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Wyoming Area School District  
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting  
Wyoming Area Board of Education  
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643  
Tuesday, December 17, 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 auditorium, 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. Mr. Gerald Stofko, President of the Board, asked everyone to remain standing for prayer for Carmen Bolin who had a medical procedure done. Mr. Stofko called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Gerald Stofko, President  
Mrs. Kimberly Yochem, Vice President  
Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary  
Ms. Lara Best  
Mr. Philip Campenni  
Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo  
Mr. Leonard Pribula  
Mrs. Toni Valenti

Absent: Mr. Carmen Bolin, Treasurer

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, Joseph Long, Intermediate Center Principal, Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Frank Pugliese, Facilities Director, Melissa Collevecchio, Food Service Director, Sailym Jones and Marissa Kovalski, Student Representatives.

Appointment of School Board Committee Chairpersons

1. Approve the appointments of the following school board committee chairpersons:

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Finance             | Carmen Bolin    |
| Education           | Phil Campenni   |
| Activities          | Nick DeAngelo   |
| Buildings & Grounds | Gerald Stofko   |
| Bids                | Leonard Pribula |
| Policy              | Toni Valenti    |
| Technology          | Lara Best       |
| Police              | Kim Yochem      |

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting minutes from their regular meeting of October 23, 2019.
2. Jean McHale, Kindergarten Aide, submitting her letter of intent to retire.

3. Blaise Sokach-Minnick submitted a letter thanking the board for allowing him to acquire his Scouting Life rank by repainting the “Warriors” sign on the press box.
4. Rita Mauriello, along with Carol Tabit, Linda McDermott and Carolyn Flickinger, requesting permission to attend the 2020 Pennsylvania Title I Improving School Performance Conference in Pittsburgh.
5. Theresa Alba, Health Care Tech, requesting permission to extend her medical leave of absence.
6. Sharon Hollister, Wyoming Area Music Sponsors, requesting permission to sell purse bingo tickets in the Secondary Center lobby.

#### Summary of Applications Received

Elementary Principal – 13

#### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stofko asked for approval of minutes of regular board meeting of November 19, 2019. All board members present voted aye.

Mr. Stofko asked for approval of minutes of reorganization meeting of December 3, 2019. All board members present aye.

#### Superintendent’s Report Mrs.

Serino read her report.

1. **Congratulations to the Christmas Card Contest Winners: Rebecca Dymond, 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at the Secondary Center and Justine Spess, 6<sup>th</sup> grade at the Intermediate Center.**
2. **For the past 17 years, it has been tradition at the Kindergarten Center for the students to make gingerbread houses. Parents were invited to help. The making of the Gingerbread Houses was done in the cafeteria. The parents, students and teachers had an enjoyable time.**



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3. Students from Mrs. McAndrews Geometry class at the Secondary Center wrote children's books using Conditional Sentences (logical reasoning unit). They presented their stories to all the kindergarten classes at the Kindergarten Center on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The kindergarten students and teachers enjoyed hearing the stories. The Geometry students did a great job.



4. Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Wyatt Christian for winning the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade geography bee. Wyatt is the winner for the second year in a row and will be taking the state geography test in January. Last year Wyatt competed in Harrisburg and hopes to get there again this year! Congratulations Wyatt! Teachers involved in the geography bee are Ashley Artiz, Michelle Harden and Chris Hizynski.

Student Representative's Report Marissa

Kovaleski read the report.

The senior winter formal will be held this Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 10:30 at Fox Hill Country Club. The senior class officers are holding a student run kickball tournament on February 1 at the WASC gymnasium. Any businesses interested in sponsoring the event are asked to get in touch with a senior class officer. The boys' varsity basketball game in support of Little Eric's Foundation has been postponed to tomorrow night with varsity beginning at 7:15.

Solicitor's Report

Attorney Ferentino reported the board met for executive session to discuss personnel matters, expulsion, engaging counsel for special education matters and negotiations.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Mr. Bolin.

