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Wyoming Area School District
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Wednesday, May 22, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

A 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 twenty five people in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Deanna Farrell, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

Absent were: Mrs. Kimberly Yochem, Vice President
 Dr. Estelle Campenni
 Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo

Also present were: Attorney Jarrett Ferentino, School Solicitor, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Center Building Principal, Joseph Long, Elementary Building Principal of the Intermediate Center, Dave Pacchioni, Assistant Principal of Discipline, Jo Ann Pepsin, Assistant Director of Special Education, Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Frank Pugliese, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds/Facilities Director, Jason Jones, Network Engineer

Mr. Mike Vind F&S Solutions, Mr. Dave Payne from PNC Bank and Mr. Brian Koscelansky of Stevens and Lee to answer any questions regarding the resolution, item #9, listed in the finance report.

Mr. Tom Melone of Albert B. Melone, Co., gave a presentation on the proposed final budget for the 2019-2020 school year.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the Communications Report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting minutes from regular meeting of March 27, 2019.
2. Right to Know Request submitted for the letters of intent to retire, resignation or termination for the month of April. Any e-mails between the board of education regarding the letters of intent to retire, resignation or termination.
3. Right to Know Request submitted for a listing of all employees' names, titles, email addresses.
4. Right to Know Request submitted for information relating to Wyoming Area's Cyber program.
5. Right to Know Request submitted for information regarding contacting of security for removal of a school employee in the month of April 2019 or any employee access cards to any building revoked or deactivated in the month of April 2019.

6. Amanda Amitia, Itinerant at Intermediate Center, requesting permission to take a maternity leave of absence.
7. Jon Lastovica, Luzerne Intermediate Unit, requesting permission to use the Primary Center cafeteria, gym, playground and room 103 for Community School Based Behavioral Health (CSBBH) Therapeutic Summer Program.
8. Vito Quaglia, Building Principal of the Primary Center and Kindergarten Center, submitting his letter of resignation.
9. Jami Brown, Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO, requesting permission to hold a raffle basket/candy sale fundraiser.
10. Kim Pace requesting permission to use the Secondary Center library for a reorganization meeting for the Wyoming Area Foundation.
11. Jami Brown, Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO, requesting permission to use the weight room parking lot for water activities for Funday.
12. Kristina Anderson, Secondary Learning Support Teacher, requesting permission to take a maternity leave.
13. Savino Bonita, Borough Manager of The Borough of West Pittston, requesting permission to rent the Secondary Center auditorium to hold a public hearing regarding flood feasibility study for West Pittston Borough.

Summary of Applications Received

Elementary (PreK-4) – 2
 Elementary (PreK-6) -1
 Special Education - 1
 Health Care Tech - 3
 Secretary – 10
 Custodian - 4
 Spanish – 1
 Social Studies – 1
 Reading Specialist (K-12) – 1

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Farrell asked for approval of the minutes of regular meeting April 23, 2019.
 All board members voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Attorney Ferentino read the Superintendent's Report in the absence of Mrs. Serino.

- 1. Jeremy Harman, our School Board Student Representative could not be here tonight, he is on the Physics Trip to Six Flags, but I would like to acknowledge Jeremy for his outstanding service in representing the student body on the Wyoming Area School Board for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. His participation was an invaluable resource to the Board in its decision making process. Congratulations Jeremy**
- 2. Ms. Jones informed everyone there will be a quilting show on May 29th and 30th in the gym from 4:00 – 7:00 pm both days. There will be handmade gifts to purchase.**

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Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Ferentino stated that an executive session was held earlier. Staffing, union issues and special education were discussed.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Bolin read the Treasurer’s Report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	5,214,795.11
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,691.05
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	75,847.41
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	142,785.79
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	7,489.63
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	Earned Income Tax Revenue	320,950.73
First National Community Bank	Series 2018 GON Account	254,892.12

The Treasurer’s Report will be kept on file for audit.

Finance Report

Mr. Bolin read the Finance Report.

- Received the following checks:

<u>Berkheimer Tax Administrator</u>	
- Earned Income Tax	109,723.84
Local Service Tax	804.90
Per Capita Tax	239.05
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>1,697.68</u>
	Total: 112,465.47

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Title I – Improving Basic Programs	41,295.57
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	6,402.86
Basic Education Funding Adjustment	<u>1,170,965.00</u>
Total:	1,218,663.43

Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	18,451.68
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2. Approve the May payment of \$116,565.12 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for special education services and other related services for the 2018-2019 school year.
3. Approve the May payment of \$50,881.00 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2018-2019 school year.
4. Approve the May payment of \$6,975.00 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for Liberty Academy Dual Diagnosis Services for the 2018-2019 school year.
5. Approve the budgeted library contribution for the 2018-2019 fiscal year: \$2,000.00 each to the Wyoming Free Library and West Pittston Library.
6. Approve the budgeted ambulance contribution for the 2018-2019 fiscal year: \$300.00 each to West Wyoming and Harding.
7. Approve the appointments of Dr. Steven Bonomo, Dr. Erani Pagliarini, Dr. Ann McDonough and Dr. Ryan McDonnell as school dentists, to do examinations as state mandated for grades K, 3 and 7 for the 2019-2020 school year. (Took out Dr. Leann Skoranski-no longer doing the examinations)
8. Approve to authorize the Secretary, in consultation with the Superintendent, Solicitor, and Business Manager to solicit bids, as needed, for items in excess of the final adjusted base amount as issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry for the 2019-2020 school year.
9. Approve motion authorizing the adoption by the Board of School Directors of Wyoming Area School District of a Resolution authorizing certain actions to be taken and approving execution of documentation in connection with the issuance of one or more series of federally taxable and/or tax-exempt general obligation notes for the purposes of funding a project consisting of: (1) advance refunding a portion of the School District's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2015; (2) advance refunding a portion of the School District's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2016; (3) planning, designing, acquiring, constructing, installing, furnishing and equipping of improvements and renovations to facilities of the School District; (4) purchasing capital equipment for use by the School District; (5) additional capital projects of the School District to the extent approved by the Board of School Directors of the School District; and (6) paying the costs and expenses of issuance of the Notes, all as more fully described in the complete text of the Resolution.
10. Approve to ratify the May 1, 2019 payment to FNCB Bank in the amount of \$122,756.25 for the General Obligation Note Series of 2018 of the Wyoming Area School District. (The incorrect amount was listed as \$27,825.00)
11. Approve the payment of \$1,000 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the 2019 Michael M. Ostrowski Performing Arts Institute (PAI) Memorial Scholarship, which will sponsor one student to attend PAI on a full performance grant.
12. Approve the Letter of Agreement between The Meadows Psychiatric Center and Wyoming Area School District at \$67.00 per day per student for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.

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13. Approve the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2019-2020 school year and authorize the Secretary of the Board to advertise the budget notice of the adoption of the Proposed Final General Fund Budget according to law.

The Proposed Final General Fund Budget provides for the expenditures of \$36,488,322 and equity and revenues of a like amount and reflects a tax of 16.9595 mills for the Boroughs of Exeter, Exeter Township, Luzerne County, West Pittston, West Wyoming and Wyoming per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation on real estate, and a tax of 82.5266 mills for Exeter Township, Wyoming County per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation on real estate. The budget also maintains the following: a per capita tax of \$5.00 on all persons over twenty-one (21) years of age who are residents or inhabitants of the school district under the authority of the Act of March 10, 1949, P.L. 30, Article VI, Section 679 and its amendments an additional per capita tax of \$5.00 per person on all persons over twenty-one (21) years of age who are residents or inhabitants of Exeter, Exeter Township, Luzerne County, Exeter Township, Wyoming County, West Pittston, West Wyoming, and Wyoming under the authority of Act 511 and its amendments, the forgoing being applicable to taxpayers less than sixty-five (65) years of age, and a Local Services Tax for individuals (formerly the occupational privilege tax) within the Wyoming Area school boundaries, real estate transfer tax 1% and wage or earned income tax of 1%.

14. Approve the final budget of the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

15. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: 5/2019	749,621.89	
Prepays: 4/2019	<u>65,934.04</u>	815,555.93
Cafeteria Account:	78,903.58	
Athletic Account:	<u>8,282.00</u>	<u>87,185.58</u>
	Total:	902,741.51

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

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

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mrs. Gober-Mangan read the Education Report.

1. Reporting as per Federal Regulations Requirement that the District’s Federal Programs (Title I, Title II, and Drugs and Alcohol) have been planned for the 2018-2019 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District’s Business Office.
2. Approve the request of Amanda Amitia, Itinerant at the Intermediate Center, to take a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately May 27, 2019 with intent to return August 22, 2019.
3. Accept, with regret, Vito Quaglia’s letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

4. Approve the graduation ceremony to take place on Friday, June 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the stadium, weather permitting or 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.
5. Approve Janet Serino, Superintendent, to oversee preparation of submission to PDE for approval: Title I, Title II, and Title IV grant programs and applications for the 2019-2020 school year.
6. Approve the following class changes for the 2019-2020 school year:

Collapse a 6th grade class at the Intermediate Center
Add a 4th grade class at the Intermediate Center
7. Approve the appointment of Nick DeAngelo as representative to serve on the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 board until June 30, 2022. (The LIU Rep is a three year term)
8. Approve the revised guest teacher/professional substitute list for the 2018-2019 school year.
9. Approve the agreement between Wyoming Area School District and the Wyoming Area Education Association, to allow any member of the professional staff to voluntarily donate one sick leave day to Sara Loughnane for the 2018-2019 school year.
10. Approve the request of Kristina Anderson, Secondary Learning Support Teacher, to take a maternity leave starting September 9, 2019 with the intent to return on December 18, 2019.
11. Approve the appointment of Anne Wall as instructor for the 2019 Summer Science Academy.
12. Approve the appointment of David Pacchioni as Primary Center Principal, an Act 93, 12-month position, effective July 1, 2019. (This item was added from the floor)
13. Approve the appointment of Joann Pepsin as the Kindergarten Center Principal and Assistant Special Education Director, an Act 93, 12-month position, effective July 1, 2019. (This item was added from the floor)

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

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

Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mrs. Valenti read the Activities Report in the absence of Mr. DeAngelo.

