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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 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, with approximately fifty people in attendance. A non-public personnel meeting preceded the regular meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. John Bolin, President of the Board called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also in attendance were: Raymond J. Bernardi, Superintendent, Attorney Raymond A. Hassey, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, Vito Quaglia, Secondary Building Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Principal, Margaret Grimes, Elementary Principal of Tenth St./JFK, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Deb Popson, Special Education Supervisor, Angelo Falzone, Attendance/Transportation, Dave Amico, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Janet Boyer, Foodservice Manager, Officer Chris Alberigi, Joe Marrone, Student Representative.

Communications Report

Mrs. Valenti read the communications Report.

1. Kathryn Gigliotti, President of Stoners Youth Soccer, requesting permission to use the Tenth Street field or any other field for practice.
2. Lee Evans, Director of Special Education, Luzerne Intermediate Unit, requesting permission to use four classrooms at JFK Elementary School for the Extended School Year Program.
3. Tina Drahus, Secretary of the Wyoming Area Diamond Club, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors".
4. Ron Gitkos, American Legion Post 542, 1st Lt. Jeffrey F. DePrimo of West Pittston, and the American Legion, Post 833 Adam Kalmanowicz of Exeter, inviting the School Board to participate in the Memorial Day Parade.
5. Ree Ree DeLuca, Vice President of Publicity, West Pittston Rams, requesting permission to use the stadium to host the Wyoming Valley West Youth Football and Cheerleading Conference Annual Cheerleading Competition.
6. Frank Parra, Athletic Director, requesting permission to attend the Athletic Directors Conference in Hershey.
7. Rita Mauriello, Reading Supervisor, requesting permission to attend the Federal Coordinators Conference in Hershey.

8. Rebecca Rogan, Administrative Professional, requesting a medical leave.
9. Right To Know Request from Attorney John Holland for yearly salary of an employee of the district.
10. Claudia Probart, Associate Professor of Nutrition, Penn State University, notifying the Superintendent the Wyoming Area School District's Foodservice Director, Janet Boyer, has been invited to attend the "New School Foodservice Director Mentoring Program".
11. Joseph J. Joyce, Program Chairman, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, requesting Wyoming Area School District to place an ad in their program book.
12. Receipt of Preliminary Agreement to Wyoming Area School District from the Law Office of Dominick P. Pannunzio regarding Wyoming Area School District and UFCW Federal Credit Union.
13. John J. John, Wilkes-Barre East Rotary, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center gym for a wrestling event.
14. Benjamin T. Hanft, Pennsylvania Department of Education, notifying the Superintendent PDE has reviewed the resolution and proposed tax rates for the 2010-2011 school year and the rate of increase for all proposed tax rates is less than equal to the school district's index.
15. Linda Gubbiotti, Secondary Teacher, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
16. Len Coleman, Secondary Teacher, submitting his letter of intent to retire.
17. Carole Casciani, Special Education Teacher, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
18. Margaret Grimes, Principal of Tenth Street/JFK submitting her letter of intent to retire.
19. Len Coleman thanking the Superintendent and School Board for his appointment as Varsity Golf Coach in the past years and notification he will not be re-applying for the position because of his letter to retire.
20. Sandra Colwell, Girl Scout Troop 3941, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a Girl Scout Birthday Party.
21. Greater Nanticoke Area School District submitting Letter of Agreement to provide Title I services for two Greater Nanticoke students who attend Wyoming Area Catholic School.
22. Robert Kaluzavich, Elementary Principal, and Paul Sabol, Elementary Teacher, requesting permission to attend the "Science, It's Elementary Strategic Plan Institute" in Pittsburgh.
23. Daneen Kearns, Instructional Technology Facilitator, requesting permission to attend Classroom for the Future Coach Boot Camp in Harrisburg.

