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Wyoming Area School District  
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting  
Wyoming Area Board of Education  
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, PA. 18643  
Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

The 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 ten people in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Deanna Farrell, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Roll Call:                               Mrs. Deanna Farrell, President  
  Mrs. Kimberly Yochem, Vice President  
  Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary  
  Mr. Carmen Bolin, Treasurer  
  Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo  
  Mrs. Elizabeth Gober-Mangan  
  Mr. Gerald Stofko  
  Mrs. Toni Valenti

Absent:                                   Dr. Estelle Campenni

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

At this time, the Student Council students and officers were sworn in by Mrs. Serino and Deanna Farrell, Board President, handed out certificates.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting minutes from regular meeting of September 25, 2019.
2. Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Basketball Parents Association, requesting permission to hold various fundraisers.
3. Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Basketball Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center gym and gym lobby for Meet the Warriors.
4. Rhonda Pizano, Cheerleading Advisor, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center gym for Cheerleaders Winter Clinic.
5. Karen Venetz, Food Service Worker, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
6. Stacey Yeager, Elementary Teacher, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
7. Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Basketball Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center multipurpose room and Intermediate Center gym to hold an elementary girls Skills and Drills camp.

8. Paula Denisco, Level I Secretary, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
9. Alyssa Merkel, Special Education Teacher, requesting to take maternity leave of absence.
10. Joseph Long, Principal at Intermediate Center, submitting his letter of resignation.
11. Joseph Kopko, In-School Suspension Teacher, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
12. Patricia Drendall, Personal Care Aide, requesting permission to extend her medical leave of absence.
13. David Vest, Music Teacher, submitting his letter of resignation.
14. Annette Gentile, Food Service Worker, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence.
15. Kelly Dymond, Wyoming Area Swim/Dive Team Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for Meet the Warriors.

#### Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Farrell asked for approval of the minutes of October 22, 2019. All board members present voted aye.

#### Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read her report.

At this time, Mrs. Serino handed out plaques to Deanna Farrell and Beth Gober-Mangan, outgoing board members, for serving on the Board of Education.

1. **Intermediate Center Student Council Swearing In.**
2. **Our annual Veteran's Day Program was held on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Junior and Senior Class attended a presentation of the "Last Thoughts of Gino Merli" by Tom Flannery and presented by the Scranton Public Theater. A luncheon was held for local Veteran's prior to the annual program in the gymnasium. Mr. Ronald Gitkos was our guest speaker this year. Thank you to the members of the History Club, Journalism Club, Band and Chorus, Ms. Sperrazza, Mrs. Riley and Ms. Argento for their participation and assistance with this event. Mrs. Mauren Pikas is the History Club advisor and the Veteran's Day Program Coordinator. Thank you to all!!!**



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3. Our kindergarten students were recorded singing “Grand Old Flag” for the Veteran’s Day Program at the Secondary Center. The video was played at the program.
4. Our band was invited to Temple University for Temple Marching Band Day with the Owl Band on November 30<sup>th</sup> to perform at Lincoln Financial Field the home of the Eagles. The students will be able to represent the school during the Temple Football game alongside the Temple Owl Marching Band.
5. Kindergarten, Primary and Intermediate had fire truck visits in October for Fire Prevention month.
6. 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, November 5<sup>th</sup>. 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. In appreciation, Brace’s Orchard made a donation to the school that will be used to support the School Wide Positive Behavior Program at the Primary Center. Mrs. Switzer, first grade teacher, organized this community Apple Celebration event. Mr. Pacchioni is building principal.



7. The photo below shows our students at the Intermediate Center coding a rock paper scissors game using Micro:Bits bought by the PASMART Grant. Mrs. Erica Bartoli is the teacher.



8. **Student Council from the Intermediate Center once again held their Penny Wars. The Penny Wars is part of the School-Wide Positive Behavior Program. This year they raised \$2,413.91.**

Solicitor's Report

Attorney Ferentino stated an executive session was held tonight and time clocks, personnel issues and hirings were discussed.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bolin read the Treasurer's Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	7,221,195.83
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,782.22
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	97,749.62
First National Community Bank	Student Activities	127,549.93
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	17,491.52
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	Earned Income Tax Revenue	324,331.00
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	1,372,542.55

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	101,276.92
Local Services Tax	580.56
Per Capita Tax	5,220.20
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>4,354.52</u>
Total:	111,432.20

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Pasmart Targeted Computer Science & STEM Education	2,048.06
Basic Education Funding	1,198,829.00
School District Transportation	320,779.00
Property Tax Relief Payment	<u>234,190.83</u>
Total:	1,755,846.89