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|---|-------------------------|---------------|
| First National<br>Community Bank                  | General Fund            | 10,041,292.15 |
| First National<br>Community Bank                  | Payroll Account         | 5,792.25      |
| First National<br>Community Bank                  | Cafeteria Account       | 107,528.03    |
| First National<br>Community Bank                  | Student Activities      | 126,727.13    |
| First National<br>Community Bank                  | Athletic Fund Account   | 29,765.61     |
| First National<br>Community Bank                  | Purchasing Account      | 500.00        |
| Pennsylvania Local<br>Government Investment Trust | General Fund Account    | .00           |
| Pennsylvania Local<br>Government Investment Trust | General Fund Account    | 1,125,602.22  |
| First National<br>Community Bank                  | Series 2018 GON Account | 1,357,995.67  |

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

Finance Report

Mrs. Yochem read the Finance Report in the absence of Mr. Bolin.

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## 1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Income Tax

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Earned Income Tax     | 369,912.64      |
| Local Services Tax    | 6,034.68        |
| Per Capita Tax        | 2,934.40        |
| Delinquent Per Capita | <u>5,063.30</u> |
| Total:                | 383,945.02      |

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Social Security                     | 133,414.39        |
| Title II – Improving Basic Programs | 124,233.22        |
| PRRI Deductable Adjustment          | 4,584.01          |
| School District Special Education   | <u>242,912.00</u> |
| Total:                              | 505,143.62        |

Local Realty Transfer Tax

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Luzerne County | 21,402.93     |
| Wyoming County | <u>493.92</u> |
| Total:         | 21,896.85     |

2019 Real Estate Taxes

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough                 | 65,182.69         |
| Ann Marie Farley – Exeter Twp., Wyoming County | 39,930.66         |
| George Miller – West Pittston Borough          | 170,319.63        |
| Wayman Smith – Exeter Twp., Luzerne County     | 107,421.10        |
| Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough          | 60,410.68         |
| Tom Polacheck – Exeter Borough                 | <u>297,685.22</u> |
| Total:   | 740,949.98        |

2. Approve the December 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 December payment of \$52,153.30 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2019-2020 school year.
4. Approve the December 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 Concurrent Enrollment Agreement between Wyoming Area School District and Penn State University Wilkes-Barre Campus. This agreement allows students to take classes offered by the University. The University will charge District students covered by this agreement 50% of the in-state prevailing tuition rate and PA. Technology fee.
6. Approve the following refunds for paid property taxes for the year 2019:

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| 66-E10SE1-009-017-000 | 1,886.19 |
| 67-E10SE3-014-016-000 | 2,024.14 |
| 17-B10-00A-28R-000    | 1,385.59 |
| 67-F10S1-002-003-000  | 2,970.04 |
| 67-F10S1-002-03G-000  | 1,130.19 |
| 67-F10S1-002-03H-000  | 714.68   |
| 65-D11SE4-005-029-000 | 150.97   |

7. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Commission on Economic Opportunity and Wyoming Area School District for the Pennsylvania Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-Ed). There is no cost to the district.

8. Approve the general ledger sheet:

|                             |                  |                   |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Bill Listing: December 2019 | 650,551.65       |                   |
| Prepays: November 2019      | <u>52,000.29</u> | 702,551.94        |
| Cafeteria Account:          | 100,026.78       |                   |
| Athletic Account:           | <u>2,842.85</u>  | <u>102,869.63</u> |
|                             | Total:           | 805,421.57        |

9. Motion to approve Juel Anne Klepadlo to serve as Co-Chairperson of 2020 Wyoming Area Scholarship Program at a stipend of \$2,000. (THIS ITEM ADDED FROM THE FLOOR)
10. Motion to approve the Wyoming Area School District to apply with Exeter Borough for L.S.A. grant for the repair of the district tennis courts to be utilized by the girls and boys tennis teams and the community. (THIS ITEM WAS ADDED FROM THE FLOOR)

Motion by Mrs. Yochem, second by Mr. Stofko, to accept the finance report.

On the Question: George Race, Exeter, questioned item #5, who pays the 50%? Mr. Galella, Director of Curriculum, spoke to a representative from Penn State. Dual Enrollment is 50% discount paid by students. It would be \$786.00 for a 3 credit course. Mr. Race questioned item #7. Mrs. Serino stated they come in once a month.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mrs. Valenti, 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) 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 Rita Mauriello, Carol Tabit, Linda McDermott and Carolyn Flickinger to attend the 2020 Pennsylvania Title I Improving School Performance Conference in Pittsburgh, Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, January 29, 2020. Costs to come out of Title I Funds.
3. Approve the revised guest teacher substitute list.
4. Approve the appointment of Brian Strazdus as elementary principal for the Intermediate Center.

