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Wyoming Area School District  
Virtual Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting  
Wyoming Area Board of Education  
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643  
Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

A virtual combined work session/regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening at the Wyoming Area Secondary Center auditorium, 252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Mr. Stofko, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

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, Assistant Secondary Center Principal, Jo Ann Pepsin, Assistant Director of Special Education and Building Principal of Kindergarten Center, David Pacchioni, Building Principal of Primary Center, Brian Strazdus, Building Principal of Intermediate Center, Shaun Rohland, Assistant Principal of Discipline, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum, Vanessa Nee, Director of Special Education.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Joanne Lavelle, submitting her letter of resignation as Kindergarten Aide.
2. Rebecca Jones, Special Education Teacher, submitting her letter of resignation.
3. Wyoming Area Boys Basketball Parents Association requesting permission to hold fundraisers.
4. Toni Scalzo, Clerical Aide, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
5. Theresa Alba, Health Care Technician, submitting her resignation.
6. Narda Sperrazza, Choral Teacher, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.

Summary of applications received

Health Care Technician – 3  
Elementary – K-6  
Special Education (PK-8) – 1  
Special Education (7-12) - 1

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stofko asked for approval of the minutes of August 25, 2020. All members present voted aye.

Superintendent’s Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

1. The kindergarten center had their drive up chrome book distribution on September 1, 2, and 3 from 4pm to 6pm. On September 9 from 4pm to 6 pm, we had reading workbook distribution along with any parent that still had to pick up a chrome book.
2. September 21<sup>st</sup> started the first school wide virtual dress down days. Students/Parents were made aware through a school message call at each building and the Wyoming Area PTO kindergarten and primary Facebook page.
3. Decisions are being made in regards to future schooling. Please watch the Wyoming Area website for updates. New computers are also being installed for teachers to lessen connectivity issues with virtual learning.

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino reported there was a negotiation meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> and personnel meeting tonight.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Bolin read the Treasurer’s Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	3,638,560.33
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,875.55
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	28,685.77
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	109,593.04
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	36,681.63
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	General Fund Account	1,132,386.61
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	391,545.05

The treasurer’s report will be kept on file for audit.

Finance Report

Mr. Bolin read the Finance Report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

Earned Income Tax	345,446.22
Local Services Tax	4,172.99
Per Capita Tax	16,803.68
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>455.84</u>
Total:	366,878.73

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security	183,916.09
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	41,644.96
Title IV – Student Support & Academic Enrichment	9,279.69
Medicaid Admin Claims	5,473.54
Basic Education Funding	1,192,680.00
School District Transportation	181,274.00
Property Tax Relief Payment	<u>235,183.00</u>
Total:	1,849,451.28

Real Estate Taxes

Ann Marie Farley – Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	133,243.38
Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough	461,986.90
Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough	453,561.55
Thomas Pizano – Exeter Borough	928,519.06
George Miller – West Pittston Borough	759,909.44
Wayman Smith – Exeter Twp., Luzerne County	<u>395,748.52</u>
Total:	3,132,968.85

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	21,217.01
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2. Approve the September payment of \$103,368.47 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for special education services and other related services for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Approve the September payment of \$56,528.00 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Approve 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 the Luzerne County of the District.
5. Approve the Physician Services Agreement with Geisinger Clinic, pending final review by the school solicitor and athletic director.
6. Approve the total payment of \$15,582.00 (invoice #832205 and invoice #833221) from the Capital Project Account to Giant Floor for carpeting in band room at the Secondary Center.