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Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	14,201.12
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2019 Real Estate Taxes

Ann Marie Farley – Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	92,332.58
Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough	1,088,506.65
George Miller – West Pittston Borough	1,748,715.78
Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough	1,231,176.79
Thomas Pizano – Exeter Borough	2,156,229.62
Wayman Smith – Exeter Twp., Luzerne County	<u>1,243,068.45</u>
Total:	7,560,029.87

2. Approve the November payment of \$123,073.42 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for special education services and other related services for the 2019-2020 school year.
3. Approve the November payment of \$52,153.30 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2019-2020 school year.
4. Approve the November payment of \$6,666.67 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Liberty Academy Dual Diagnosis Services for the 2019-2020 school year.
5. Approve the final payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for special education contracted professional services provided to the Wyoming Area School District for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$88,588.00.
6. Approve a credit earned from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to the Alternate Learning Center Programs for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$59,600.00.
7. Approve the final payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to Lynnwood/Liberty Academy Services for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$80,411.04.
8. Approve the final payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to the Partial Hospitalization Program for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$7,683.24.
9. Approve a credit earned from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to the Service Learning Program provided for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$28,800.00.
10. Approve the final payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to Nonpublic Schools Transportation for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$24,078.71.
11. Approve a credit earned from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit related to the Liberty Dual Diagnosis Program for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$25,444.80.
12. Approve to ratify the November 1, 2019 payment to FNCB Bank in the amount of \$22,739.25 for the General Obligation Note Series of 2018 of the Wyoming Area School District.
13. Approve the request of the Wyoming Area School District Tax Collectors to receive compensation regarding collection of installment payments for 2019 for real estate taxes in the amount of \$2,482.50.

## 14. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: November 2019	819,129.06	
Prepays: October 2019	<u>115,947.28</u>	935,076.34
Cafeteria Account:	72,207.35	
Athletic Account:	<u>18,096.57</u>	<u>90,303.92</u>
	Total:	1,025,380.26

15. Approve the contract between Wyoming Area School District and UGI Energy Services, LLC, for 30 month period December 2019 through May 2020 for securing price of electricity. (This item was added from the floor)

16. Approve the contract between Wyoming Area School District and UGI Energy Services, LLC, for a 36 month period January 2020 through December 2022 for securing price of natural gas. (This item was added from the floor)

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

Roll Call: Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, Yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

#### Education Report

Mrs. Gober-Mangan 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 2019-2020 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the request of Stacey Yeager, Elementary Teacher, to take a medical leave of absence effective November 12, 2019 through approximately December 6, 2019.
3. Approve the request of Alyssa Merkel, Special Education Teacher, to take maternity leave of absence on or about February 2, 2020 with an intent of return at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Accept, with regret, Joseph Long's letter of resignation as Principal of the Intermediate Center effective January 12, 2020.
5. Approve the request of Joseph Kopko, In-School Suspension Teacher, to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to November 14, 2019.
6. Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education of Wyoming Area and the Wyoming Area Education Association regarding that the Athletic Director Position shall be given on the basis of seniority to the most senior person that (1)has a current certification as a Certified Athletic Director Administrator (CAA) from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA), (2)Demonstrates experience and competence with a sports program, and (3) strong communication and organizational skills with the ability to multi-task and meet deadlines.

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7. Accept, with regret, David Vest's letter of resignation as music teacher effective January 24, 2020.
8. Motion to approve an agreement between Wyoming Area School District and Kelly Services for placement of substitute teachers at a fee of 20% per teacher. (This item was added from the floor)

Motion by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, second by Mr. Marianacci, to accept the education report.

Roll Call: Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, Yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

#### Activities Report

Mr. DeAngelo read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the request of Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Basketball Parents Association, to hold the following fundraisers:

Lottery Tickets – December 2019

Gerrity's Bagging for Charity – December 15, 2019

Applebee's – players will serve breakfast – January 18, 2020

Annual pizza sale (Superbowl Weekend) –delivery on February 1, 2020

Sell ads for program booklet

Solicit Sponsorships for a winter skills and drills elementary girls basketball program

2. Approve the appointment of Patrick Hall as a volunteer coach for elementary wrestling for the 2019-2020 winter sports season.
3. Approve the appointment of Kayla Taddei as a diving coach for the 2019-2020 winter sports season.

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

Roll Call: Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, Yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

#### Building Report

Mr. Stofko read the Building Report.