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

On the Question: Mr. Race questioned item #2. Mrs. Serino responded they are required to attend this conference and funds come out of Title I. Asked the cost, Mrs. Serino stated she could get that information for Mr. Race.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

#### Activities Report

Mr. DeAngelo read the Activities Report.

1. Approve the appointment of Katharyn Dymond as assistant swim coach at a salary of \$2,701.00 for the 2019-2020 winter sports season.
2. Approve the request of Sharon Hollister, Wyoming Area Music Sponsors, to sell Purse Bingo tickets in the Secondary Center lobby on January 16, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

#### Building Report

Mr. Stofko read the Building Report.

1. Accept, with regret, Jean McHale's letter of intent to retire as kindergarten aide effective December 20, 2019.
2. Approve the request of Theresa Alba, Health Care Tech, to extend her medical leave of absence another 8 weeks beyond January 6, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Stofko, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the building report.

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

#### Policy Report

Mrs. Valenti read the Policy Report.

1. Approve the second reading and adoption of revised policy section 900: Community.

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

Roll Call: Ms. Best, yes, Mr. Campenni, yes, Mr. DeAngelo, yes, Mr. Pribula, yes, Mrs. Valenti, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

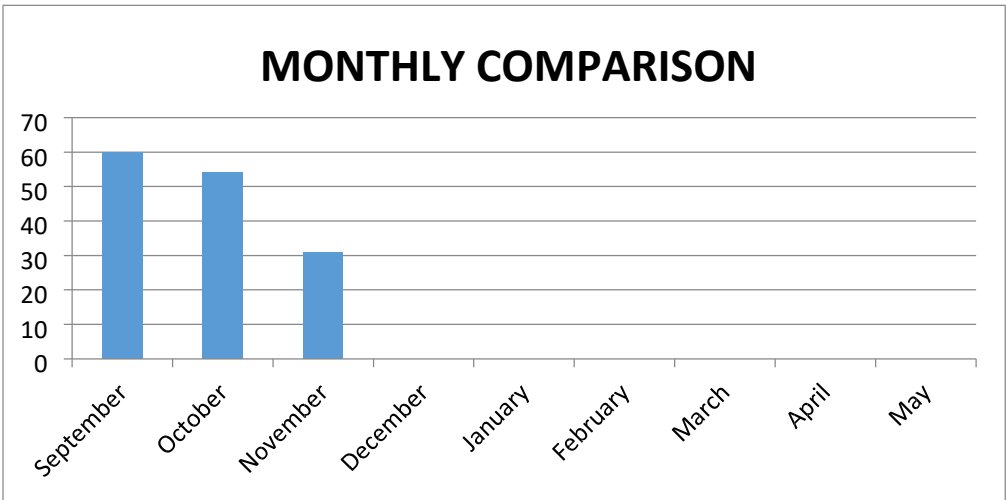
Police Report

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

| <u>CODE</u> |                              | <u>COUNT</u> |
|-------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 0000        | Parent Conference            | 3            |
| 0002        | Transport                    | 3            |
| 1490        | Criminal Mischief - Reports  | 2            |
| 2400        | Disorderly Conduct           | 3            |
| 3610        | Disturbances - Juvenile      | 1            |
| 3900        | Traffic & Parking Problems   | 3            |
| 4090        | Non-Criminal – Reports       | 2            |
| 5008        | Lost & Found – Lost Articles | 1            |
| 7016        | Follow Up Information        | 3            |
| TRU         | Compulsory School Attendance | 1            |
|             |                              | <hr/>        |
| Total       |                              | 31           |

Monthly Comparison

|      | <u>October Calls for Service</u> | <u>November Calls for Service</u> | <u>Plus/Minus Comparison</u> |   |
|------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
|      | 54                               | 31                                | -23                          |   |
| 2450 | Harassment                       |                                   |                              | 4 |
| 2601 | Use of Tobacco in Schools        |                                   |                              | 2 |
| 2812 | Curfew Law (Juvenile) - Female   |                                   |                              | 1 |
| 2910 | Lost/Missing Property            |                                   |                              | 2 |



Open Discussion:

- Joanna Pechal – Gifted students
- John Pegg, West Wyoming – Policies
- George Race, Exeter – Exceeding exceptions – Conflict of interest for board member to vote on contract with relative working in the district
- Zack Houston – Next meeting take school board picture for yearbook

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With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 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