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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, November 27, 2012, 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 sixty people in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Alliegiance. Mr. Bolin asked everyone to take a moment of silence for Tom Kearns, a former board member, and Chief Richard Simonson of West Pittston, who recently passed away. Dr. Casarella, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Dr. Frank Casarella, President
 Mrs. Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, Secretary
 Mr. John Marianacci, Treasurer
 Mr. John Bolin
 Mrs. Mary Louise Degnan
 Mr. Gilbert Dominick
 Mrs. Deanna Farrell
 Mr. Carl Yorina, Jr.

Absent: Dr. Estelle Campenni, Vice President

Also present were: Raymond J. Bernardi, Superintendent, Janet Serino, Assistant Superintendent, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino, Frank Pugliese, Director of Buildings and Grounds, Jon Pollard, Elementary Building Principal of Tenth St./JFK, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Building Principal, Melissa Collevchio, Food Service Director, Deb Popson, Special Education Director, Angelo Falzone, Transportation/Attendance Director, Emily Shemanski and Brian Wisowaty, Student Representatives'.

Communication Report

Mrs. Gober-Mangan read the communications report.

1. Susan McCrone, Acting Division Chief, Pennsylvania Department of Education, notifying the Superintendent the Division of Federal Programs has received the 2012-2013 Consolidated Federal Programs Application in substantially approvable form.
2. Betty Mazzitelli, Secretary, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence until further notice.
3. Carol Cotter-Dente, Cleaning Personnel, requesting permission to take a medical leave of absence until further notice.
4. Roseann Ankenbrand, Special Education Aide, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
5. Beth Connor, Elementary Music Teacher, requesting permission to take a maternity leave.
6. Jenny Kranson, JFK PTO, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a bingo fundraiser.
7. Mary Bone and Gina Malsky, Chairpersons for Senior Class Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria/kitchen for a pasta dinner/craft fair.

8. Bob Orlando, President of the Wyoming Area Kiwanis, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Breakfast with Santa."
9. Captain Christopher Mercavitch of the Wyoming Borough Police, requesting permission to use the Tenth Street School for an Emergency Response Drill.
10. Heather Derr, Wyoming Area Wrestling Parents, requesting permission to use the gym, gym hallway and gym entrance for elementary wrestling tournaments.
11. Gina Malsky, President of Wyoming Area Cheer Parents Organization, requesting permission on Sunday, November 18th for the Cheerleaders to bag groceries at the West Pittston and Wyoming Gerrity's.
12. Gina Malsky, President of Wyoming Area Cheer Parents Organization, requesting permission on Monday, November 26th for the cheerleaders to have a clinic for Wyoming Area students in grades K through 6 to participate in a no school day.
13. Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for the annual Drama Club Cabaret.
14. Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center auditorium and piano for a musical theater educational workshop.
15. Jeanne Wisnewski, Tenth Street PTO, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center auditorium for a talent show.
16. Christina Koons, Spotlight Dance Studio, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center auditorium for their annual Christmas recital.
17. Maureen Pikas, Teacher, requesting permission to use the multipurpose room and Secondary Center gym for a Veteran's Day Program.
18. Tracy Carey, President of Wyoming Area Boys Basketball Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center gym and lobby for "Meet the Warriors."
19. Joe Pizano, Athletic Director, requesting permission to attend the 31st US All Star Track and Field/Cross Country clinic, along with Coach Mike Fanti in Atlantic City, New Jersey.
20. Rebecca Holl, Owner and Director of When I Grow Up...Childcare and Learning Center, requesting permission to utilize the facilities of Wyoming Area School District in the event of an emergency evacuation.
21. Len Costello, Marching Band Director, requesting permission to change the band rotation because the band is unable to perform at the Cherry Blossom Festival. Ed Martin, West Pittston Recreation Board, is requesting the participation of the Wyoming Area Marching Band and Jr. High Band in their Christmas Parade welcoming Santa to West Pittston in exchange for the Cherry Blossom Festival.
22. Len Costello, Marching Band Director, requesting a motor coach bus for the annual Atlantic Coast Championships to Hershey.