7. Approve the tuition reimbursements for September 2020.

**WYOMING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE FOR TUITION  
REIMBURSEMENT  
SEPTEMBER, 2020**

<b>EMPLOYEE NAME</b>		<b>AMOUNT TO BE REIMBURSED</b>
AMITIA	AMANDA	\$1,200.00
ANDREWSCAVAGE	DONNA	\$300.00
ANGELI	KORY LYN	\$300.00
ARGENIO	JEAN MARIE	\$300.00
CEFALO	JUDITH	\$2,400.00
CONFLETTI	JENNIFER	\$1,200.00
DELUCCA	COURTNEY	\$300.00
DEMICHELE-MCCARTHY	LISA	\$900.00
DRAGWA	KELLY	\$300.00
DUNN	BRITTANY	\$1,200.00
EVANS	ASHLEY	\$1,500.00
GIGLIO	ANN	\$600.00
GLATZ	MARJORIE	\$600.00
HINES	REBECCA	\$600.00
HUGHES	ALEXANDRA	\$2,100.00
JARDEN	LORRAINE	\$600.00
KOPETCHNY	KENNETH	\$600.00
LATONA	CARMEN	\$300.00
LEMONCELLI	ROBERT	\$1,200.00
LOPRESTO	DANIELLE	\$1,200.00
MANTA	JEANINE	\$1,200.00
MAZZITELLI	SARA	\$300.00
MURTHA	SHEILA	\$900.00
PACELLI	KELLY	\$900.00
PARENTE	FRANK	\$300.00
PORFIRIO	DEEDRA	\$600.00
POWERS-ORTH	JILL	\$300.00
RUTLEDGE	CHRISTINE	\$600.00
SELTZER	MELANIE	\$1,200.00
STEVENS	MARIAH	\$1,200.00
STEVENS	MELISSA	\$600.00
TIERNEY	LINDSAY	\$600.00
TONDORA	BOBBIE LYNN	\$1,200.00
TURNER	JESSICA	\$1,200.00
VIGLIONE	ERIN	\$300.00
WEBER	AMY	\$600.00
WIEDL	LAUREN	\$1,200.00
YEAGER	STACEY	\$900.00
		<u>\$31,800.00</u>

8. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: September 2020	866,828.84	
Prepays: August 2020	<u>55,967.56</u>	922,796.40
Cafeteria Account:	2,528.31	
Athletic Account:	<u>50.00</u>	<u>2,578.31</u>
Total:		925,374.71

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Motion by Mr. Bolin, second by Mr. Pribula, to accept the finance 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.

#### 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. Approve to rescind the appointment of Cheryl Banull as School Psychologist.
3. Approve the appointment of Katelyn Moore as School Psychologist retroactive to 8/31/2020 through 6/30/2021.
4. Approve to rescind the appointment of David Bond as Guidance Counselor.
5. Approve the appointment of Kevin Whitman as Guidance Counselor, Temporary Professional Employee, at the step placement of Masters, Step 3 \$49,332, pro-rated according to his start date.
6. Accept, with regret, Rebecca Jones letter of resignation as Special Education Teacher.
7. Approve the appointment of Rachel Hain as Special Education Teacher, retroactive to 9/21/2020, Professional Employee, at the step placement of Masters, Step 9 \$58,332, pro-rated according to her start date.
8. Approve the appointment of Marla Moses as a long term substitute teacher for Cindy Lynch, English Teacher, retroactive to 9/3/2020, through the end of the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year, at the step placement of Bachelors +18 Step 3 \$43,477.
9. Approve the appointment of Cameron King as a long term substitute teacher for Joyce Becker, Music Teacher, retroactive to 9/4/2020, through the end of the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year, at the step placement of Bachelors, Step 3 \$38,733.
10. Approve an expanded family and medical leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) for Jennifer Hines, retroactive to 9/8/2020 through 12/1/2020, unless qualifying reason would no longer apply prior to that date.
11. Approve the step placement for long term substitute, Kayla Radle, for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year, at Bachelors, Step 3, \$38,733, pro-rated according to duration of assignment.
12. Approve the step placement for Janine Smith, Temporary Professional Employee at Bachelors +24, Step 3, \$44,581, pro-rated according to her start date.
13. Approve the step placement for Hannah Bruseo, Temporary Professional Employee at Bachelors +18, Step 3, \$43,477.

14. Approve the step placement for Matthew Finn as Temporary Professional Employee at Masters, Step 3, \$49,332.
15. Approve the step placement for Samantha Pisano, Professional Employee, at Masters +60, Step 7, \$68,342, pro-rated according to her start date.
16. Approve the following people for tenure having completed three years of satisfactory service as a temporary professional employee:

Alexandra Hughes  
Amanda Amitia  
Ron Bruni  
Danielle Lopresto  
Mariah Stevens

17. Approve the request of Narda Sperrazza, Choral Teacher, to take a medical leave for the first marking period of the 2020-2021 school year.
18. Approve the guest teacher substitute list for the 2020-2021 school year.
19. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2020-2021 school year.
20. Approve the ATSI non-Title 1 School Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.
21. Approve for the secretary to submit an electronic vote on behalf of the school board for the 2021 PSBA candidates:  
  
President – David Hein  
Vice President – Sabrina Becker or Daniel O’Keefe (choose 1)  
Treasurer – Michael Gossert  
Section 4 Advisor – Brian Petula  
PSBA Insurance Trustees: Michael Faccinetto and Marianne Neel (choose 2 for 3 yr. term)  
Forum Steering Committee: Stephen Skrocki and Tracy Long (choose 2 for 2 yr. term)
22. Approve Len Pribula as alternate for the NEPA HealthTrust for years 2020-2021.

