

Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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Communications Report

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 submitting their minutes of regular meeting January 28, 2015.
2. Lyn Bednarski, Wyoming Area Softball Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a ziti dinner.
3. Ree Ree DeLuca, Wyoming Area Lacrosse, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for bingo.
4. Ryan Murray, The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Boy Scouts of America, requesting permission to rent the Secondary Center gym at \$150.00 for District Derby Day.
5. Ballot received from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit to appoint four school directors from area schools for three year terms to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit's Board of Directors beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.
6. Ballot received from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit to elect one Director to fulfill the unexpired term of their district previously appointed and elected representative to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board.
7. Right to Know Request submitted for information regarding how many work sessions and regular monthly meetings were canceled or not scheduled.
8. Right to Know Request submitted for information regarding an invoice from Don Cooper Plumbing and a list of all Wyoming Area employee names and their total salary for the year 2014.
9. Right to Know Request submitted for wages and/or payments paid to attorney/law firms by the district for services rendered.
10. Right to Know Request submitted for information regarding food service expenses for various years.
11. Glenna Pocceschi, Special Education Teacher, submitting her letter of intent to retire.

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12. Josette Cefalo and Leo Lulewicz notification letter stating they will not reapply for cheerleader advisor and assistant cheerleader advisor for the 2015-2016 school year.
13. Carla Moscatelli, Elementary Guidance Counselor, requesting to take a medical leave followed by a family leave.
14. Lisa Day and Chris Hizynski requesting permission to attend the National History Bowl Competition in Washington D.C., along with eight students.
15. Rita Mauriello, Title I Consultant, requesting permission to attend the Annual Pennsylvania Association for Federal Coordinators Conference (PAFPC) in Champion, PA.
16. Jennifer Vogel, Montgomery Avenue PTO, requesting permission to use the football stadium for kids "Fun Day."
17. Lyn Bednarski, Wyoming Area Field Hockey Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Tenth Street gym for an elementary field hockey clinic.
- (18.) Michelle Klapproth, Wyoming Area Drama Parents Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a cast party after their production of "Beauty and the Beast."**
- (19.) Leonarda Sperrazza, Choral Teacher, requesting permission to attend the PMEA 2015 All State Conference and Convention, along with one student, in Camp Hill, PA.**

Summary of Applications Received

Elementary – 1

Social Studies – 1

Guidance Counselor – 1

Special Education Aides - 9

WYOMING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015, 7:00 P.M.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. *Report cards were distributed on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Parent/Teacher Conferences were scheduled for February 3, 2015, but they were cancelled due to inclement weather. The following is a report of the percentages of parent participation throughout the District for report card pick-up:*

<i>Secondary Center:</i>	<i>59%</i>
<i>JFK:</i>	<i>84%</i>
<i>Montgomery Ave:</i>	<i>85%</i>
<i>10th Street</i>	<i>68%</i>
<i>SJD:</i>	<i>68%</i>

2. *Kindergarten Registration for students who will be attending Kindergarten in the Wyoming Area School District for the 2015-2016 school year will take place April 20 through the 23rd. The schedule is available on the Wyoming Area website.*
3. *Wyoming Area students participated in the Science Olympiad at Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus on March 11th. Their performance was outstanding. The students, their parents and teachers will be recognized at our April Board meeting.*
4. *Governor Tom Wolf visited our Secondary center on Friday, March 13th. The governor visited three classrooms and spoke briefly during a press conference.*
5. *Senior Victoria Pennington has qualified for ALL STATE CHORUS, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Music Educators Assoc. She will perform with a 160 member chorus. Congratulations to her Chorus Director, Narda Sperrazza*

6. ***A pre-kindergarten registration was held on March 11 in the secondary center auditorium, 27 families attended to gather information about the upcoming Registration.***

7. ***Parents of high school students are reminded that 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grade students are currently enrolling for courses next year. Copies of the Program of Studies can be viewed on the Wyoming Area Website. I encourage parents with questions to contact our School Guidance Office or Administration for assistance.***

8. ***Kindergarten students at JFK Elementary completed their Service Project. They collected cans for the West Pittston Salvation Army Food Pantry. Their goal was to collect 100 cans for the 100th day of school. Mrs. Kearns class collected 127 cans and Mrs. Kachmarsky's class collected 111 cans.***

9. ***Mrs. Kearns kindergarten students at JFK Elementary also celebrated the 100th day of school by counting to 100. They were to predict what a cup filled with 100 drops of water would look like. They colored a cup on a worksheet to make their prediction. They worked in pairs and actually filled a cup with 100 drops of water and they got to see if their predictions were true or not. Many of the students thought the cup would be filled to the top when in reality it was barely filled $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way. It was very interesting to see the kids not only count, but realize how much 100 looked like. (PHOTO)***





10. Students from the Wyoming Area Key Club read books to the 1st grade classes at JFK to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2. (PHOTO)