1. Approve the request of Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Basketball Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center gym and gym lobby for Meet the Warriors on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. (Class A)
2. Approve the request of Rhonda Pizano, Cheerleading Advisor, to use the Secondary Center gym for a Cheerleaders Winter Clinic on Sunday, December 22, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Also, requesting for the participants to perform at halftime at the varsity basketball game on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. (Class A)
3. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list for the 2019-2020 school year.

4. Accept, with regret, Karen Venetz's letter of intent to retire as food service worker effective January 2, 2020.
5. Approve the request of Jenny Kranson, Wyoming Area Girls Basketball Parents Association, to hold an elementary girls basketball Skills and Drills camp at the Secondary Center multipurpose room for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades, Monday and Friday, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and at the Intermediate Center gym for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades, Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The camp will run November 20<sup>th</sup> through February 7, 2020, pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. (Class A)
6. Accept, with regret, Paula Denisco's letter of intent to retire as Level I Secretary effective June 29, 2020 of the 2019-2020 school year.
7. Approve the appointment of Jerry Rynkiewicz as full time custodian.
8. Approve the appointment of Frederick Threatt as full time custodian.
9. Approve the request of Patricia Drendall, Personal Care Aide, to extend her medical leave of absence to January 6, 2020.
10. Approve the request of Annette Gentile, Food Service Worker, to take a medical leave of absence effective December 3, 2019 for approximately 8-10 weeks. Approximate date of return is March 2, 2020.
11. Approve the request of Kelly Dymond, Wyoming Area Swim/Dive Team Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for Meet the Warriors on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director. (Class A)

Motion by Mr. Stofko, second by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, to accept the building report.

Roll Call: Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, Yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

#### Policy Report

Mr. Bolin read the Policy Report.

1. Approve the first reading of revised policy section 900: Community.

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

Roll Call: Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mr. Bolin, Yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

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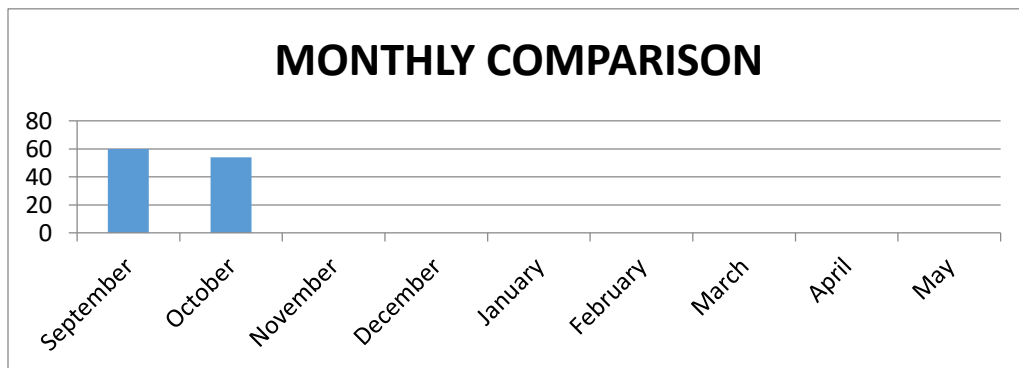
Police Report

**Wyoming Area Police Department  
Monthly Report for October, 2019  
Total Calls for Service**

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0002	Transport	1
0690	Theft – Reports	1
1490	Criminal Mischief - Reports	1
2300	Public Drunkenness	1
2400	Disorderly Conduct	5
2450	Harassment	3
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	5
2690	All Other Offenses - Reports	2
2811	Curfew Law (Juvenile) - Male	1
2910	Lost/Missing Property	1
3100	Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
3400	Mental Health	2
3610	Disturbances - Juvenile	4
3870	Medical Emergency	1
3900	Traffic & Parking Problems	1
4010	Traffic Offenses	1
4090	Non-Criminal – Reports	4
7016	Follow Up Information	8
7504	Assist Other Agencies – Other Police	5
PARE	Parent Conference	2
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	1
JUV	Juvenile Petition Filed	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>54</b>

Monthly Comparison

<u>September Calls for Service</u>	<u>October Calls for Service</u>	<u>Plus/Minus Comparison</u>
60	54	-6



Open Discussion:

John Pegg, West Wyoming:

- General obligation note
- Tax Collectors compensation
- Pasmart under State & Subsidy payments
- Curriculum at WSC&TC

At this time, Toni Valenti and Mr. Stofko thanked Deanna Farrell and Mrs. Gober-Mangan for their services on the board. They will be missed. Mr. Stofko acknowledged all sports in the district and the vets program, stating “We have a great District.”

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by by Mr. Stofko second by Mr. Marianacci.

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Deanna Farrell, President

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John Marianacci, Secretary

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