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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 25, 2011, 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, 18643, with approximately twenty people in attendance. A non-public personnel meeting preceded the regular meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for Ryan Jones who passed away. He was a former student and the son of a former teacher. Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Also present were: Raymond J. Bernardi, Superintendent, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Attorney Mike Butera, in the absence of Attorney Ray Hassey, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Principal, Jon Pollard, Elementary Building Principal of Tenth St./JFK, Robert Kaluzavich, Elementary Building Principal of Montgomery Ave./SJD, Angelo Falzone, Director of Transportation/Attendance, Deb Popson, Director of Special Education, Janet Boyer, Food Service Manager, Jason Jones, Technology Engineer, Dave Amico, Facilities Manager, Officer Alberigi, Morgan Bilbow and Emily Shemanski, Student Representatives, Sam Scarantino, Project Manager of Quad Three Group, Inc., WBRE News Station.

Communications Report

Mr. Bolin read the additions to the communications report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit's meeting minutes of August 24, 2011.
2. Correspondence from Samuel Scarantino, Project Manager of Quad Three, notice of intent to award a contract for the gym floor removal at the Montgomery Avenue Elementary School.
3. Barbara Anzalone, Northeast Pennsylvania Academy of Dancing, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center auditorium for a dance recital.
4. Ann Marie Taggart requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria and kitchen for the West Pittston Rams year end banquet.
5. Joe Pizano, Head Track & Field Coach, and Mike Fanti requesting permission to attend 30th U.S. All-Star Track and Field/Cross Country clinic in Atlantic City, New Jersey.
6. Mary Ann Murphy requesting to extend her leave of absence.
7. Chris Hizynski, Key Club Advisor, requesting permission for the Key Club in conjunction with several school and community organizations, to hold "Flood Fest 2011" a music festival, at the stadium to benefit the West Pittston Library.

8. Doug Piazza, Marching Band Director, requesting permission for ten band members and ten cheerleaders to appear on WBRE's Pennsylvania Live. A bus is requested to and from the event.
9. Wyoming Area Music Sponsors thanking Dave Amico and members of the school maintenance department for supplying a generator for the concession stand at the stadium for the September 30th football game.
10. Matt Crake, President of the West Pittston Rams, requesting permission to use the football field, scoreboard, sound system and booth access, practice field, Key Club Stand, restrooms and areas near the cafeteria for a possible playoff game, Super Bowl and Charity Bowl.
11. Melinda Larson, Secretary of the Wyoming Area Wrestling Club requesting permission to use the Secondary Center gym and hallway outside the gym for wrestling meets.
12. Melinda Larson, Secretary of the Wyoming Area Wrestling Club requesting permission to use the Secondary Center gym, the stand, cafeteria and multi-purpose room and all hallways leading to and from these rooms for the Penn League Elementary Wrestling Tournament.
13. Eileen Palmer requesting permission to compete in the "Young Scholars Program", along with three 8th grade students.
14. Shea Riley, Music Teacher, requesting permission to take a child bearing/child rearing leave.
15. Shea Riley, Music Teacher, requesting permission to continue with the indoor percussion program.
16. Michelle Troutman, Administrative Officer of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA), Bureau of Food Distribution, reporting the Single Audit Report for year ending June 30, 2009 is approved and in compliance for programs funded by the PDA.
17. Renee Palakovic, Division Chief of the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) reporting the district's 2011-1012 Consolidated Federal Programs Application has been approved.
18. Melissa Dolman, Wyoming Area Builders Club Advisor, requesting permission to sponsor a fundraiser to raise additional funds for the Flood Relief Committee.
19. Bob Orlando, President of the Wyoming Area Kiwanis, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Breakfast with Santa."
20. Rebecca Jones, Special Education Teacher, requesting permission to take a leave without pay.
21. Deb Popson, Director of Special Education, requesting permission to attend the CASE National Board of Directors Meeting and Conference in Williamsburg, VA.

Summary of Applications Received

Elementary – 3

Special Education – 3

Social Studies - 1

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Campenni revised the minutes of September 20, 2011. All other board members voted aye. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bernardi read the Superintendent's report.