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23. Renee DeAngelo, First Grade Teacher at JFK, requesting permission to take a half year sabbatical for the second and third marking periods of the 2012-2013 school year. Intent of return will be the fourth marking period currently scheduled to begin April 5, 2013.
24. Bob Orlando, Wyoming Area Kiwanis, requesting permission to use the football stadium facilities for a Hershey Track & Field Games event.
25. Luzerne Intermediate Unit submitting their minutes of August 8, 2012.
26. Marlene Wrubel, Secretary of the Wyoming Area Diamond Club, requesting permission for the baseball team and coaches attend an exhibition tournament weekend in Martinsburg, Virginia.
27. Alex Brogna, Head Boys' Basketball Coach, requesting permission for the basketball parents to paint the boys locker room and coaches' room.
28. Rosella Fedor, Special Program Advisor, requesting permission to use the computer lab on the first floor for a computer based financial aid program.
29. Robert Staver, Department of Education, notifying the Superintendent the Education Jobs Fund Agreement for the 2011-2012 school year has been approved.
30. Roland Greco of LPL Financial, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center auditorium to present a free workshop: "College Funding Strategies for parents."
31. Joseph Gillespie, Physical Education Teacher, requesting permission to take a medical leave until further notice.
32. Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, requesting permission to use the lobby and auditorium for auditions and presentation of the spring musical.
33. Rebecca Jones, Special Education Teacher, notification of her return to work on December 3, 2012.
34. The Baseball Parents Association is requesting to blacktop the batting cages, level the first and second bases, fill in area by outfield fence, roll the field in March, general field work and infield dragging in March, at no cost to the district.
35. Jessica Budzak, Prevention Specialist, requesting permission for SADD to host a Dodgeball Tournament in the Secondary Center gymnasium.
36. Jennifer Stegman, American Red Cross, requesting permission to use the multipurpose room for a blood drive.
37. Michael Sokolas submitting his letter of resignation as Girls Varsity Head Soccer Coach.
38. Juel Anne Klepadlo, Secondary Teacher, requesting permission for the Key Club, in conjunction with Misericordia University, to hold a winter coat drive.
39. Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, requesting permission for the Drama students to attend the Pennsylvania State Thespian Convention in York, PA. and are asking that the district contribute to the cost of the transportation.

40. Jean Marie Argenio, Substitute Teacher, requesting permission to remain as a long term substitute teacher in any position. Mrs. Argenio has been a long term substitute teacher for Rebecca Jones who will return from her leave.
41. Ann Mazzitelli, Lady Warriors Basketball Parents, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Lady Warriors" Basketball."
42. Leonarda Sperrazza, Music Teacher, requesting permission to accompany two students to the PMEA District 9 Chorus Festival at Dallas High School.
43. Shea Riley, Music Teacher, requesting permission to continue with the Indoor Percussion Program.
44. Austin Shission, a Junior at the Secondary Center, requesting permission to distribute flyers to all Wyoming Area Schools in order to collect school supplies for 120 children in Nicaragua. This past January, Mr. Shission traveled to Masaya, Nicaragua to perform missionary work and was informed of the need for school supplies.

Applications Received

Elementary – 3
 English – 1
 Biology – 1
 Assistant Drama Advisor- 1
 Special Education - 2
 Head Softball Coach – 4
 Head Baseball Coach – 1
 Head Track & Field Coach – 1
 Head Boys' Tennis Coach - 1

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Bolin, second by Mr. Dominick to approve the minutes of regular meeting September 25, 2012. All board members voted aye. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bernardi read the Superintendent's Report.

1. **Parent Conferences and Report Card Distribution** was held throughout the District on **Tuesday, November 13, 2012** from **12:00 Noon to 7:00 P.M.** I am happy to report the following percentages of parent participation throughout the District:

Secondary Center: 966 visited out of 1137 = 85%

JFK: 158 visited out of 174 = 91%

Montgomery Ave.: 368 visited out of 407 = 90%

SJD: 132 visited out of 139 = 95%

Tenth Street: 502 visited out of 565 = 89%

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2. On November 7th, our annual **Veterans Recognition Program** was held at the **Secondary Center** to honor all local **Veterans**. A **luncheon** was held at **noon** for approximately **90+** veterans in attendance. Afterwards, an **Assembly** was held with the entire student body in the **Gymnasium** to honor and recognize these special individuals. Congratulations to **Mrs. Pikas, Mr. Quaglia, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Collevchio, Mrs. Denesco and Mrs. Alberigi** for their assistance.

Mr. Bernardi read a letter from a Veteran stating what a wonderful experience Veteran's Day was for him this year and a special honor for all veterans' and a memorable example and important role model for the high school students. He also stated that the essays read by students were written factually and quite inspirational and couldn't remember when he had such a meaningful and pleasant Veterans' Day. He would also remember this. Emily Shemanski, Student Representative, also stated how nice the program was and how honored the Veterans' were and also the students.