11. The Wyoming Area Baseball team read to the all of the classes at JFK in honor of Dr. Seuss's Birthday.



12. Students from Mrs. Switzer's 1st grade class at JFK Elementary received their second free book through the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program which is sponsored by the UGI Corporation. The UGI Corporation provides monies to districts to buy books for first grade students to improve their reading skills and to motivate them to read regularly. The book distribution takes place three times throughout the year where students have the opportunity to choose a book title that interest them. Pictured are some Mrs. Switzer's students with the reading books they chose at their second distribution which was held on St. Patrick's Day with Mrs. Lisa Ninotti, UGI employee and Mrs. Rita Mauriello, Title I and RIF coordinator. Mr. John Pollard is building principal. (PHOTO)



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 Treasurer's Report

First National Community Bank	General Fund	7,933,136.27
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	4,985.79
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	68,072.04
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	103,089.25
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	16,840.32
Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,958.21
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	0.00
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Construction Account	0.00
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	Earned Income Tax Revenue	310,433.39

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 Finance Report

1. Received the following checks:

Berkheimer Tax Administrator

Earned Income Tax	326,110.98
Local Service Tax	4,659.59
Delinquent Per Capita	1,120.92
Per Capita Tax	<u>832.60</u>
Total:	332,724.09

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security	48,076.00
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	50,310.42
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	68,424.64
Basic Education Funding	<u>1,088,055.00</u>
Total:	1,254,866.06

The Sustainable Roofing & Waterproofing Alliance

Warranty Rebate for Montgomery Ave. School	408.00
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Miscellaneous

District Court 11-2-01	377.71
Luzerne County Court– Restitution	700.00

2. Approve the March payment of \$97,047.66 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2014-2015 school year.
3. Approve the March payment of \$38,919.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2014-2015 school year.
4. Approve the donation of \$4,000.00 to the Wyoming Area Ice Hockey Association for the 2015-2016 season.

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5. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Wyoming Area School District and the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the Department of Education Project MOM/Young Fatherhood Initiative Grant at a cost of \$1,316.88 for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
6. Approve the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 2015-2016 General Operating Budget.
7. Approve the payment in the amount of \$13,272.68 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for Instructional Technology for the district's share of the cost of the Wide Area Network (WAN) for the 2014-2015 school year.
8. Approve the payment of \$1,000.00 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the Michael M. Ostrowski Performing Arts Institute (PAI) Memorial Scholarship, which sponsors two students to attend PAI on a full performance grant. This is one of the premier summer arts programs in the country held at Wyoming Seminary.
9. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for ESL instructional hours for December 2013 through June 2014 (Note: for the 2013-2014 school year) in the following amounts:

December 2013	(total of 98 hours @ \$49.80) = \$4,880.40
January 2014	(total of 156 hours @ \$49.80) = \$7,768.80
February 2014	(total of 131 hours @ \$49.80) = \$6,523.80
March 2014	(total of 163.5 hours @ \$49.80) = \$8,142.30
April 2014	(total of 136.5 hours @ \$49.80) = \$6,797.70
May/June 2014	(total of 284 hours @ \$49.80) = \$14,143.20
10. Approve a refund of realty transfer tax for E10-A-17A-T in the amount of \$400.00.
- (11.) Approve the withdrawal of Lighthouse Cyber Services with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit.**
- (12.) Approve for the District to notify the Luzerne Intermediate Unit of its withdrawal from Lighthouse Cyber Services.**
- (13.) Approve the withdrawal of Service Learning with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit.**

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- (14.) Approve for the District to notify the Luzerne Intermediate Unit of its withdrawal from Service Learning.**
- (15.) Approve an agreement with VLN Partners to provide cyber services to Wyoming Area School District, subject to review and approval of the district solicitor.**
- (16.) Approve the authorization to solicit bids supplies for the following categories for the 2015-2016 school year: football, football reconditioning, athletic medical, band, electrical, general, janitorial, marching band, music, nursing, physical education and science.**
- (17.) Approve the Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, as prepared by the independent auditing firm of Matt Foster & Associates.**
- (18.) Approve the General Ledger Sheet:**

Bill Listing: March 2015	529,012.77	
Prepays: February 2015	<u>54,670.06</u>	583,682.83
 Cafeteria Account:	 70,536.71	
Athletic Account:	<u>5,510.00</u>	<u>76,046.71</u>
		Total: 659,729.54

Motion by _____, second by _____, to accept the finance report.

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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 2014-2015 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2014-2015 school year. Hiring is provisional upon the return of Sexual Misconduct/Abuse Disclosure Release under Act 168 of 2014.
3. Accept, with regret, Glenna Pocceschi's letter of intent to retire effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.
4. Approve the request of Carla Moscatelli, Elementary School Counselor, to take a medical leave of absence from Monday, April 13, 2015 until Thursday, June 18, 2015 and then a family leave of absence during the first twelve weeks of the 2015-2016 school year with intent to return on Monday, November 16, 2015.
5. Approve the revised 2014-2015 school calendar:

<u>Snow Day</u>	<u>Make-up Day</u>
November 26, 2014	April 7, 2015
December 9, 2014	June 10, 2015
January 26, 2015	June 11, 2015
January 30, 2015	June 12, 2015
February 2, 2015	June 15, 2015
February 9, 2015	June 16, 2015
March 4, 2015	June 17, 2015
March 5, 2015	June 18, 2015

6. Approve for Rita Mauriello, Title I Consultant, to attend the Annual Pennsylvania Association for Federal Coordinators Conference (PAFPC), in Champion, PA., Monday, May 4, 2015, to Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Cost of \$1,560.00 for registration, lodging and mileage to be funded from Title I funds.