1. ***A Mini College Fair was held on October 20th for Seniors in the Multi Purpose Room at the Secondary Center from approximately 8:45 A.M. to 10:20 A.M. Thanks to the Guidance Department and Mrs. Fedor for planning and overseeing this event.***

2. ***Thanks to the following organizations for making donations to Montgomery Avenue and SJD Elementary Schools due to the recent Flood damage:***
 - Office Max: Large Carton of School Supplies;***
 - Walmart: \$1,000.00 in school supplies;***
 - Fairview Elementary, Crestwood Area School District: Ms. Carolyn Boone, Teacher at Fairview delivered 12 boxes of supplies for students collected by staff and students at Fairview;***
 - Atty. Rosemary Prebola, former graduate of Wyoming Area, currently residing in Philadelphia, delivered 50 backpacks filled with school supplies for SJD;***
 - Montgomery Avenue PTO: purchased clear backpacks and distributed the same to students affected by the flood;***
 - Edinboro Elementary School in the General McLane School District, Edinboro, PA, donated \$1,105.00 to Montgomery Avenue Elementary. Grandchildren of Michael Podwika, retired Wyoming Area Librarian, attend this elementary school and brought attention of the destruction at Montgomery Avenue to their Principal, Randy White. Mr. White spearheaded a fundraiser called "Bringing Change". Students collected loose change, the PTO donated \$100.00 and local station, Nextar Broadcasting, Inc. contributed \$167.00.***

✚ **Melissa Dolman**, Wyoming Area Builders Club Advisor, informed the Superintendent and Members of the Board of Education that the Builders Club raised approximately \$5,900.00 from the pasta dinner that was held on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at the Secondary Center Cafeteria. The proceeds were donated to the Flood Relief Committee.

✚ West Pittston resident, **Jennifer Conflitti**, special education teacher at the West Side Career and Technical Center (WSCTC), was a recent flood victim. Through the efforts of Nancy Tkatch, Administrative Director, Bill Harrison, Carpentry Instructor, and several students at the school, they adopted the repair and renovations at Ms. Coletti's home as a school project. The students are using afternoon class time, usually spent at the school working in their chosen field, at the home from now until the project is finished, with a target date of December 22nd.

✚ **Montgomery Avenue Update.**

Mr. Bernardi stated Sam Scarantino from Quad Three was present to answer any questions. Mr. Bernardi stated this is a three phase project. First, the negative air enclosure was put in, second stage, material was removed from the gym and third, on the agenda tonight, the interior of the Montgomery Avenue School.

✚ **State News Update.**

Mr. Bernardi stated at the conference in Hershey, on the state level what the legislatures are talking about is vouchers and public schools. Vouchers is using public money to support private schools. Their intentions are with the proposal as it is now which may be amended. Low income students who live in districts that are low achieving. Students that are in the 111 elementary schools and 32 highs schools that are in the bottom, 5% in achievement, according to the PSSA reading and math. Those student's parents would get a voucher which basically is a subsidy given to the school. They would be able to attend a private school. Another item is Charter Schools. We used to get 20-30% reimbursement for charter school costs based on last year we spent \$230,000 for charter schools. Now it is 0% reimbursement because of the new budget passed. Mr. Bernardi stated this is going to affect all districts. Now with all the mandates and with Wyoming Area specifically, the flooding which affected our residents, will have different tax assessments so we're going to lose more. The picture is not so bright for all districts, especially our district. Another issue was to revamp the teacher evaluation system. They want districts to pilot evaluation forms. We have joined four or five districts in Luzerne County that are going to pilot teacher evaluations. Fifty percent will be based on student performance and fifty percent on observation. And finally, this year the timelines for our budget, for fiscal year 2012-2013, the deadline is January 5, 2012. The proposal deadline is January 25th which speeds up our timeline. We will start budget meetings in November to start the process. Mr. Melone stated that in November we would like to follow the same format as in prior years with our series of meetings and then finish up with our Independent Auditors.

