

12. Approve the ratification of the UGI Energy Services, Inc., Masters Natural Gas Sales Agreement for Wyoming Area School District. The agreement is for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

13. Approve the ratification of the UGI Energy Services, Inc., Electricity Agreement for Wyoming Area School District. The agreement primarily extends through December 2011.

14. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing: 10-25-10	697,670.06	
Prepays: 9-30-10	<u>343,030.15</u>	1,040,700.21
Cafeteria Account:	121,954.85	
Athletic Fund Account:	<u>8,215.60</u>	<u>130,170.45</u>
	Total:	1,170,870.66

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

Roll Call: All board members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Education Report

Dr. 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) have been planned for the 2010-2011 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve Jennifer Hannon for tenure having completed three years of satisfactory service as a temporary professional employee recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.
3. Approve to ratify the request of Narda Sperrazza, Music Teacher, to accompany 13 students to District Chorus Pre-Auditions at Lackawanna Trails High School on Sunday, October 17, 2010.
4. Approve the request of Barbara Bullions, Drama Advisor, for the Thespians to attend State Conference in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, from Thursday, December 2nd to Sunday, December 5, 2010. The board is being asked that the district help contribute with the cost of the bus.

5. Approve the revised teacher substitute list.
6. Approve the appointment of the following instructors for the after school tutoring program:

Christa Coolbaugh	Regina Manganiello	Rita Mauriello
Linda McDermott	Diane Dileo	Jessica Murtha
Christine Gallela	Debbie Przybyla	Mary Lou Bosha
Elizabeth Dessoye	Rosamaria Schillaci	Susan Schultz
Sheila Murtha	Carol Tabit	Stacey Yeager
David Kaluzavich	SaraLyn McHale	Sandy Grove
Kim Marchesini	Melissa Dolman	Alyssa Aritz
Vicky Peppe	Jennifer Skursky	Lisa Hogan
Jennifer Judge	Courtney Coletti	Josephine Belza

7. Approve the appointment of the following instructors for SAT Verbal and SAT Math Classes:

Christine Rutledge - Verbal
Paula Cecil - Math
8. Accept, with regret, Heather Caprari's letter of resignation as Secondary Math Teacher effective November 5, 2010.
9. Approve the request of Ed DeLucca, Technology Teacher, to attend the Technology & Engineering Education Association Program (TEEAP) conference in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, Thursday, November 4th and Friday, November 5, 2010, at a cost of \$298.81 for lodging and registration to be funded by Title II funds.
10. Approve the request of Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, to attend the "Improving School Performance" workshop in Hershey, Thursday, December 9th and Friday, December 10, 2010, at no cost to the district.
11. Approve the appointment of Michael Pasquariello as a Temporary Professional Employee (TPE) for the 2010-2011 school year as a Secondary Mathematics Teacher effective November 8, 2010.

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

At this time Dr. Casarella added item #12.

Motion not to renew the Superintendent's contract as per regulations required by the State to give 150 days notice prior to the completion of that contract.

Dr. Campenni seconded the motion. Attorney Hassey pointed out the board would not to discuss it or act on it for two reasons. 1) The school code requires the matter be placed on the agenda and it is not on the agenda so it can't be acted on and 2) the board is conducting negotiations with Mr. Bernardi to determine if a contract will be reached. This is a personnel matter. Both Dr. Casarella and Dr. Campenni stated that they weren't informed this was taking place. Dr. Casarella stated that whenever there is an issue on personnel it's hidden. The contract over five years will cost \$750,000.00. Attorney Hassey responded that Dr. Casarella was assuming the contract is being replaced by default, that hasn't happened, negotiations aren't taking place and they are and numbers are in place and they are not. Attorney Hassey stated they had 150 days, up until November 8, he didn't know the exact date. Dr. Campenni asked how were they supposed to know negotiations were taking place. She asked who is on the committee for negotiations. Attorney Hassey responded Mr. Bolin and the director of negotiations. Attorney Hassey stated there will be no more discussion on negotiations.