- 24. Right To Know Request from Patrick Pribula regarding district policies.
- 25. Shea Riley, Music Teacher, requesting to attend the PMEA Bandfest, Luzerne County Band, PMEA District 9 Vocal Jazz and PMEA Region Band with Wyoming Area School District students.
- 26. Narda Sperrazza, Music Teacher, requesting to attend the Regional Chorus with a student at Tunkhannock High School.

Summary of Applications Received

- Art – 1
- Special Education – 2
- Social Studies – 2
- Reading Specialist – 2
- General Science - 1

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Valenti, second by Mr. Dominick to accept the minutes of regular meeting of January 26, 2009. All board members voted aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Bolin read item #10 under the communications from December 2009 minutes to read “Correspondence sent to the Superintendent from John Hayduk, President of the UFCW Federal Credit Union requesting membership for Wyoming Area School District students into the UFCW Federal Credit Union”.

Mr. DeAngelo motioned to accept the revision to the December 2009 minutes. Second by Mr. Aritz.

Roll Call: Dr. Casarella voted no. The remaining board members voted yes. Motion passed.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Bernardi read the Superintendent’s Report.

- 1. *Congratulations to 7th and 8th grade Students of the Month for December, 2009 and January, 2010:*

December

<i>Kenneth Burkhardt</i>	<i>Marc Chervenitski</i>
<i>Michael Foersch</i>	<i>Tanner Johnson</i>
<i>Nina Owen</i>	<i>Emma Ramage</i>
<i>Abigail Schwerdtman</i>	<i>Steven Spess</i>
<i>Harold Ash</i>	<i>Jackie DeNardi</i>
<i>Nickarena Gilpin</i>	<i>Curtis Hosey</i>
<i>Nadia Marinangeli</i>	<i>Jackie Ross</i>
<i>Noah Stavish</i>	<i>Chris Wall</i>

January*Marcyssa Brown**Cecelia Chisdock**Nikolas Gushka**Maria Marcum**Justin Palovchak**Kris Petrosky**Julianna Scappaticci**Benjamin Steve**Emily Bellanco**Kevin Carroll**Jonathan Gamble**Michaela Jurchak**Damian O'Neil**Allison Sands**Mari Taggart**Nicole Turner*

2. *The Northeast Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center (Northeast PA AHEC) and the Neuroscience Program at the University of Scranton announced that Junior, Samantha Scott, won First Place at the **2010 Northeast PA Regional Brain Bee** held at the University of Scranton on February 13, 2010. Being a first place regional winner qualifies Samantha for the American Brain Bee to be held at the University of Maryland in March 2010. If she chooses to attend the University of Scranton, she will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship towards her tuition; she received \$400.00 to help cover the cost of participating in the American Brain Bee and also received a \$25.00 Borders Gift card. Congratulations to Samantha and Academic Coach, Damien Rutkoski.*
3. *A **Mandarin Chinese Class**, which is held via webcam through Blended Schools, began on February 1st at 10th Street Elementary Computer Laboratory. Seven 6th grade gifted students are enrolled in the program, which meets 3 times per week and is facilitated by Gifted teacher, Mary Lou Boshia and Enhancing Education Through Technology teacher Jennifer Hallman. In addition to the video link, students employ bamboo tablets and hardcover textbooks to complete activities under the direction of the Mandarin Chinese teacher. This class is made possible through a grant made possible via the Luzerne Intermediate Unit.*
4. *We are pleased to announce that there will be a **Music & Dance Class** for couples in our community, which will include dances of salsa, cha cha, merenge, tango, swing, Hip-hop, rumba, fox trot and folk dancing. Dr. Donald Butz will be the Instructor and the classes will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. beginning March 3rd and continuing on March 10th, 24th and 31st in the Multi-purpose Room at the Secondary Center, 20 Memorial Street, Exeter.*
5. *Greg Moran, local writer, visited Montgomery Avenue 5th grade classes on February 2nd. He wrote "**The Avondale Royale**", which is an adventure story involving 2 brothers. He stressed the importance of reading-writing connection to the students, explaining how reading will improve their overall vocabulary and these skills will be tested throughout the lifetime of the student(s).*
6. *Mrs. Campenni's 4th grade class at Montgomery Avenue and Mrs. Stevens 5th grade class at SJD collected monetary donations and 800 toiletry items for the people of **Haiti** in conjunction with Wilkes University.*
7. *Congratulations to 6th grade students Alorah Colwell, Drums; Ryan Murphy, Clarinet, who were selected to participate at the Pennsylvania Music Education Association (**PMEA**) District 8 Band Fest which will be held at Forest City Regional on March 5, 2010. Congratulations to Joyce Soska Becker, Music Teacher.*