1. Approve the request of Jami Brown, Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO, to hold a basket raffle/candy sale fundraiser in May and June 2019 at the school concerts and art show.

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

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

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Stofko read the Building Report.

1. Approve the request of Jon Lastovica, Luzerne Intermediate Unit, to use the Primary Center cafeteria, gym, playground and room 103 for Community School Based Behavioral Health (CSBBH) Therapeutic Summer Program starting June 24th to August 15, 2019, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal. (Class E)
2. Approve the revised substitute support personnel list for the 2018-2019 school year.
3. Approve the appointment of Norman Scull as full time custodian.
4. Approve the appointment of Elizabeth Poor as confidential secretary to the Director of Curriculum.
5. Approve the request of Kim Pace to use the Secondary Center library for a reorganization meeting for the Wyoming Area Foundation, Monday, June 10, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal. (The date was changed from June 20th)
6. Approve the request of Jami Brown, Wyoming Area Intermediate Center PTO, to use the weight room parking lot for water activities for Funday on Friday, May 31, 2019, 7:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. (Class A)
7. Approve the request of Savino Bonita, Borough Manager of The Borough of West Pittston, to rent the Secondary Center auditorium at \$350.00 plus security and custodian fees, to hold a public hearing regarding flood feasibility study for West Pittston Borough on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal. (Class C)
8. Approve the Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding between the Wyoming Area Board of Education and the Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals Association, ESPA-PSEA-NEA. The Special Education Secretary position currently held by Mrs. Konopka shall be deemed vacated as of May 22, 2019 and said position can be filled.

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

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

Motion passed.

Police Report

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

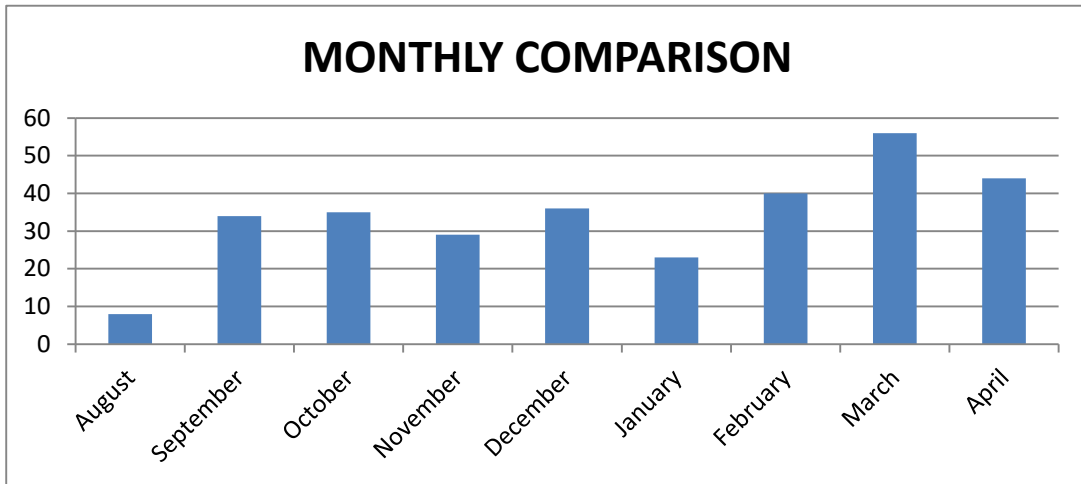
<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0002	Transport	3
2400	Disorderly Conduct	4

2450	Harassment	1
2601	Use of Tobacco in Schools	2
2690	All Other Offenses - Reports	4
2811	Curfew Law (Juvenile) - Male	1
3400	Mental Health	3
3610	Disturbances - Juvenile	4
3870	Medical Emergency	2
3900	Traffic & Parking Problems	1
4010	Traffic Offenses	3
4090	Non-Criminal - Reports	3
7016	Follow Up Information	9
7504	Assist Other Agencies - Other Police	2
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	2

Total 44

Monthly Comparison

<u>March Calls for Service</u> 56	<u>April Calls for Service</u> 44	<u>Plus/Minus Comparison</u> -12
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Open Discussion:

- Mr. Stofko presented a donation from the VFW Wyoming to Mr. Hollister, President of the Band Parents.
- Ice Hockey parents thanking the board for their donation and spoke on the expenses for the sport. Asked for additional donation.
- John Pegg comments on the proposed budget and bond refinance
- Ree Ree DeLuca – teacher’s contract

With no further questions or comments the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Farrell, second by Mr. Marianacci.

Deanna Farrell, President

John Marianacci, Secretary