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At this time an outburst from Dave Yarick resulted in Mr. Bolin reprimanding him to watch his language and stated the board will not get into a screaming match with the audience. Mr. Bolin asked if they can move on. Dr. Campenni asked if John Bolin is the only one on the committee. Mr. Bolin responded yes and the decision has to be made about November 8th. Mr. Bolin responded about November 8th. Dr. Campenni stated she wanted to keep her calendar open. Dr. Campenni asked Mr. Bolin when was he going to tell them about this. Mr. Bolin responded "It is up to him." Attorney Hassey then stated this is the Wyoming Area School Board, with nine members, and it operates under the chairman but the chairman does not make decisions alone. So in the event there is a majority that wants the contract there will be a contract, if there is no majority then Mr. Bernardi won't have a contract.

Attorney stated the roll call is for the education report not the motion made by Dr. Casarella. Dr. Campenni asked board members if they knew about the negotiations. Mrs. Valenti stated she didn't have a problem renewing Mr. Bernardi's contract.

Attorney Hassey informed the audience to step up to the podium, fill out the sign in sheet, and one at a time raise their hand. Foul language will not be tolerated and if anyone gets out of hand they will be asked to leave by the school police officer. This is a debate, Attorney Hassey stated, that has to be discussed in a dignified manner.

On the Question: Mary Louise Degnan, Wyoming, commented to the board, the superintendent's contract that will cost 750,00.00 for the next five years, either you are aware of this or you are not. The board is saying they didn't know then they did know. Mrs. Degnan also handed out a letter to all board members. Dave Yarick apologized for his outburst earlier. Mr. Yarick asked Attorney Hassey the date of November 8th was given but now the board is not sure, is the superintendent's contract automatically renewed. Attorney Hassey responded that under the school code 150 days from the date the contract expires, he believes is November 7th. Mr. Yarick asked when the contract expires. Attorney Hassey responded the contract expires at the end of his term. It has to be acted upon prior to 150 days or the contract expires. His contract expires April 30, 2011. Harry Skew asked the board if they will take action or are they going to smoke screen it. Attorney Hassey responded they could not respond because it requires a matter that is being discussed with Mr. Bernardi right now. If action is to be taken it would have to be done by a special meeting and advertised for the purpose of addressing the contract. Dr. Casarella asked Attorney Hassey if the details of the contract is public knowledge. Attorney Hassey responded it was. Joe Valenti, West Pittston, asked the Board how did Mr. Casarella get in on the agenda. Attorney Hassey responded it's established prior to meeting all these things are put together and the chairman approves the agenda. Mr. Valenti asked, so Mr. Casarella requested to be on the agenda and Mr. Bolin decides if it gets on or not. Attorney Hassey responded that is correct. The school code is specific with the Superintendent's contract. It has to be placed on the agenda prior to the meeting. Mr. Valenti asked Mr. Bolin if he will call a special meeting. Mr. Bolin didn't know. Gerald Stofco, Exeter, asked Dr. Casarella if he was vindictive because Dr. Casarella was passed over at one time. Dr. Casarella responded "absolutely not." Dr. Casarella stated he has documentation and is glad he never got the job. Bob Trusavage, West Pittston, asked Mr. Bolin if he would be calling a special meeting. Mr. Bolin was not sure. Joanne Shiner commented to Mr. Bolin why not do this on the up and up. Attorney Hassey responded it was on the up and up. Mrs. Shiner asked Mr. Bolin to be honest with the people, not to lie to the people which is what they are doing. Why are they hiding? She also stated she was ashamed of every board member and this was not setting a good example for the kids.

Roll Call: All board members present voted yes. The motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. Alberigi read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the Winter Sports Schedule submitted by Frank Parra, Athletic Director.

2. Approve the appointment of the following Head Winter Coaches for the 2010-2011 school year:

Ken Yakobitis	Boys Basketball	5,479.00
Mike Judge	Girls Basketball	5,479.00
Joe Pizano	Winter Track	890.00
Maureen Shovlin	Swimming & Diving	3,965.00
John Ratajczak	Wrestling	5,479.00

3. Approve the request of Joe Pizano and Mike Fanti, Track & Field Coaches, to attend the 29th Annual All Star Track & Field Clinic in Atlantic City from Wednesday, December 15th to Friday, December 17, 2010. Mileage and tolls to be paid by the district.

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

Roll Call: All board members present voted yes. The motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Dominick read the Building Report.