8. *Eileen Feldgus, Ed.D., co-author of an innovative literacy program entitled “Kid Writing”, a systematic approach to Phonics, Journals and Writing Workshops recently conducted a one-day workshop for Kindergarten and First grade teachers at Tenth Street Elementary. Dr. Feldgus is an Early Literacy Consultant whose philosophy and differentiated instructional strategies center on focusing children as active learners and how they learn and grow in literacy. The sessions were videotaped and edited by Morgan Harding, Anthony Ponzo and Carisa Calvitti, students in the A.V. Communication II class at the Secondary Center and a CD was created and given to each of the Kindergarten and First Grade teachers as a future reference of the presentation. This innovative program was under the direction of Rita Mauriello, Reading Supervisor and monies were provided through the District’s Title II funds.*

Student Representative’s Report

Joe Marrone read the report.

The Key Club and Builders Club sponsored Jump Rope for Heart on Tuesday, February 9th for the seventh and eighth grade students. The clubs raised \$1,385.00. The Key Club will sponsor Dr. Seuss Night next Tuesday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria for all kindergarten through fourth grade students of the district. They are also holding the Annual Mark A. Dushok Faculty Basketball Game on Thursday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. This game benefits the Key Club Scholarship. The junior class is continuing their fundraiser for their class trip to Ellis Island. The grade is now selling Krispy Crème donuts to help fund the trip. Alyssa Cajka, Danille Confletti and Jessica Dauber competed in District band and advanced further to the Regional Band competition which will be held in March. Jessica Dauber also qualified for the Regional Orchestra. SAVE has been conducting various fundraisers to benefit Haiti. Their last fundraiser raised \$679.00 for Habitat for Humanity. Currently they are selling t-shirts to benefit the Red Cross and have so far raised \$400.00. The Wyoming Area’s Drama Club presentation of The Sound of Music is rapidly approaching and would like to invite the entire schoolboard to this event on March 26th, 27th and 28th.

Treasurer’s Report

Dr. Casarella read the treasurer’s report.

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Checking Account</u>	<u>Money Market Account</u>
Landmark Bank	General Fund	6,973,657.17	
First National Community Bank	General Fund	95,915.83	
Fidelity Bank	General Fund		275,360.32
Wachovia Bank	General Fund	86,816.68	
Landmark Bank	Delinquent Tax Fund	109,851.28	
PNC Bank	Payroll Acct.	2,655.13	
Fidelity Bank	Payroll Acct.	921.46	
Landmark Bank	Cafeteria Acct.	225,351.26	
Landmark Bank	Student Activities Acct.	94,312.41	
Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Acct.	15,298.77	

PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund	1,091,105.00
	Bank Investment Acct.	
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund	5,086.60
	Bank Construction Acct.	
PNC Bank	Energy Performance	30,609.87
	Proceeds Fund	

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

Finance Report

Mr. DeAngelo read the finance report.

1. Received the following checks:

Don Wilkinson Agency (Jan.)