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Mr. Melone stated the only thing he will say is the impact of the flooding in our district. We have been in touch with the assessments office at Luzerne County and the majority of those taxpayers who have been affected and have received more than a 50% reduction in market value and have abatements on property taxes for the current year. We will be required to refund checks through the general fund.

Mrs. Valenti asked Mr. Bernardi if he heard anything from the State regarding days missed because of the flood. Mr. Bernardi responded it's a wait and see at this time. Dr. Casarella commented that public education has been under fire by certain people in political positions and he is not happy with the statements regarding vouchers and teacher evaluations. This is creating an unhealthy atmosphere in public education. The Constitution does give us or guarantees us the right to public education. It doesn't apply to vouchers or charter schools, we are losing some of that money because big city areas are going to benefit from this such as Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Allentown and maybe even Harrisburg. Those low economic areas that they're going to give the vouchers to are going to be the beneficiary of monies which would help our kids and it is wrong, it should be addressed. Dr. Casarella stated the board should sign a petition in Mr. Bernardi's office, if drafted, Dr. Casarella stated he would certainly sign it. They need to know we do not appreciate what is going on in Harrisburg. Also, Dr. Casarella commented he didn't think the teacher evaluations should be based on how students are doing. If a student doesn't want to learn, refused to learn or has the inability to learn 50% evaluation is going to be based on that. We can stand on our heads some days and not get somebody to learn, if they refuse to learn. Dr. Casarella stated this is wrong. It doesn't reflect a good evaluation. These are the two issues Dr. Casarella stated he is objecting. Dr. Campenni stated Hazleton School District should be formally thanked for making available to us a pump to pump out the basement at Montgomery Avenue School. It wouldn't have gone quickly as it did without it. Dr. Campenni asked Mr. Bernardi if they are using the music room at Montgomery Avenue School since the air quality has been good. Mr. Bernardi responded they were. Dr. Campenni commented to Mr. Melone that there are a lot of issues compromising our budget that haven't been there in the past such as the capital improvement fund, the general fund depleting, the State is not going to increase our contribution, it looks like it's going to be a flat increase, were not going to get more money from the State, the health care cost is going up and property taxes, given all that Dr. Campenni stated it seems we have a big hole to fill and asked Mr. Melone if we knew what that hole was going to be. Mr. Melone responded that we have large issues at Montgomery Avenue School. We're waiting for insurance proceeds and FEMA grants. If that comes in, we'll be fine with the Montgomery project. If it doesn't come in, that is an additional strain on our general fund. Mr. Melone stated we are also on our second year of an unsettled professional contract and also property tax revenue. We are depleted because of the assessed valuation going down due to the untimely catastrophic conditions. Mr. Melone stated it's hard to clarify what that number is but it will be challenging as it was or equally as challenging but Mr. Melone stated perhaps the one positive thing is it is forcing many districts to come out of the blocks early November and hopefully we'll have a lot of good minds and input to put together solutions but it would probably be very difficult to clarify a number but it will be challenging. Dr. Campenni stated she believes it is going to be more challenging is because of the capital improvement fund and the stimulus money we got in the past and we're not going to get it again and the depletion of the general fund, there seems to be more of a hole than in the past. Mr. Melone responded there is no doubt. There is going to be increases in health care, increases in retirement fund, professional contract. It is more negative than positive. Dr. Campenni stated she would like to do what Mr. Bolin had suggested a year ago, to get the taxpayers input because the need to make cuts somewhere and get the feedback from citizens.

Dr. Campenni made a motion to develop a procedure to receive input from the taxpayers to manage the hole in the budget. Dr. Casarella seconded the motion.