1. Approve the request of Robert Shlesinger, Scranton Public Theatre, to use the Secondary Center auditorium for a production of "Snow White" on Saturday, January 22, 2011, show time at 1:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
2. Approve the request of Greg Mruk to use the Secondary Center gymnasium for a charity 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament to raise money for adult and juvenile leukemia, on Saturday, September 17, 2011 or Saturday, September 24, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.
3. Approve the request of Bob Orlando, President of the Wyoming Area Kiwanis, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, December 5, 2010, 7:00 a.m., with set-up on Saturday, December 4, 2010, pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager.
4. Approve to ratify the request of Carol Cotter-Dente to take a leave without pay effective October 4, 2010, until further notice.
5. Approve to ratify Valerie Johnson's letter of resignation as cafeteria personnel at SJD Elementary School effective October 13, 2010.
6. Approve to ratify the request of Rosella Fedor, Special Program Advisor, for use of the cafeteria for a College Fair on September 9, 2010 and use of the library for Senior Information Night on September 14, 2010.
7. Approve the request of Rosella Fedor, Special Program Advisor, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria, library and auditorium for the following educational programs for 2010-2011 school year:
 - Financial Aid Night - Thursday, December 2, 2010, 7:00 p.m., library
 - Scholarship Information Night - Thursday, January 13, 2011, 7:00 p.m., library
 - 9th 10th 11th Grades Information Night - February 10, 2011, 7:00 p.m., library

- Career Day for Juniors – Thursday, May 19, 2011, 8:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m., St. Anthony’s Center
 - Second Annual Scholarship Celebration – Thursday, May 26, 2011, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., cafeteria
8. Approve the request of Ron Musto, Volunteer for the sixth grade basketball West Side Wizards, for use of the Tenth Street or Secondary Center gymnasium to practice for the BackCourt Hoops League in Scranton beginning November 7, 2010 through February 24, 2011, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.
 9. Approve the request of Theresa Wysocki, President of the Wyoming Area Lady Warriors Basketball Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for “Meet the Lady Warriors” on Sunday, November 28, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with set-up at 12:00 noon, pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager.
 10. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list.
 11. Accept, with regret, the letter of retirement of Cathy Hague effective January 01, 2011.
 12. Accept, with regret, the letter of resignation of Becky Rogan effective October 11, 2010.
 13. Accept, with regret, the letter of retirement of Agnes Stavish effective December 9, 2010.
 14. Approve the appointment of Nancy Alberigi as Level I Secretary at the Secondary Center at an amount stipulated by contract effective November 1, 2010.
 15. Approve the change in status from part-time Level 2 Secretary to Level I Secretary at the Secondary Center for Doreen Marianacci for an amount stipulated by contract effective November 1, 2010.
 16. Approve the appointment of Michael Biscotto as full time custodian effective November 1, 2010.
 17. Approve the appointment of Andrea Karcutski as part-time (2 hour per day cashier) at SJD effective November 1, 2010.
 18. Approve the appointment of Shyloe McDonald as part-time (2 hour per day cashier) at JFK effective November 1, 2010.

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

On the Question: Dr. Campenni addressed the board and stated in the May meeting of 2010 an Ethics Awareness Pledge of Luzerne County for the board to sign was discussed and Dr. Campenni stated she asked Mr. Bolin if he would get the form and sign it. Mr. Bolin at the time responded “absolutely.” Dr. Campenni asked Mr. Bolin if he got the form. Mr. Bolin responded he saw it in the paper but said he didn’t sign it. Dr. Campenni passed out the “The Ethics Pledge” for the board to sign. She then read “The Ethics Pledge.” The Board Secretary received two signed forms from Dr. Campenni and Dr. Casarella.

Bob Trusavage questioned the board in the matter of Mr. Alberigi and Mr. Marianacci’s wives hired for the Level I Secretarial positions. Attorney Hassey responded that the positions were not created. One position is due to a retirement and the other position, Doreen Marianacci is already employed in the district so she has just changed from one job to another. That is also due to a retirement. The salary is based on contract which the business office will have. Once a position is vacant the person steps in with the salary as well. Dr. Campenni asked if these positions could have been eliminated to save money. Mr. Trusavage asked if nepotism was involved in the hirings. Mr. Bolin responded he would not answer that question.