3. **Congratulation to two of our Tenth Street Elementary students, Bayli Grossi and Cassidy Orzel, who were selected as winners for their Essays on the topic of "Land of the Free, Because of Our Veterans" sponsored through the Wyoming Valley Veteran's Day Parade Committee, 109th Infantry. Excerpts from these Essays were read at our Veterans Recognition Program on November 7th by Ms. Orzel.**
4. **Congratulations to 6 students from Wyoming Area Secondary Center who were recently recognized by the National Council on Youth Leadership for their scholastic honors and leadership abilities. Each student was given a Youth Salute Award and their photos are displayed throughout the county at fairs, banks and other schools noting this honor - Maria Marianacci, Samantha Amos, Kelly Bauman, John Hizny, Mariah Bellanco and Liam Holden.**
5. **I am happy to announce that we have received the following additional Scholarships for this year's Annual Scholarship/Award Celebration which is held in the Spring: Attorney Charles J. Giacometti Memorial (\$500.00), Stephanie Godri Johnston Memorial (\$3,000.00), John and Lola Rindgen Memorial (\$1,000.00), Joseph A. Miller Scholarship(\$5,000.00) and Russo Family Award (\$500.00).**
6. **Scholarship Information Night will be held on December 6th in the Secondary Center Auditorium beginning at 7:00 P.M. Information on the new scholarships being offered will be outlined along with discussion on all other community scholarships and awards offered to graduating seniors.**

7. School Climate Update.

Mr. Bernardi reported the ambassadors introduced at the last meeting were trained on November 20th in a prevention program focusing on how a bystander is to respond with Bullying and they participated in role playing activities with bullies and victims.

8. Mr. Bernardi reported the school received a bullying prevention grant by the Office of Safe Schools. The grant will provide a scholarship. Mr. Brian Butler, School Guidance Counselor, will be trained for three days on the bullying prevention program and will receive certification in December and will come back and be the trainer of trainees.

Student Representative's Report

Brian Wisowaty read the report.

During the month of November, the Key Club ran their usual football stand, and organized the coat drive and the feed a friend collection. They will also be holding a breakfast with Santa in coordination with the Kiwanis club in early December, along with having their blood drive this Thursday. The FBLA recently had their convention at Pittston High School along with Pittston, Hazelton, Myers and West Side Tech. The FBLA also held a pizza fundraiser to help offset costs of their convention and dues. The Student Council organized two pep-rallies in November and also helped to direct parents to classrooms on Parent-Teacher conference night along with decorating the school for the holidays. The Chess Club recently elected officers and will soon be conducting a tee shirt sale and a bake sale to help with the cost of new chess boards and pieces. The History Club along with Key Club and Student Council helped to organize and carry out the Veteran's day lunch and Veteran's day program. The History Bowl went to regionals and two varsity teams qualified for nationals. The junior and senior class held a Gertrude Hawk fundraiser. We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Marianacci read the treasurer's report.

(SEPTEMBER)

First National Community Bank	General Fund	3,183,712.01
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	4,580.62
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	171,859.09
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	81,063.34

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First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	21,384.28
Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,943.95
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,728.23
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Construction Account	5,602.37
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Investment Account	60,236.65
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	Earned Income Tax Revenue	310,271.70
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First National Community Bank	General Fund	8,079,492.25
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	4,589.80
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	122,170.12
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	91,727.31
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	19,948.32
Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,944.77
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,732.25
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Construction Account	37,602.37
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Investment Account	60,124.61
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	Earned Income Tax Revenue	310,279.20

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

Finance Report

Mr. Yorina read the finance report.

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Tax Administrator (Sept.)

Earned Income Tax	6,529.54
Earned Income Tax	17,925.23
Earned Income Tax	6,165.54
Earned Income Tax	4,695.25
Local Services Tax	1,409.77
Local Services Tax	<u>681.57</u>

Total: 34,406.90

Berkheimer Tax Administrator (Oct.)

Earned Income Tax	2,136.94
Earned Income Tax	13,211.70
Earned Income Tax	4,088.58
Earned Income Tax	30,709.05
Earned Income Tax	8,943.49
Earned Income Tax	18,557.88
Earned Income Tax	13,647.96
Earned Income Tax	17,108.96
Earned Income Tax	1,461.34
Local Services Tax	555.80
Local Services Tax	3,140.86
Local Services Tax	1,001.55
Local Services Tax	<u>780.77</u>

Total: 115,344.88

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	11,329.56
Luzerne County	9,104.82
Wyoming County	<u>145.77</u>

Total: 20,580.15

Pennsylvania Department of Revenue

Public Utility Realty Tax	20,158.94
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Luzerne County Department of Probation Services

Restitution	10.00
Restitution	<u>12.50</u>

Total: 22.50

Luzerne Intermediate Unit

IDEA Pass Through Funds	262,343.00
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State & Federal Subsidy Payments (Sept.)

Social Security	45,012.30
Retirement	147,435.64
ARRA-Education Jobs Fund	7,914.00
School District Special Education	<u>204,248.00</u>

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Total: 404,609.94

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State & Federal Subsidy Payments (Oct.)