Mr. DeAngelo asked Mr. Melone or Mr. Bernardi, "Don't we normally have the meetings with the public?" Mr. Bernardi responded our meetings are budget meetings. Mrs. Valenti stated this is where they get the input. Mr. DeAngelo stated he agreed 100% for the public to have input and it is open for the public to be here. Dr. Campenni responded she would like to get more one on one discussions. Mrs. Valenti asked if a committee would be picked and that would include the administrators. Dr. Casarella stated with a fact finders committee we can gather the information necessary to bring to the table so we may make adjustments to the budget. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the budget meetings were advertised in the past and we only had a handful of people that attended. Dr. Casarella also stated we should invite local business people to attend. That may be by invitation. Dr. Campenni also asked Mr. Bernardi to talk with other Superintendents to see how they resolved getting feedback from the citizens.

Student Representative's Report

Morgan Bilbow read her report: With Halloween right around the corner, students are enjoying many activities for the holiday. Tonight, the Key Club is holding their Halloween party in the cafeteria. On Saturday, the senior Halloween party will be held, with the Senior Halloween Parade to take place on Monday. This past Sunday, the Wyoming Area Key Club held their Flood Fest at the football stadium raising \$10,000 for the West Pittston Library damaged by the flood. The Key Club recently held a blood drive benefitting the Red Cross, which was successful with its large turnout. FBLA will be attending the Region 16 Conference Workshop in November to learn about different types of business and their functions. Congratulations to Dori Williams, who will be representing Wyoming Area in the 2011 UNICO Pageant. Also, congratulations to the newly elected class officers for the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Alberigi read the treasurer's report.

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Checking Account</u>
First National Community Bank	General Fund	2,708,840.20
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	4,413.90
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	197,590.64
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	89,827.02
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	9,825.33
Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,934.23
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,693.74

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PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Construction Account	52,447.21
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Investment Account	1,079,428.47

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

Finance Report

Mr. Dominick read the additions.

1. Received the following checks:

Don Wilkinson Agency (Sept.)

Earned Income Tax	99,502.57
Local State Tax	3,480.42
Delinquent Per Capita	1,109.80
Per Capita Tax	<u>14,874.08</u>
Total:	118,966.87

Local Realty Transfer Tax

James Red O'Brien Luzerne County	5,132.28
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Dennis Montross Wyoming County	<u>514.50</u> Total: 5,646.78
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E-Rate Reimbursement

Frontier Communications	1,797.56
One Communications	5,003.82
Verizon Wireless	<u>5,711.37</u>
Total:	12,512.75

Pennsylvania Department of Revenue

PURTA Distribution Check -Tax Year 2010	19,710.54
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2011 Real Estate Taxes

George Miller – West Pittston Borough (Aug.)	58,944.13
(Sept.)	1,132,072.55

Tom Polacheck – Exeter Borough	2,025,358.00
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Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough	1,240,480.23
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Wayman Smith Exeter Twp., Luzerne County	757,927.02
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Robert Connors West Wyoming Borough	1,072,102.24
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Carol Bardzel Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	106,544.46
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State & Federal Subsidy Taxes

Social Security	48,657.00
Retirement	103,737.82
School District Special Education	<u>204,248.00</u>
Total:	356,642.82

Miscellaneous

District Court 11-2-01	21.22
Take Charge of Education (Target)	<u>154.96</u>
Total:	176.18

2. Approve the October payment of \$75,088.54 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2011-2012 school year.
3. Approve the October payment of \$36,505.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2011-2012 school year.
4. Approve tuition reimbursement for Lauren Wiedl in the amount of \$600.00. This amount was inadvertently not included in the listing approved at the September 20, 2011 meeting.
5. 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 Luzerne County of the District.
6. Approve the hosting by Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) of the Student Information System. The summary of cost is estimated as follows:

• Mid Year Cost for 11/12	4,150.00
• One Time Initial Implementations	6,300.00
Service Bank (70 hrs. @ 90.00 per hr.)	
• Data Conversion Fee	To be determined
• Annual Cost for 12/13	27,870.00

This service was previously provided by West Side Career & Technology Center.

7. Approve the following invoice submitted for payment from the Capital Project Account for the Secondary Center roof:

Quad Three Group	7,535.93
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8. Approve the payment of \$500.00 to Robert Shlesinger, Scranton Public Theatre, for the production of Tom Flannery’s one-man play “The Last Thoughts of Gino Merlie” scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Secondary Center Auditorium.

9. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing: 10-31-11	638,970.34
Prepays: 9-30-11	<u>221,040.36</u> 860,010.70

Cafeteria Account:	95,205.17
Athletic Account:	<u>2,742.32</u> <u>97,947.49</u>

Total: 957,958.19

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

On the Question: Mr. Bolin asked if a check from Hazleton Area School District for \$17,000.00 if that is for tuition. Response was yes. Mr. Melone informed Mr. Casarella that a detailed list of expenditures Dr. Casarella asked for will be available for November. Dr. Campenni questioned item #6. Mr. Bernardi responded the West Side Voc Tech Career & Technology Center is transitioning through a contractor for a software through Capital School District Center Susquehanna IU. This is the cost of the software. Mr. Bolin informed Dr. Casarella that the person doing that has left the position for a position at Berwick Area School District. Instead of creating a new position, they sub contracted it out to the Central Susquehanna IU. Dr. Casarella asked if they would be doing report cards, stuff like that. Mr. Bolin responded yes.

John Pegg from West Wyoming questioned item #6, West Side Voc Tech transition. "The mid-year cost of \$4,150.00 is not per month?" Mr. Melone responded no. "And the annual cost for next year is \$27,000?" "The deal package, is that included in that or in addition to that?" Melone responded no, it is in addition to that.

Roll Call: All board members present voted yes on the finance report. Motion passed.

Education Report

Mrs. Valenti read the additions.

1. Reporting as per Federal Regulations Requirement that the District's Federal Programs, (Title I, Title II, and Drugs and Alcohol) has been planned for the 2011-2012 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the request of Mary Ann Murphy, Learning Support Aide at Tenth Street, to extend her personal leave of absence. Date of return is on or before Monday, October 24, 2011.
3. Approve to rescind the appointment of Christine Rutledge as Key Club Advisor and Builders Club Advisor for the 2011-2012 school year.
4. Approve to rescind the appointment of Kim Marchesini as Sophomore Class Advisor for the 2011-2012 school year.
5. Approve to ratify the appointment of Melissa Dolman as Builder's Club Advisor and Sophomore Class Advisor for the 2011-2012 school year.
6. Approve to ratify the appointment of Emily Shemanski as Student Representative of the school board.
7. Approve to rescind the appointment of MaryAnn Matosky as Title I Computer Technician at the Wyoming Area Catholic School.
8. Approve the appointment of Jessica Werbin as WVIA Scholastic Coach at a rate of \$1,000.00.
9. Approve to ratify the appointment of Ryan Charnitski as ½ Day French teacher at Secondary Center retroactive to October 11, 2011.

10. Approve the step placement for Ryan Charnitski, as ½ Day French Teacher at Bachelors Step 1, \$16,103.00.
11. Approve the revised professional substitute list.
12. Approve Eileen Palmer's request to compete in the "Young Scholars Program" along with three 8th grade students, at Scranton Prep on Saturday, November 5, 2011.
13. Approve the request of Shea Riley, Music Teacher, to take a child bearing/child rearing leave effective Thursday, December 1, 2011 and return no later than Monday, February 27, 2012.
14. Approve to ratify the request of the District Superintendent to attend the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA)/Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA) School Leadership Conference held in Hershey, Tuesday, October 18th to Thursday, October 20, 2011, in his capacity as a member of the PASA Board of Governors. Course registration paid through Title II Funds.
15. Approve the request of Rebecca Jones to take a leave without pay, effective Monday, December 19, 2011 with intent to return Monday, December 3, 2012.
16. Approve the request of Deb Popson, Director of Special Education, to attend the CASE National Board of Directors Meeting and Conference in Williamsburg, VA., on Monday, November 7th through Thursday, November 10, 2011. Registration, lodging and transportation to be paid through ACCESS and Title II Funds.

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

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

Activities Report

Mr. Alberigi read the additions.