An audience member asked if Doreen Marianacci and Nancy Alberigi were related to the board members. Attorney Hassey responded yes, Doreen Marianacci is the wife of John Marianacci and Nancy Alberigi is the wife of Dave Alberigi. Sharon DePietro, Wyoming, asked the board if they were the most qualified. Attorney Hassey responded the hiring process is once the job is vacant it will be posted, applicants will apply, the hiring committee reviews the applications, the hiring committee will then give their recommendation to the board and the board makes the final decision. Mrs. Depietro then asked the board if any members saw anything wrong with the hirings. Mr. Trusavage asked who was on the hiring committee. Mr. Bernardi responded, Janet Boyer, Vito Quaglia and Janet Serino. He then asked if there was a policy regarding seniority. Mr. Bernardi responded there was. Estelle Campenni asked the board if any other members signed the Ethics Pledge. No other board members signed it.

Roll Call: Dr. Campenni voted yes on items 1 through 13 and abstained on items 14 and 18. Dr. Casarella voted yes on items 1 through 13 and 17 and abstained on items 14, 15, 16. Gil Dominick voted yes on the entire report. Mr. DeAngelo voted yes on the entire report, Mr. Aritz voted yes on the entire report. Mrs. Valenti voted yes on the entire report. Mr. Alberigi abstained on item 14 and voted yes on the remaining report. Mr. Marianacci abstained on item 15 and voted yes on the remaining report. Mr. Bolin voted yes on the entire report.

Open Discussion:

Dr. Campenni asked if a lawsuit was settled out of court. Attorney Hassey responded he could not comment on a private persons matter and he is not if it was finalized. Dr. Campenni asked if anything was being done to address anti-bullying. Mr. Bernardi responded last Wednesday an anti-bullying program with Magistrate Carmody took place and we also have an anti-bullying policy. Dr. Campenni stated some board members attended the Hershey Conference and asked if there were any talks. Mrs. Valenti responded not other then what we have here. Dr. Campenni asked regarding the budget deficit if we were doing anything to save money. Mr. Melone responded the retirement rate has been reduced, the items on tonight's agenda we are saving 10-15% on the gas and electric and constantly monitoring expenditure line items. Dr. Campenni stated when she went to the conference last year, she had thoughts and ideas. This was a year ago. We still have a deficit. Regarding savings Mrs. Valenti commented that Dr. Casarella was supposed to do it the following day. Dr. Casarella responded, "That's right I was until I didn't get the information I requested." Dr. Casarella stated he asked Mr. Bernardi for information and never received it.

Mrs. Valenti stated she always questions every purchase order before she signs it. Dr. Casarella stated that we get hit with cost the district has no control over, bills like, special education bills of \$34,000.00 in two months and legal fees for litigation that can be in excess of \$5,000.00 At the work session we should actually work instead of read.

MaryLouise Degan informed the board a problem with an adult bullying a child. Mrs. Valenti responded she didn't know that was even happening. Bob Trusavage asked Mr. Melone if he advises the board on how to spend money because obviously they're not doing a very good job at it. Mr. Melone will advise and crunch numbers. Attorney Hassey responded the board sets the policy for the budget and Mr. Melone presents it to the board and tells them the cost. Mr. Trusavage asked if we could operate with a deficit. Mr. Melone responded that you cannot operate at a deficit for the long term.

Mrs. Shiner expressed her concern stating taxes keep being raised. Something has to change. More and more people are going to lose their homes, no one can afford insurance. It's a very serious matter. Mr. Dominick stated they had to hire two teachers from the Scranton School of the Deaf at \$78,000.00. There were two lawsuits, \$200,000.00 and two million for pension fund. We have to get after Harrisburg.

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Mr. Valenti questioned the Simmons case. Attorney Hassey responded they were currently in the middle of it. Mr. Valenti asked who was paying the settlement. Attorney Hassey responded that he shouldn't answer that because he wasn't representing any of the parties. The district insurance company is representing the parties such as P.J. Pribula and Jim Zarra. Whatever settlement goes out is between the district insurance company and the parties.

Wyoming Area is dismissing the lawsuit so there is no cost to taxpayers. Mr. Valenti stated that he agreed with Gil the lawsuits have to stop. Mr. Dominick stated everyone has to get together instead of fighting each other.

Mr. Trusavage asked if the retirees get 80% of their salary. If 2.5 x 30 they receive 75%. He didn't understand why the teachers don't have to pay for insurance. Mr. Bolin stated their contract is currently under negotiation. Dr. Campenni asked why Attorney Hassey is answering the questions instead of Mr. Bolin. Attorney Hassey responded it is his job to represent the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Marianacci.

John Bolin, President

Toni Valenti, Secretary