Earned Income Tax	19,737.70
Local State Tax	139.44
Per Capita Tax	528.00
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>429.00</u>
	20,834.14

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Dennis Montross	783.09
Wyoming County	

James Red O'Brien	<u>10,581.79</u>
Luzerne County	Total: 11,364.88

Delinquent Real Estate Tax

Wyoming County	7,274.09
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In Lieu of Taxes

Luzerne County Housing Authority	9,345.71
2009 PILOT	

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security	22,718.12
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	32,162.27
ARRA- Title I Part A	15,934.76
Title II-Improving Teacher Quality	8,623.13
Drug Free Schools	596.64
School District Special Education	<u>202,756.00</u>
Total:	282,790.92

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Miscellaneous

District Court 11-2-01 62.23

- 2. Approve the February payment of \$72,362.69 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2009-2010 school year.
- 3. Approve the February payment of \$40,906.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2009-2010 school year.
- 4. Approve the Affiliation Agreement between Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services, Inc. and Wyoming Area School District for student referrals for drug/alcohol assessment/evaluation and treatment effective until June 30, 2012.
- 5. Approve the Agreement between Wyoming Area School District and the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the Department of Public Welfare, Project M.O.M grant for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.
- 6. Approve the attached list of teacher tuition reimbursements submitted as of January 31, 2010.
- 7. Approve the attached list of teacher credit adjustments submitted as of January 31, 2010.
- 8. Approve the Luzerne Intermediate Unit’s 2010-2011 General Operating Budget.
- 9. Approve a contribution to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Performing Arts Scholarship Program.
- 10. Approve the attached list of invoices for February submitted for payment from the Capital Project Account.
- 11. Approve the following bond payments due March 1, 2010 to M&T Investment Group for the following:

General Obligation Note Series 2006A	468,401.25
General Obligation Note Series 2006B	58,476.00
General Obligation Note Series 2006C	40,545.00
- 12. Approve and adopt the response and the Corrective Action Plan for the Auditor General’s Audit Report for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2008, 2007, 2006 and 2005 in accordance with Management Directive 325.10 as required per the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Education in a letter dated December 30, 2009.
- 13. Approve the following refund of paid property taxes for the year 2009 as requested by the Luzerne County Board of Assessment Appeals:

PIN# 65-E11NW3-009-011 =	838.24
PIN# 17-C10-00A-20D =	760.13
PIN# 66-E10SE2-01A-005=	13.99
- 14. Approve the awarding to Trugreen to provide fertilization for all District Athletic Fields for a three year contract in the amount of \$20,560.50.

15. Approve the awarding to Johnny On The Spot to provide for rental of portable restrooms for Wyoming Area School District at a cost of \$53.50 per unit effective March 1, 2010.
16. Approve the Agreement with The Children’s Service Center of Wyoming Valley, Inc. to provide services for its Partial Program and Residential Treatment Facility at a rate of \$75.00 per student effective for the 2009-2010 school year.
17. Motion to approve UGI Energy Services, Inc. to provide Electricity Capacity and Transmission to Wyoming Area School District for the period April 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
18. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing:	2-17-10	490,449.82	
Prepays:	1-7-10	<u>81,782.71</u>	572,232.53
Cafeteria Account:		80,478.65	
Athletic Account:		<u>8,170.60</u>	<u>88,649.25</u>
Total: 660,881.78			

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

On the Question: Roger Resides, Senior Account Executive of Taylor Consulting and Contracting, spoke to the Board regarding Taylor Consulting’s utility management services. Mr. Resides informed the board of Energy Auctions that uses a reverse auction in which they compete suppliers against one another to provide the best value for the clients. Mrs. Valenti asked Mr. Resides if the rate is locked in. Mr. Resides responded yes, from April to December. Attorney Hassey responded to Mr. Resides that he should give his contact information to the business office. Attorney Hassey stated the district achieves the lowest, responsible, qualifying bidder by going through the bidder process. Attorney Hassey asked Mr. Resides to work on a proposal to incorporate his mechanism getting the lowest price with our statutory mechanism. Attorney Hassey stated that right now we’re committed from now to the end of the year. Mr. Melone stated he would listen to him.

Roll Call: All Board Members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Education Report

Dr. Campenni read the education report.