1. Approve to ratify the request of Chris Hizynski, Key Club Advisor, in conjunction with several school and community organizations, for holding "Flood Fest 2011", a music festival at the stadium which benefited the West Pittston Library held Sunday, October 23, 2011. There were food vendors, bands, bouncy rides, face painting, activities and a Halloween costume parade for the children.
2. Approve the appointment of the following assistant winter coaches as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Boys Basketball

Paul Hindmarsh	Asst. Varsity	2,781.00
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Pete Sulla	9 th Grade Coach	1,446.00
John McNeil	7 th Grade Coach	1,446.00
Al Brogna	Elementary Coordinator	884.00
Dean Carey	Volunteer	

Girls Basketball

C.J. Chairge	Assist. Varsity Coach	2,781.00
Kelly Brozowski	9 th Grade Coach	1,446.00
Allison Wolfgang	8 th Grade Coach	1,446.00
Rich Musinski	7 th Grade Coach	1,446.00
C.J. Chairge	Elementary Coordinator	884.00

Swimming

Jill Powers-Orth	Assistant Coach	2,163.00
Kenny Bryden	Dive Coach	2,163.00
Lauren Shovlin	Volunteer	

Winter Track

Mike Fanti	Volunteer	
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Wrestling

Brian Meehan	Volunteer	
Dave Larson	Volunteer	
Ron Mruk	Volunteer	

Wrestling (continued)

Mike Schutz	Volunteer	
Pat Heck	Volunteer	
Robby Wroblewski	Volunteer	
Damon Barhight	Volunteer	

3. Approve the winter sports schedule submitted by the athletic director for the 2011-2012 school year.
4. Approve to ratify the request of Doug Piazza, Marching Band Director, for ten band members and ten cheerleaders to appear on WBRE's Pennsylvania Live in Wilkes-Barre, on Friday, October 21, 2011. Taping was from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A bus was requested to from this event.
5. Approve the request of Matt Crake, President of the West Pittston Rams, to use the football field, (including scoreboard, sound system with microphone and booth access) practice fields, Key Club Stand, areas near the cafeteria and parking lot near weight room for possible playoff game on Sunday, October 30th, Sunday, November 6th for the Super Bowl and Sunday, November 13, 2011 for the Charity Bowl, pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.
6. Approve to ratify the request of the Wyoming Area Music Sponsors who hosted the annual Marching Band Competition held at the stadium on Saturday, October 15, 2011.
7. Approve the request of Shea Riley, Music Teacher, to continue with the Indoor Percussion Program for the 2011-2012 school year not to exceed \$4,000.00.

8. Approve the request of Melissa Dolman, Wyoming Area Builders Club Advisor, to sponsor a fundraiser to raise additional funds for the Flood Relief Committee by holding a "Teacher Dress Down Day" on Friday, November 4, 2011. Teachers will pay \$5.00 and would be granted to wear jeans and a tee shirt on Friday, November 4, 2011.

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

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

Building Report

Mr. Aritz read the additions.

1. Approve the request of Ann Marie Taggart to use the Secondary Center cafeteria and kitchen for the West Pittston Rams year end banquet celebration on Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager.
2. Approve the request of Barbara Anzalone of Northeast Pennsylvania Academy of Dancing, to use the Secondary Center auditorium for a dance recital on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A dress rehearsal on December 2, 2011 is requested from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
3. Approve to ratify the request of the Builder's Club and Wyoming Area Alumni, for hosting a pasta dinner in the Secondary Center cafeteria, on Sunday, October 16, 2011. This event raised funds for the students affected by the flood.
4. Approve the request of Melinda Larson, Secretary of the Wyoming Area Wrestling Club, to use the Secondary Center gym, the stand and hallway outside the gym for home elementary meets on Sunday, December 18, 2011 and Sunday, January 29, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.
5. Approve the request of Melinda Larson, Secretary of the Wyoming Area Wrestling Club, to use the Secondary Center gym, the stand, cafeteria, the multi-purpose room and all hallways leading to and from these rooms for the Penn League Elementary Wrestling Tournament, Saturday, February 4th and Sunday, February 5, 2012, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal, athletic director and cafeteria manager.
6. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list.
7. Approve the ratification of the proposal for the removal of the gymnasium floor at the Montgomery Avenue Elementary School to Forrester Environmental, Inc. at \$55,008.00.
8. Approve the proposal to award interior flood damage at the Montgomery Avenue Elementary School to Panzitta Enterprises at \$428,655.00, contingent upon the district receiving both insurance proceeds and FEMA assistance to fund the project.