Social Security	47,015.00
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	89,138.66
Title II- Improving Teacher Quality	14,655.06
Rental Subsidy	174,472.47
Basic Education Funding	1,065,231.00
ARRA – Education Jobs Fund	391.00
School District Transportation	234,959.00
Property Tax Relief Payment	<u>237,800.19</u>
Total:	1,863,662.38

2012 Real Estate Taxes (Sept.)

George Miller – West Pittston Borough	1,713,487.70
Thomas Polacheck-Exeter Borough	1,600,363.55
Robert Connors – West Wyoming Borough	780,894.40
Wayman Smith-Exeter Twp., Luzerne County	434,346.37
Paul Konopka- Wyoming Borough	674,680.53
Carol Bardzell-Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	<u>342,810.17</u>
Total:	5,546,582.72

2012 Real Estate Taxes (Oct.)

George Miller- West Pittston Borough	116,632.05
Thomas Polacheck – Exeter Borough	652,156.66
Paul Konopka – Wyoming Borough	772,750.28
Wayman Smith- Exeter Twp., Luzerne County	1,031,029.98
Carol Bardzell-Exeter Twp., Wyoming County	23,792.22
Robert Connors-West Wyoming Borough	<u>499,259.13</u>
Total:	3,095,620.32

Delinquent Real Estate Tax

Wyoming County	20,413.36
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Tuition Reimbursement

Dallas School District	285.89
Wyoming Valley West School District	<u>155.86</u>
Total:	441.75

Miscellaneous

District Court 11-2-01	151.66
Right to Know Requests	<u>80.19</u>
Total:	165.20

Reimbursement

Comverge Enerwise Global Technologies	5,638.63
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2. Approve to ratify the October payment of \$76,854.35 and approve the November payment of \$76,854.35 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2012-2013 school year.
3. Approve the credit from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing Special Education services to the Wyoming Area School District for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$176,375.00.
4. Approve the credit from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing services related to the Alternative Learning Center for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$31,006.00.
5. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Non-public School Speech Services for the 2011-2012 school year at an annual district charge of \$2,930.00.

6. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing Social Work Services for the 2011-2012 school year to the Wyoming Area School District at a charge of \$49,443.10.
7. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing services related to the Partial Hospitalization Program for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$12,754.60.
8. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for providing services related to the Service Learning Program for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$20,570.00.
9. Approve to ratify the October payment of \$29,015.25 and approve the November payment of \$29,015.25 to West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2012-2013 school year.
10. Approve the Board of Directors to enter in an agreement with Attorney John Audi at \$185.00 per hour and/or Attorney George Shovlin at \$185.00 per hour to represent the interest of the Wyoming Area School District in negotiating with the NEPA Health Trust. Cost to be divided among school districts which engages their services on a pro-rata basis.
11. Approve to engage the services of Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams for coordinated bargaining at \$185.00 per hour face to face meetings with either Superintendents or Board of Directors. Costs to be divided among school districts which engages their services on a pro-rata basis.
12. 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.
13. Approve the invoices for payment from the Capital Projects Account:

Quad 3 Group	36,175.31	Montgomery Ave. Renovations
Quad 3 Group	16,529.64	Montgomery Ave. Renovations
14. Approve the request of Wyoming Area School District Tax Collectors to receive compensation regarding collection of installment payments for 2012 for real estate taxes in the amount of \$3,007.50.

15. Approve to ratify the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing: 10-29-12		632,083.63
Cafeteria Account: Sept.	105,607.88	
Cafeteria Account: Oct.	91,875.44	
Athletic Account: Sept.	6,845.00	
Athletic Account: Oct.	<u>10,005.50</u>	<u>214,333.82</u>
	Total:	846,417.45

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15. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing: 11-27-12		397,035.62
Prepays: 9-30-12	21,131.39	
Prepays: 10-31-12	<u>31,012.23</u>	<u>52,143.62</u>
	Total:	449,179.24

17. Motion to grant tax exemption of Wyoming Volunteer Hose Co. #2 of 2012 school taxes in the sum of \$1,159.80 for property taxes required at 47 Monument Avenue in Wyoming.

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

On the Question: Mr. George Race of Exeter asked what the Local Realty Transfer Tax was. Mr. Melone responded it used to be the \$10.00 right to work tax. Everybody pays this.