1. Reporting as per Federal Regulations Requirements that the District’s Federal Programs, (Title I, Title II and Drugs and Alcohol) have been planned for the 2009-2010 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, at the District’s Business Office.
2. Approve the Memo of Understanding between Wyoming Area Education Association and Wyoming Area School District to allow any member of the professional staff to voluntarily donate one sick leave day during the 2009-2010 school year to professional employee Becky Jones.

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3. Approve the Memo of Understanding between Wyoming Area Education Association and Wyoming Area School District to allow any member of the professional staff to voluntarily donate one sick leave day during the 2009-2010 school year to professional employee Jennifer Skursky.
4. Approve the request of Rita Mauriello, Reading Supervisor, to attend the PAFPC Annual Conference in Hershey on Sunday, March 21st to Wednesday, March 24, 2010. Registration of \$400.00 and mileage to be funded by Title I funds.
5. Accept, with regret, Linda Gubbiotti's letter of intent to retire.
6. Accept, with regret, Len Coleman's letter of intent to retire.
7. Accept, with regret, Margaret Grimes' letter of intent to retire.
8. Accept, with regret, Carole Casciani's letter of intent to retire.
9. Ratify the approval of Melinda Larson as a long term substitute guidance counselor (for Mr. Joseph Bartell) effective August 27, 2009.
10. Ratify the approval of Maryann Reino as a long term substitute teach (for Mrs. Mariel Bufano) effective August 27, 2009.
11. Ratify the approval of Rebecca Rebovich as a long term substitute teacher (for Justina Butera) effective August 27, 2009.
12. Approve receipt of payment for Title I services for two Greater Nanticoke students who attend Wyoming Area Catholic School.
13. Approve the request of Robert Kaluzavich, Elementary Principal, and Paul Sabol, Elementary Teacher, to attend "Science, It's Elementary Strategic Plan Institute" in Pittsburgh from Monday, March 22nd to Friday, March 26, 2010. Cost of registration, lodging and mileage to be funded by ASSET (Achieving Student Success Through Excellence in Teaching).
14. Approve the request of Daneen Kearns, Instructional Technology Facilitator, to attend Classroom for the Future Coach Boot Camp in Harrisburg, Wednesday, March 10th to Thursday, March 11, 2010 at no cost to the district other than mileage reimbursement.
15. Approve to create an elementary autistic class at Montgomery Avenue Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year.

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

At this time, Dr. Casarella stated he would like to add another item to approve the district's guidance department to conduct a survey for students that graduated in the last four years to determine the percentage of students that successfully transitioned to the college level and by fourth year we can determine the number of students that completed a four year college. Dr. Casarella stated this is imperative that we have additional information other than the PSSA's. Dr. Campenni seconded the motion.

Attorney Hassey stated the motion is to amend the motion made by Dr. Campenni

Attorney Hassey: The vote is for the amendment.

Mr. Bolin asked Dr. Casarella why he was making this motion. Dr. Casarella responded it was brought to his attention we have the best scores in the PSSA's and there are other things as to why the students are successful after graduation. If we could learn any information from the surveys to enhance our educational program we should. Find out what works and what didn't work. Some questions on surveys can give us an inside in our curriculum

Attorney Hassey asked Dr. Casarella if this was what he was making a motion on: "To amend the education report motion to include item #16, his proposal." Dr. Casarella responded, "for the guidance department to conduct a survey for the last four graduating classes to determine the success of students." Dr. Campenni seconded this motion.

On the question: Mr. Dominick asked if the district ever did this before. Superintendent, Raymond Bernardi responded that the district has done this in the past. Mr. Bolin stated this could have been brought to the board to discuss it. Dr. Campenni responded she would like the public to also be involved.

Roll Call: All Board Members present voted yes. The motion passed to amend the education report to include item #16 to the education report.

Attorney Hassey stated roll call will be taken on the education report, one through sixteen.

Mrs. Valenti seconded this motion.