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

At this time, Mr. Bolin motioned, second by Ms. Best to amend item #21 for the board to elect Daniel O’Keefe for Vice President of the PSBA.

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 amend item #21 to elect Daniel O’Keefe for PSBA Vice President.

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.

Motion passed.

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Activities Report

Mr. DeAngelo read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the following marching band staff for the 2020-2021 school year:

Krysta Moyer	Assistant Director
Andrew Faul	Color Guard/Visual
Evan Judge	Percussion Instructor

2. Approve the request of the Wyoming Area Boys Basketball Parents Association to hold the following fundraisers, pending CDC Covid-19 guidelines.

- Lottery Ticket Sales
- Pot Pie Sale

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. Pribula read the Building Report.

1. Accept, with regret, Joanne Lavelle's letter of resignation as a Kindergarten Aide retroactive to September 8, 2020.
2. Approve the request of Toni Scalzo, Clerical Aide, to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to September 4, 2020, until the middle of October 2020.
3. Accept, with regret, Theresa Alba's resignation as a Health Care Technician.
4. Approve the appointment of Tracy Petrosky as Health Care Technician.
5. Approve the agreement between Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals Association and Wyoming Area School District to allow any member of the support staff to voluntarily donate one sick day leave to Jim Zarichak, Custodian, during the 2020-2021 school year. (THIS IS AN ERROR-NO SICK BANK NEEDED)
6. Approve the agreement between Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals Association and Wyoming Area School District to allow any member of the support staff to voluntarily donate one sick day leave to Loreann Napkora, Clerical Aide, during the 2020-2021 school year.
7. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list for 2020-2021.

Motion by Mr. Pribula, second by Mr. DeAngelo, 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 abstained on item #2 and voted yes on remaining report. Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mrs. Valenti read the Policy Report.

1. Approve the first reading of revised/new policies:

Policy #302 – Employment of Superintendent/Asst. Superintendent

Policy #304 – Employment of District Staff

Policy #305 – Employment of Substitutes

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Policy #103 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students

Policy #104 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff

Policy #317.1 – Educator Misconduct

Policy #824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

Policy #252 – Dating Violence

Policy #709 – Building Security

Policy #333 – Professional Development

Policy #247 – Hazing

Policy #249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying

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Policy #705 – Facilities and Workplace Safety

Policy #340 – Responsibility for Student Welfare

Policy #318 – Penalties

Policy #334 – Sick Leave

Policy #803 – School Calendar

Policy #332 – Working Periods

Policy #111 – Lesson Plans

Policy #309.1 – Telework

Policy #904 – Public Attendance at School Events

Policy #203 – Immunizations and Communicable Diseases

Policy #907 – School Visitors

Policy #209 – Health Examinations/Screenings

Policy #314 – Physical Examination

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

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, no on policies 302,304,305 and yes on remaining report. Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, no on policies 302,304,305 and yes on remaining report. Mrs. Yochem, no on policies 302,304,305 and yes on remaining report. Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, no on policies 302,304,305 and yes on remaining report.

Motion passed.

Open Discussion: Mr. Campenni reported that the Wyoming Valley Sanitation Authority held a Name the Otter contest for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout all local school districts. The name selected was Stormy. Wyoming Area School District had students with the name selected: Anthony Kolodziej, Sofia Vincent, Gabby Casterline. Runner ups: Taylor Johnson, Sandra Kiriakoy, Abigail Lachenmayer. Also, these children were students of the following teachers: Josette Cefalo, Deb Pryzbyla, Jess Turner and Melissa Stevens. Awards were distributed to all winning entries and teachers. Congratulations to these individuals.

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With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Stofko, second by Mr. Marianacci.

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Gerald Stofko, President

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John Marianacci, Secretary