Roll Call: Mr. Bolin voted yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Dominick, yes, Mrs. Degnan voted no on item #11 and yes on the remaining report. Mr. Yorina, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Dr. Casarella, 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 2012-2013 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Assistant Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the revised professional substitute list.
3. Approve the request of Beth Connor, Elementary Music Teacher, to take a maternity leave from approximately the beginning of March 2013 to the last day of school in June 2013, with the intent of returning the first day of school in August.
4. Approve the appointment of Felicia Featherby as Assistant Drama Club Advisor.
5. Approve the request of Renee DeAngelo, First Grade Teacher at JFK, to take a half year sabbatical for the second and third marking periods of the 2012-2013 school year. Intent of return will be the fourth marking period currently scheduled to begin April 5, 2013.
6. Approve to ratify the request of Joseph Gillespie, Physical Education Teacher, to take a medical leave beginning Friday, November 2, 2012, until further notice.

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

Roll Call: Mr. Bolin voted yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Dominick, yes, Mrs. Degnan, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Dr. Casarella, yes.

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mrs. Farrell read the activities report in the absence of Dr. Campenni.

1. Approve the following volunteer wrestling coaches for the 2012-2013 winter season:

Mike Schutz
Carmen Mauriello
Jeff Pepe
Rob Wrobleski
Mark Poccheschi
Anthony Heck
Mark Ragantesi

2. Approve the appointment of Paul Johnson as Assistant Junior High Wrestling Coach at a salary of \$2,163.00 for the 2012-2013 winter season.
3. Approve the appointment of Ryan Carey as 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at a salary of \$1,446.00 for the 2012-2013 winter season.
4. Approve the appointment of Alex Brogna as Elementary Boys' Basketball Coach at a salary of \$884.00 for the 2012-2013 winter season.
5. Approve Dean Carey as a volunteer coach for 8th grade boys' basketball for the 2012-2013 winter season.
6. Approve Mike Fanti as a volunteer track coach for the 2012-2013 winter season.
7. Approve the appointment of Kristina Williams as an 8th grade girls' basketball coach at a salary of \$1,446.00 for the 2012-2013 winter season.
8. Approve the following assistant swimming coaches for the 2012-2013 winter season:

Michelle D'Amico	Assistant	\$2,163.00
Kenny Bryden	Diving Coach	\$2,163.00
Maureen Pikas	Volunteer	

9. Accept, with regret, Michael Sokolas' letter of resignation as Girls' Varsity Head Soccer Coach effective immediately.
10. Approve the request of Joe Pizano, Athletic Director, to attend the 31st Annual US All Star Track and Field/Cross Country clinic, along with Coach, Mike Fanti, Thursday, December 13th and Friday, December 14, 2012, in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Mileage reimbursement requested.
11. Approve the request of Len Costello, Marching Band Director, to change the parade rotation. The Marching Band is not available for the Cherry Blossom Festival because the band will be performing at the Tournament Indoor Association Atlantic Coast Championships in Wildwood, New Jersey. Ed Martin of the West Pittston Recreation Board asked the Marching Band Director to participate in the West Pittston Santa Parade on Sunday, December 9, 2012 in exchange for the Cherry Blossom Festival.

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12. Approve to ratify the request of Len Costello, Marching Band Director, for a motor coach bus for the annual Atlantic Coast Championships to Hershey on Sunday, November 4, 2012. Cost of the bus is \$1,158.00. A driver for the band trailer was also requested. Mr. Costello is asking that the district contribute to the cost.
13. Approve to ratify the request of Len Costello, Marching Band Director, for two busses to the Chapter Championships at East Stroudsburg University, Sunday, October 21, 2012. Total cost for two busses \$800.00. Mr. Costello is asking the district to contribute to the cost.
14. Approve the winter sports schedule submitted by Joe Pizano, Athletic Director, for the 2012-2013 school year.
15. Approve the request of Marlene Wrubel, Secretary of the Wyoming Area Diamond Club, for the baseball team and coaches to attend an exhibition tournament weekend in Martinsburg, Virginia, Friday, March 15, 2013 to Sunday, March 17, 2013 at no cost to the district.
16. Approve the request of Juel Anne Klepadlo for the Key Club to hold a winter coat drive in conjunction with Misericordia University. The homeroom that brings in the most coats will have a pizza party.
17. Approve the request of Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, for the Drama students to attend the Pennsylvania State Thespian Convention in York, PA., on Thursday, November 29th, Friday, November 30th, Saturday, December 1, 2012. Pace busses and York shuttle busses are reserved for a total of \$1,930.00. The Drama Club is asking for the district to contribute to the cost.
18. Approve the request of Leonarda Sperrazza, Music Teacher, to accompany two students to the PMEA District 9 Chorus Festival at Dallas High School, Wednesday, February 6th to Friday, February 8, 2013 at a total cost of \$313.00 for registration and housing for students. A driver to transport the students to Dallas High School (one way only) is also requested.
19. Approve the appointment of the following head spring coaches for the 2012-2013 school year:

Head Girls' Softball Coach	Barry Pryzybyla	3,965.00
Head Boys' Baseball Coach	Charles Andrewscavage	3,965.00
Head Track & Field Coach	Joe Pizano	3,965.00
20. Approve the request of Shea Riley, Music Teacher, to continue with the Indoor Percussion Program for the 2012-2013 school year not to exceed \$4,000.00.