On the question: Mrs. O'Brien of Harding asked the board to give more information on item #15. Mr. Bernardi responded next year we will take autistic students from satellite districts and educate them at Montgomery Avenue. Mrs. O'Brien asked if a new teacher will be hired. Mr. Bernardi responded one teacher will be hired. Mrs. Valenti stated two aides will be hired. Mrs. O'Brien stated she would not recommend an autistic class with just an autistic teacher. Mrs. Shiner expressed her concerns taking the children from their current environment and placing them in a new one. Mrs. Shiner asked Mr. Bernardi do the children have other disciplines or other things that implement them to where they're at that we can't provide for them. Mr. Bernardi responded no, we can still do outside service or provide it ourselves. Mrs. Shiner stated they have different sections as in creativity or development and their structure has to be different than a normal child. Mrs. Shiner asked if this is the right thing to do by taking them out from where they're at. Mr. Bernardi responded he talked with the parents with autistic children and they were happy about it.

Roll Call: All Board Members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. Alberigi read the activities report.

1. Ratify the approval of Dean Carey's letter of resignation as Head Girls Varsity Softball Coach effective January 28, 2010.
2. Approve the request of Frank Parra, Athletic Director, to attend the Athletic Directors Conference in Hershey from Wednesday, March 24th to Saturday, March 27, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$800.00.

3. Approve the appointment of assistant coaches for the 2010 spring season:

Baseball

Bob Duliba	Asst. Head Coach	2,163.00
Charlie McDermott	Jr. Varsity Coach	1,923.00
Jim Manganiello	Jr. High Coach	1,923.00
Nick Perugini	7/8 Grade Coach	1,923.00
Ted Harris	Volunteer	
Randy Colarusso	Volunteer	
Sean Carroll	Volunteer	
Mark Simko	Volunteer	
Carmen Mauriello	Volunteer	

Girls Soccer

Sam Fuller	Asst. Coach	2,163.00
Lauren Bague	Volunteer	

Track & Field

Mike Fanti	Asst. Coach	2,163.00
Ken Stackhouse	Asst. Coach	2,163.00
Paul Leonard	Asst. Coach	2,163.00
Joe DeMark	Jr. High Coach	1,923.00
Randy Spencer	Jr. High Coach	1,923.00
Lauren Shovlin	Jr. High Coach	1,923.00
Lou DeMark	Volunteer	

Boys Volleyball

Justin Eimers	Asst. Coach	1,210.00
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4. Approve the appointment of _____ as head softball coach at a salary of \$3,965.00 for the 2010 spring season.
5. Approve the Spring Sports Schedule submitted by Frank Parra, Athletic Director.
6. Approve the following requests from Shea Riley, Music Teacher:
- To attend the PMEA Bandfest at Forest City with three students, Friday, March 5, 2010 at a cost of \$75.00 for registration plus mileage.
 - To attend the Luzerne County Band at Nanticoke High School with sixteen students, Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at a cost of \$304.00 plus mileage.
 - To attend the PMEA District 9 Vocal Jazz at Wyoming Seminary with one student, Friday, March 19th and Saturday, March 20, 2010 at a cost of \$100.00 for registration plus mileage.
 - To attend the PMEA Region Band at Blue Ridge High School with three students, Thursday, March 25th to Saturday, March 27, 2010 at a cost of \$345.00 registration, \$185.30 for lodging, plus mileage.
7. Approve the request of Narda Sperrazza, Music Teacher, to attend the PMEA District 9 Regional Chorus at Tunkhannock High School, with one student, Thursday, March 11, 2010, at a cost of \$161.04 for music and registration plus mileage.