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- (7.) Approve the Administration’s recommendation to dismiss _____ from his/her professional employment with the District for the reasons stated in the Notice of Dismissal Charges and Right to Hearing dated February 24, 2015, to be effective immediately.**
- (8.) Approve Audra Amico as a Long Term Substitute, Learning Support Teacher at Tenth Street Elementary, retroactive to August 25, 2014 to September 26, 2014, and from November 6, 2014 as needed through the end of the 2014-2015 school year.**

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Activities Report

1. Approve the request of Lisa Day and Chris Hizynski to attend the National History Bowl Competition in Washington D.C., along with eight students, Friday, April 24th to Sunday, April 26, 2015. Registration is \$525.00, lodging is \$1,096.00 and cost to rent a passenger van is \$250.00. **Students and advisors will pay for their own meals. Advisors are also asking for gas reimbursement.**
2. Approve the appointment of Kerry Meyers as Assistant Head Baseball Coach at a salary of \$1,223.50 (1/2 of 2,447.00) for the 2015 spring season. Hiring is provisional upon the return of Sexual Misconduct/Abuse Disclosure Release under Act 168 of 2014.
3. Approve Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), Member School Request for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Form to initiate a co-op for girls' softball with Wyoming Area School District and Susquehanna Preparatory School.
- (4.) Approve the request of Leonarda Sperrazza, Choral Teacher, to attend the PMEA 2015 All State Conference and Convention, along with one student, at Camp Hill, PA., Wednesday, March 25th to Saturday, March 28, 2015. Total cost for registration, lodging, meals, and mileage is \$393.00 for Ms. Sperrazza. Total cost for student for registration, lodging and meals is \$375.00.**

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Building Report

1. Approve the request of Lyn Bednarski, Wyoming Area Softball Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria and kitchen for a ziti dinner on Sunday, April 19, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with set up on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director. A fee of \$25.00 per hour may be charged to the organization if a cafeteria worker's services are needed. (Class A)
2. Approve the request of Ryan Murray, Senior District Executive, The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Boy Scouts of America, to rent the Secondary Center gymnasium at \$150.00 for District Derby Day races on Saturday, April 25, 2015, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with set up on Friday, April 24th, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. A fee of \$25.00 per hour may be charged to the organization if a custodian's services are needed. (Class B)
3. Approve the request of Ree Ree DeLuca, Wyoming Area Lacrosse, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for bingo on Sunday, April 26, 2015, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., with set up from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director. (Class A)
4. Approve the request of Jennifer Vogel, Montgomery Avenue PTO, to use the football stadium for kids "Fun Day" on Friday, June 5, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. (Class A)
5. Approve the request of Lyn Bednarski, Wyoming Area Field Hockey Association, requesting permission to hold an elementary field hockey clinic at Tenth Street Elementary School gym on Tuesday, April 7th, Tuesday, April 14th, Tuesday, April 21st, Tuesday, April 28th, Tuesday, May 5th, and Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. (Class A)

(6.) Approve the appointment of _____ as Learning Support Aide at Montgomery Avenue Elementary School.

(7.) Approve the appointment of _____ as Personal Care Aide at Montgomery Avenue Elementary School.

(8.) Approve the appointment of _____ as Marching Band Director for the 2015-2016 school year.

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(9.) Approve the request of Michelle Klapproth, Wyoming Area Drama Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria (kitchen for clean up only) for a cast party after their performance of "Beauty and the Beast" on Friday, April 17, 2015, 9:30 p.m. to midnight, pending approval by the building principal and food service director. A fee of \$25.00 per hour may be charged to the organization if a custodian's services are needed. (Class A)

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 Police Report

**Wyoming Area Police Department
 Monthly Report for February
 Total Calls for Service 36**

<u>CODE</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
0002 – Transport	2
2400 – Disorderly Conduct	1
2450 - Harassment	3
2601 - Use of Tobacco in Schools	2
2664 - All Other Offenses – All other(Misc.)	5
2910 - Lost/Missing Property	1
3400 - Mental Health	2
3900 - Traffic & Parking Problems	3
4020 - Non-Criminal – Suspicious Auto	1
4028 - Non-Criminal – Other Investigations	1
4090 - Non-Criminal – Reports	8
7001 - 911 Hangup	1
TRUA - Compulsory School Attendance	6
Total	<u><u>36</u></u>

Monthly Comparison

<u>January Calls for Service</u>	<u>February Calls for Service</u>	<u>Plus/Minus Comparison</u>
31	36	+ 5