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, second by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, to accept the activities report.

ON the Question: Mr. George Race, Exeter, questioned item #20. If the \$4,000 is in addition to their regular salary. Mr. Bernardi responded yes. Dr. Casarella stated it is extra-curricular.

Roll Call: Mr. Bolin voted yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Dominick, yes, Mrs. Degnan voted no on items #1,2,3,7,8,10, abstained on items #12,13,17 and voted yes on the remaining items. Mr. Yorina voted yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Dr. Casarella, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Yorina read the building report.

1. Approve the request of Betty Mazzitelli, Secretary, to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to September 6, 2012, until further notice.
2. Accept, with regret, Roseann Ankenbrand, Special Education Aide, submitting her letter of intent to retire retroactive to November 16, 2012 of the 2012-2013 school year.
3. Approve the request of Carol Cotter-Dente, Cleaning Personnel, to take a medical leave of absence retroactive to October 15, 2012, until further notice.
4. Approve the agreement between Wyoming Area School District and Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals to allow any member of the support staff to voluntarily donate one sick day during the 2012-2013 school year to be used at the discretion of Carol Cotter-Dente.
5. Approve the agreement between Wyoming Area School District and Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals to allow any member of the support staff to voluntarily donate one sick day during the 2012-2013 school year to be used at the discretion of Maria Tarullo.
6. Approve the request of Jenny Kranson, JFK PTO, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a bingo fundraiser on Sunday, February 10, 2013, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director.
7. Approve the request of Mary Bone and Gina Malsky, Chairpersons for Senior Class Parents Association, for permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria/kitchen for a pasta dinner/craft fair on Sunday, December 9, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Access to cafeteria for prep work requested for Saturday, December 8, 2012, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director.
8. 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 2, 2012, 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Set up is requested on Saturday, December 1st, 6:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director.
9. Approve the request of Captain Christopher Mercavitch of the Wyoming Borough Police, to use the Tenth Street School for an Emergency Response Drill on a Saturday, pending approval by the building principal.
10. Approve the request of Heather Derr, Wyoming Area Wrestling Parents, to use the gym, gym hallway and gym entrance for elementary wrestling tournaments on Sunday, December 2, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday, January 6, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.
11. Approve to ratify the request of Gina Malsky, President of Wyoming Area Cheer Parents Organization, for the cheerleaders to have a clinic for Wyoming Area students in grades K through 6 to participate in a no school day on Monday, November 26, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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12. Approve the request of Jeanne Wisnewski, Tenth Street PTO, to use the Secondary Center auditorium for a talent show on Thursday, February 28, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with a dress rehearsal on Monday, February 25, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
13. Approve the request of Christina Koons, Spotlight Dance Studio, to use the Secondary Center auditorium for their annual Christmas recital on Saturday, December 15, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., with rehearsal at 8:30 a.m. A place for the children to change is also requested, pending approval by the building principal. Cost to rent the auditorium is \$500.00.
14. Approve to ratify the request of Tracy Carey, President of Wyoming Area Boys Basketball Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center gym and lobby for "Meet the Warriors" on Sunday, November 25, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.
15. Approve the request of Rebecca Holl, Owner and Director of When I Grow Up...Childcare and Learning Center, to utilize the multipurpose room at the Secondary Center in the event of an emergency evacuation at their location, pending Act 34, Act 114, and Act 151 clearance documentation, certificate of insurance and approval of the building principal.
16. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list.
17. Approve Janet Whipple as an independent consultant to assist in the transition of the new food service director at a stipend not to exceed \$1,500.00.
18. Approve the request of Bob Orlando, Wyoming Area Kiwanis, to use the football stadium facilities for a Hershey Track & Field Games event on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Rain date will be Saturday, May 11, 2013. This is a run, throw and jump competition for children between the ages of 9 to 14. This event sponsored by the Hershey Food Corporation and Key Club International is open to the public and students from surrounding school districts. Cost to rent the stadium is \$1,000.00.
19. Approve the request of Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, to use the auditorium lobby and auditorium for the spring musical "Seussical" on Friday, April 12th, Saturday, April 13th and Sunday, April 14, 2013. Rehearsal dates requested are Saturday, November 24th, Sunday, November 25th, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Monday, November 26, 2012, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
20. Approve the request of Alex Brogna, Head Boys' Basketball Coach, for the basketball parents to paint the boys' basketball locker room and coaches' room, pending approval by the athletic director and director of buildings and grounds.
21. Approve the request of Rosella Fedor, Special Program Advisor, to use the computer lab on the first floor for a computer based financial aid program which will be presented by Linda Pacewicz of the Northeast Region Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, pending approval by the building principal.