8. Approve the appointment of Ted Kross as Head Softball Coach at a salary of \$3,965.00 for the 2010 spring season.

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

On the Question: Rhonda Lambert asked if #4 and #8 were the same. Mr. Bolin responded yes. Mary Louise Degnan asked the board who hires the assistant softball coach. Mr. Bolin responded Mr. Kross makes the decision. The board has to approve them after Mr. Kross makes the decision and gives them to the board but they can start coaching as soon as needed. Mr. Bernardi stated in the contract there are positions that designates different coaches such as softball, assistant, jv. Mrs. Degnan asked if she could see it. Mr. Bernardi responded yes. We list all our coaches and assistants by title only. Mr. Bernardi stated he would give the list of all the extra-curricular coaches to Mrs. Degnan after the meeting. Ray of West Pittston asked who reviews the names before they come to the board. Mr. Hassey responded the Mr. Parra, Athletic Director and Mr. Quaglia, Building Principal. Dr. Campenni stated what the audience is asking is how do assistant to the varsity or assistant to the junior varsity coach how are they picked. How do people know to come to the head coach. Response was in the past it was advertised in the newspaper. Mrs. Degnan asked how are these positions available to the public; what is the process. Mr. Alberigi stated with softball there are four paid positions, one head coach and three assistants. It is up to the head coach to pick his assistants and then the board will approve or disapprove. The head coach can have as many volunteers as they want. Ron Musto of Exeter stated it's the responsibility of the head coach to pick their staff. If the head coach is unable to pick their staff then it will be advertised. It is open to the public. Mr. Kross stated he has a huge responsibility to get all coaches in place. He stated he will try his best. Dr. Campenni stated in the future we could hire the head coaches a month earlier.

Roll Call: Mr. Bolin abstained on item #8. All remaining board members voted yes on the entire report. Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Dominick read the building report.

1. Approve the request of Tina Drahus, Secretary for the Wyoming Area Diamond Club, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors" on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 11:45 a.m., pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager.
2. Approve the request of Kathryn Gigliotti, President of the Greater Pittston Youth Soccer, Inc., requesting permission to use the Tenth Street field or any other available areas for practice from August to November, pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.
3. Ratify the approval for Rebecca Rogan, Administrative Professional, to take a medical leave effective February 8, 2010.
4. Approve the request of Lee Evans, Director of Special Education, Luzerne Intermediate Unit, to use classrooms at JFK Elementary School for the Extended School Year Program, from Monday, July 5th through Friday, August 13, 2010, every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal.

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5. Approve the request of John J. John, Wilkes-Barre East Rotary, to use the Secondary Center gym for the Wyoming Valley Conference vs. Lackawanna Conference All-Star Wrestling Duals on Friday, March 19, 2010, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.
6. Approve the request of Sandra Colwell, Girl Scout Troop 3941, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for Girl Scout Birthday Party on Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager.

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

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

Police Report

Mr. Marianacci read the police report.

Police Report for the Month of January 2010

1. Total Calls for Service: 27

Motion by Mr. Marianacci, second by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the police report.

On the Question: Mr. Degnan asked what the 27 calls were for. Officer Chris Alberigi responded these are incidences that the police handle in the school. An incident is a call. Mr. Degnan stated that last month the calls were 34. Officer Alberigi responded that every month is different. Mr. Degnan asked if the incidences were for violence. Officer Alberigi responded he could not answer that because they are juveniles. Mr. Degnan asked Officer Alberigi that he can't tell what the calls are for. Officer Alberigi responded no. Mr. Degnan stated there were one incident a day this month and last month over one incident a day. Officer Alberigi responded they are juveniles. This is not a township or a borough, this is a police department. Mrs. Degnan expressed her concern that the public should have access to what type of incidences they are. Mr. Bolin responded that Attorney and Officer Alberigi will converse and will see what can and cannot be on next months report. Rhonda Lambert stated this is sent to the state, this is common knowledge. Mr. Degnan asked Mr. Bernardi that last year it stated Wyoming Area had zero violence incidences at the school, if this was correct. Mr. Bernardi stated these calls can be dealing with tobacco, truancy, etc. Mr. Degnan then stated in the newspaper it listed Wyoming Area School District in all the districts in the State of Pennsylvania was the only school that listed zero incidences of acts of violence last year. Mr. Degnan asked Mr. Bernardi if this was correct. Mr. Bernardi responded he could not answer that because Mr. Degnan was asking in the state. Attorney Hassey responded that Mr. Bernardi would have to look into it. Attorney Hassey stated he will talk with Officer Alberigi to determine what can be listed on the agenda next month. As to the question regarding zero incidences let's give Mr. Bernardi the courtesy to find out. We're not a bank of information. Dr. Casarella stated alcohol and drugs should also be included. Mr. Degnan responded he was looking for school violence on school property.