9. Approve Memorandum of Agreement between Wyoming Area Board of Education and the Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals Association, ESPA-PSEA-NEA providing for a "temporary incentive" to support staff who, during the time period of this Agreement, September 27, 2011 to December 15, 2011, notify the district that they have elected to retire in accordance with the terms thereof.
10. Approve for Wyoming Area School District to designate Quad Three Group, Inc. as Applicants Agent for FEMA assistance.
11. Approve the request of Bob Orlando, President of the Wyoming Area Kiwanis, to use the Secondary Center auditorium for "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, December 4, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager.
12. Accept, with regret, Tom Pepe's letter of intent to retire retroactive to September 30, 2011.

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

On the Question: Dr. Casarella questioned item #10. "Is there a cost to that?" Mr. Scarantino of Quad Three responded most of the work has been done. What he has to do is put packets together of all the information. Mr. Casarella asked overall with the disinfectants and removal of floor, the cost. Mr. Scarantino responded close to \$600,000.00. Mr. Casarella asked that when that is put into the application is there a percentage of that. Mr. Scarantino responded no. With all three phases their fees are all included. Bob Borzell of Wyoming questioned item #7, removal of the floor at Montgomery Avenue. What is the square feet of that. Response from Quad Three was 5,000. Mr. Borzell asked if this was just to remove the floor. Mr. Bernardi responded no, it was also disinfecting the area and removing dry wall. Mr. Borzell stated he wanted to know if it can be broken down for removal of the floor and additional things they did. Gerald Stofco questioned item #8, proposal to award interior flood damage to Panzitta at \$428,655.00. How long are we going to hold this contract on them. We don't know how long the flood insurance may take. Mr. Bernardi responded he spoke to the insurance carrier and should get a response shortly. Mr. Stofco asked what happens if we don't get the insurance. Mr. Melone responded we still have the fund balance.

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

Policy Report

Mr. Bolin read the policy report.

1. Approve to adopt policy #620 "Fund Balance."
2. Approve to adopt policy #117 "Home Instruction."

Motion by Mr. Bolin, second by Dr. Casarella, to accept the policy report.

Roll Call: Dr. Campenni abstained. All remaining board members voted yes. Motion passed.

Open Discussion: Dr. Campenni thanked everyone who was involved in the Flood Fest, all the volunteers, community members, Chris Hizynski, Builders Club, Key Club and cheerleaders. Dr. Campenni stated it was a wonderful event with the community coming together. Dr. Casarella inquired about the trailer park that was destroyed by the flood. Many of the students are displaced. Dr. Casarella also questioned the houses in West Pittston which are going to be knocked down and Dr. Casarella stated he didn't know how we are going to handle this. Financially it is going to be a disaster. It is going to be more significant than we thought. Dr. Casarella asked Angelo Falzone what we are doing with the students. Mr. Falzone responded we are giving them transportation to the LIU. Dr. Casarella asked if they can put homes back in there. Dr. Casarella asked if they knew if the trailer park area was going to have residence in there again. Response was they don't know yet, it wasn't discussed. Dr. Casarella stated it is going to be a loss of revenue. Mrs. Valenti stated the main thing is getting these people back into their homes. Mr. Gerald Stofco commented on the treasurer's report stating we have nine accounts, we are down to three banks, one bank, for the athletic fund for Landmark we have 1,934.23 and First National bank we have 9,825.33. We brought them down to three banks to keep them more accountable but Mr. Stofco stated we should share more. Also, Mr. Stofco asked Mr. Bernardi that if there is a nice program going on to change the flag in front of the building.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bolin.

Nicholas DeAngelo, President

John Bolin, Secretary