22. Approve the request of Roland Greco of LPL Financial, to use the Secondary Center auditorium to do a free presentation workshop: "College Funding Strategies for Parents" in January 2013, pending approval by the building principal. Cost to rent the auditorium is \$500.00.
23. Approve the request of Jessica Budzak, Prevention Specialist, for SADD to host a Dodgeball Tournament for grades 7 through 12th, Saturday, January 19, 2013, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., The concession stand is also requested, pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.
24. Approve the request of Jennifer Stegman, American Red Cross, to use the multipurpose room for a blood drive on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is open to the public. Pending approval by the building principal.
25. Approve to ratify the request of Ann Mazzitelli, Lady Warriors Basketball Parents, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Lady Warriors" on Sunday, November 25, 2012, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with set up at 2:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria director.
26. Approve to ratify the request of Joe Pizano, Athletic Director, to use the Secondary Center auditorium for a Concussion Management Meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
27. Approve to ratify the request of Jessica Budzak, Prevention Specialist, to allow the SADD Club to attend the SOBER Kick-off on Thursday, November 15, 2012.
28. Approve to ratify the request of Gina Malsky, President of Wyoming Area Cheer Parents Organization, for the Cheerleaders to bag groceries at the West Pittston and Wyoming Gerrity's on Sunday, November 18, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
29. Approve to ratify the request of Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for the annual Drama Club Cabaret on Sunday, November 18, 2012, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., the auditorium stage is also requested for rehearsals on November 8th, November 14th and November 16th, pending approval by the building principal and food service director.
30. Approve to ratify the request of Sarah Pellegrini, Drama Advisor, to use the Secondary Center auditorium and piano for a musical theater educational workshop on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
31. Approve to ratify the request of Maureen Pikas, Teacher, to use the multipurpose room and Secondary Center gym for a Veteran's Day Program, Wednesday, November 7, 2012, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:35 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.
32. Approve to ratify the request of Dawn Thomas, President of the Wyoming Area Ice Hockey Association, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for Meet the Warriors, Sunday, October 28, 2012.
33. Approve to ratify the request of Diane Primo to hold a Thanksgiving event in the physical support room on Wednesday, November 14, 2012.

34. Approve the request of the Baseball Parents' Association to blacktop the batting cages, level the first and second bases, fill in area by outfield fence, roll the field in March and general field work and infield dragging in March, at no cost to the district.
35. Approve the appointment of Pat Messina, Jr. as full time custodian.
36. Motion to approve the distribution of informational flyers requesting the donation of school supplies for under privileged children in Masaya, Nicaragua. The collection of supplies is being coordinated by Austin Shission, a junior at the Secondary Center.
37. Motion to terminate Joshua Sutton as full time custodian for the district effective November 28, 2012.

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

ON the Question: Mrs. Degnan asked who Diane Primo was in item #33. Mr. Bernardi responded that is the physical support class with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit operating at the Secondary Center. Also, asked was item #18. A rental fee of \$1,000.00. Response was they will pay the rental fee. Mr. Race asked if item #35 will replace item #37. Mr. Bernardi responded no and they don't know if they will replace item #37 at this time. Mr. Race asked if item #25 is related to Pat Messina, a custodian at the district. Dr. Casarella responded it is his son at an entry level position. Mr. Bernardi responded he believes \$13.00 per hour. Mr. Race commented item #37 is new and asked when a decision will be made as to whether they will fill the position. Dr. Casarella responded after the reorganization meeting.

Roll Call: Mr. Bolin responded yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mr. Dominick, yes, Mrs. Degnan voted no on items# 16, 17, 35, abstained on items # 8,13,15,18, 37 and voted yes on the remaining items. Mr. Yorina voted no on item #37 and yes on the remaining items. Mr. Marianacci voted yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Dr. Casarella, yes.

Motion passed.

At this time, Mr. Bernardi introduced Austin Shission, a junior at Wyoming Area Secondary Center. Austin spoke about his recent mission trip to Nicaragua and asked anyone to donate school items for Project Chacocente. This will help to move families from the city dump to Masaya where the families will learn skills for living independently. Austin stated he will be returning to Nicaragua in February.

Policy Report

Mrs. Degnan read the policy report.

1. Approve the second reading and adoption of revised policy #250 Bullying/Cyberbullying.
2. Approve the adoption of policy #006.1 Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications.

Motion by Mrs. Degnan, second by Mr. Dominick, to accept the policy report.

Roll Call: Mr. Bolin voted yes on Item 1 and no on Item 2. Mrs. Farrell voted yes, Mr. Dominick, yes, Mrs. Degnan, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Mr. Marianacci voted yes on Item 1 and no on Item 2. Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Dr. Casarella, yes.