Roll Call: All Board Members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mrs. Valenti read the policy report.

1. Approve the second reading of policy #718 Service Animals in Schools.

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

Roll Call: All Board Members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Open Discussion: Dr. Campenni asked Mr. Bernardi when the minutes will be on the web site. Mr. Bernardi responded Wednesday morning following the board meeting. Mr. Alberigi thanked Dean Carey for his years as head softball coach, Ted Kross, Bruce Washney and Joe Pramick for working out with the girls with reconditioning until we appointed a head softball coach. Scott of West Wyoming questioned the board about a survey regarding a dress code. Dr. Campenni responded she brought this up at a previous meeting. Last year we discussed the possibility of changing the dress code and she had asked first to get feedback from the community. Dr. Campenni stated a student was doing a senior project with her and Dr. Campenni asked Mr. Bernardi if it was appropriate to do the survey. Dr. Campenni stated they started with the children and their attitude towards the dress code. Mrs. Shiner stated she was a little confused with this dress code; we have a dress code. What all the other schools have is a uniform policy. Anytime a uniform policy is brought up the children have no rights. Now you all of a sudden with a dress code and they have rights. People talk out of both sides of their mouth. They have an ability to give input but when the board votes on it they don't. Mrs. Shiner asked what is the survey for. Dr. Campenni responded she is missing the point of the question. This was for a senior project and what Dr. Campenni stated she did was go on line with other schools and extracted the same kind of questions. You have to start somewhere she said. Mrs. Shiner stated that when you dictate the color and kind that is not a dress code. Mr. Bolin responded the board didn't have anything to do with it. Mr. Bolin asked Mrs. Shiner to discuss it with Dr. Campenni after the meeting. Dr. Campenni stated this is all about the community; she asks everybody. Mr. Mariananci asked how can you validate any type of response without any signatures on the surveys.

Mr. Joe Valenti, of Pittston Politics, questioned the board regarding last months meeting on the motion to accept the communications report. There was no motion on the floor. Mrs. Valenti responded there is no motion on the communications report, it is just read. Regarding the January meeting and education report the question was who seconded the motion. Mr. Bolin responded the solicitor went over this many times. Mr. Valenti stated he just wanted to know who motioned and seconded the education report before roll call was taken. Mrs. Valenti asked him what motion. Mr. Valenti responded the motion to table the credit union; there wasn't a motion on the floor, just roll call. Attorney Hassey responded he didn't remember who made the motion and seconded it but he listened to the audio over and over and stated Mr. Valenti's web site it didn't have everything on it. Mr. Valenti responded it did have the dialogue when the motion failed. Attorney Hassey stated the motion to accept the education report and the vote on it was legal. Mr. Bolin stated there was a motion on the floor to accept the education report first then there was a motion to tabling it second. Dr. Campenni stated she read to accept the education report one through sixteen. Then as we preceded then we tabled it. Mr. Bolin stated Attorney Hassey listened to the tape and it was chaos at the meeting. There was a lot of debate that day. Mr. Valenti asked the board secretary if the recordings were by tape or digital. Ms. Holmes responded it was digital. The meeting was placed on a thumb drive for Attorney Hassey. Attorney Hassey stated Mr. Valenti made a request for the audio and he will look into that; it is public record. Exeter, PA.

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Dr. Casarella asked Attorney Hassey to look into two things: students not to be used to promote private or commercial business in the policy manual and second: the board prohibits use of students and staff members to advertise and promote non-school organizations.

Attorney Hassey asked Dr. Casarella what type of ruling. Dr. Casarella responded "Did we comply with the board's policy?" Attorney Hassey informed Dr. Casarella he will look into it.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Valenti.

John Bolin, President

Toni Valenti, Secretary