Motion passed.

Open Discussion: Mr. Joe Valenti of West Pittston, stated that in the past the Right to Know Request were placed on the agenda. Mr. Valenti asked if that is doable to place them on the agenda. Attorney Ferrentino responded he will look into it. Mr. Valenti asked if the requests and responses for Right to Know can be listed on the website. Attorney Ferrentino responded he would look into it. Mr. Valenti asked the time the agenda is posted on the website. The board secretary responded that it depends. Mr. Valenti stated he left work and was unable to print it and asked that paper copies be left on the table.

A note from the board secretary: Six paper copies are left on the table for the public to have for the meeting. It is on a first come first serve basis.

Dr. Casarella notified the public, a reorganization meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Casarella stated since he has been President the board passed the anti-nepotism policy, settled Act 93 agreement, refinanced the PNC bonds for almost \$100,000.00, cut expenditures in the last budget actually in the 11-12 and 12-13 years, this board has saved the district \$1.3 million dollars from monitoring expenses by looking at the revenues coming in and controlling the way they were spent, we did that by not replacing some personnel and without closing schools, we passed a loan for Montgomery Avenue for \$2 million dollars at record low interest, a new roof went on the high school at \$1.1 million, completed work on the floor of the Montgomery Avenue School after the flood, which took a lot from the board, Quad Three, Administration and Joyce Insurance. It took a team because that could have dipped into our fund balance between \$700 - \$800, 000. We were able to secure money from FEMA and PEMA and without the disruption to the students. Dr. Casarella stated he was very proud of what they accomplished and was looking to move forward in the next year. Dr. Casarella thanked everyone for their support.

Mr. Yorina stated it was a good thing Dr. Casarella was retired because he was always at the office bothering Mr. Bernardi and Mrs. Serino. Laughter..... Mr. Yorina thanked Dr. Casarella for everything he has done and the time he has put into it. Mr. Yorina stated they didn't always agree on things but that was O.K. because that is what makes up the dynamics of the board. Mr. Yorina stated at the work session he commented on potentially self imposing term limit of a board member and asked if anyone had any comments. Is it legal? Dr. Casarella responded to his knowledge he didn't think so and the code doesn't address it. Attorney Ferentino stated he would look into it, he wasn't sure.

John Bonin of Harding asked if we have a new insurance carrier. Mr. Melone responded as far as he knows, we go through Joseph Joyce Insurance. Mr. Bonin asked if any board member was in negotiation with him for the new insurance policy for this year. Mr. Melone stated he has appeared at meetings to discuss it. Mr. Bolin stated his understanding is the new insurance is saving us money according to the Joyces'. Mr. Bonin stated actually if you look at the numbers on his Right to Know Request, there is an increase of the prior year by \$90, 000.00. If you look at 11-12 there is an increase of \$53,000.00. Attorney Ferentino responded is due to the flood, worker's compensation, litigation and federal lawsuits. Attorney Ferentino also stated there are some things that are out of our control.

Mr. Bonin stated he wanted to point it out that there was an increase. Dr. Casarella stated we are putting things in place to rectify that. Dr. Casarella asked Mr. Bernardi if a budget meeting would be taking place a week after the reorganization meeting. Mr. Melone responded he spoke with Mr. Bernardi and stated they will start the process and have a budget presentation on December 18th.

Mr. George Race of Exeter, commented a news article of the coming disaster regarding pension situation and asked if the board considers that when negotiating with the teachers union, the cost of that, is that a consideration when you're giving everything away. Dr. Casarella responded that he couldn't respond on the giving everything away part but stated the board knows those numbers and are keeping them in mind when they sit at the table. It is many of the factors when they negotiate. Certainly when someone wants a raise you have to look at what you have to spend. Mr. Race asked the board if anyone talked to Phyllis Mundy on this because John (Bolin) is a friend of hers. Mr. Bolin responded if he sees Mrs. Mundy once or twice a year he is lucky. Laughter..... Mr. Race stated if anyone on this board has a conflict of interest they should refrain from voting on the teacher's contract. Tax payers' need protection from the teacher's union. Dr. Casarella responded that everyone has an obligation to the taxpayers', students and faculty.

Bob Borzell of Wyoming Mr. Yorina if #35 under the building report was an addition or a replacement. Mr. Bernardi responded it is a vacancy. Mr. Borzell asked what item #37 was. Mr. Bernardi responded a termination. Mr. Borzell asked Mr. Yorina that by the next meeting if he could have the chair fixed because it has been on the floor for three meetings.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bolin, second by Mrs. Farrell.

Dr. Frank Casarella, President

Mrs. Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, Secretary