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Wyoming Area School District
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
Wyoming Area Board of Education
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, June 28, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

A combined work session/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 thirty people in attendance. A non-public personnel meeting preceded the combined meetings. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo, President**
- Mr. John Marianacci, Vice President**
- Mr. John Bolin, Secretary**
- Mr. David Alberigi, Treasurer**
- Mr. Sam Aritz**
- Dr. Frank Casarella**
- Mr. Gil Dominick**
- Mrs. Toni Valenti**

Absent: Dr. Estelle Campenni – out of town

Also present were: Raymond J. Bernardi, Superintendent, Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, Attorney Raymond A. Hassey, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Vito Quaglia, Secondary Center Building Principal, Jon Pollard, Elementary Building Principal of Tenth St./JFK, Deb Popson, Special Education Supervisor.

Communications Report

Mr. Bernardi read the communications report.

1. Meeting minutes from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit dated May 25, 2011.
2. Mary Musinski, Vice President, West Pittston Parks, Recreation & Beautification Board, requesting permission to use the stadium for a Kid's Fun Run.
3. Thomas J. Campenni, Vice President of the Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, requesting permission to use the facilities at the stadium for the Warrior Pride Football Camp.
4. Megan Krebs, Field Hockey Coach, requesting permission to run an elementary field hockey camp.
5. John Dean, Elliott Greenleaf & Dean, notification to the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board that the district has voted to reject the fact finding report.
6. David Lewandoski, WNEP News Station, requesting permission to broadcast live the Pittston Area vs. Wyoming Area football game.
7. Joe Pizano requesting permission for the Exeter Borough Civil Service Board to use the school cafeteria and stadium to administer their test.
8. Rita Mauriello, Reading Supervisor, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
9. Natalie Ferretti, Elementary Teacher, requesting to extend her child bearing/child rearing leave.

10. Edward Parulis, Custodian, submitting his letter of intent to retire.
11. Joan Solano, acknowledging Frank Parra, Athletic Director, for his support and help given, along with other coaches, for the 7th grade girl's basketball team.
12. Michael Ostrowski, commending the guidance department, specifically Teddy Rabel, for her professionalism.
13. Annette and Michael McHugh, Parents, commending Patti Baltusavich, for her help with their daughter, a third grade student at Montgomery Avenue School.
14. Dan Resciniti, Wyoming Area Football Parents, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria, for "Meet the Warriors."
15. Phyllis Mundy, State Representative, thanking the Superintendent for his letter in support of state funding for public education.
16. Lou Cella, Library Teacher, submitting his letter of intent to retire.
17. Patricia Pace, Level I Secretary, requesting a medical leave.
18. Dan Resciniti, President of the Wyoming Area Football Parents Association, requesting permission, along with Wyoming Area Alumni Association and Lou Ciampi, Jr. to utilize the Weight Room/Maintenance Building parking lot for five Friday night home games and playoffs, permission to charge \$20.00 for "preferred" parking on school property and permission to have the lot cleared, under the direction of Dave Amico, prior to line painting and Friday evening games to maximize "lot capacity."
19. Jenny Kranson, JFK Elementary PTO, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria to host a bingo fundraiser for the PTO.
20. Father Phil Missetti, St. Barbara Church, requesting permission to use the district's kitchen facilities during July for the Church Bazaar.
21. The Soccer Parent's Association requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors."

Summary of Applications Received

Elementary – 23

English – 2

Speech/Language Pathology – 3

Social Studies – 4

Science – 1

Math – 1

Special Education – 2

Health/Physical Ed – 1

Secretary – 8

Custodian – 5

Special Education Aide - 6

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Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Valenti, second by Mr. Dominick to approve the minutes of Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting of May 23, 2011 and Special Meeting of June 7, 2011. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed.

There was no superintendent’s report for this month.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Bernardi read the treasurer’s report.

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Checking Account</u>
First National Community Bank	General Fund	3,408,247.99
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	4,390.92
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	237,796.13
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	102,870.24
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,849.06
Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,931.00
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,679.88
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Construction Account	119,488.32
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Investment Account	1,081,419.17

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

Finance Report

Mr. Bernardi read the finance report.

- Received the following checks:

<u>Don Wilkinson Agency (May)</u>	
Earned Income Tax	175,110.45
Local State Tax	1,176.85
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>143.00</u>
Total:	176,430.30

<u>Luzerne Intermediate Unit</u>	
Tech Coach- Classroom for the Future	25,000.00

Supplemental Bill

Robert Connors – West Wyoming Boro. 582.08
(for May)

Interest from 2010

Wayman Smith 300.00
Exeter Township Luzerne County

State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security 69,498.27
Title I – Improving Basic Programs 62,160.82
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality 17,007.20
Academic Achievement Award 666.66
Total: 149,332.95

Local Realty Transfer Tax

James Red O’Brien – Luzerne County 6,616.71

Miscellaneous

District Court 11-2-01 56.06

2. Approve the June payment of \$73,400.39 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract agreement for programs and services for the 2010-2011 school year.
3. Approve the June payment of \$47,128.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2010-2011 school year.

4. Approve the meal prices at no increase for the 2011-2012 school year:

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Adult</u>
Elementary Breakfast	.90	1.65
Elementary Lunch	1.65	2.65
Secondary Breakfast	1.15	1.65
Secondary Lunch	1.90	2.65
Reduced Meals:	.30 Breakfast	.40 for Lunch

5. Approve the 2011-2012 Agreement for Prevention/Education Services between the Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services and Wyoming Area School District at a per diem rate to remain at \$100.00.
6. Approve a donation of \$4,000.00 to the Wyoming Area Ice Hockey Association for the 2011-2012 upcoming season.

At this time, Mr. Melone gave his presentation on the budget.

Mr. Gil Dominick read items #7, #8 and #9.

7. Approve the adoption of the Final General Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 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 Final General Fund Budget provides for the expenditures of \$28,889,667.00 and equity and revenues of a like amount and reflects a tax of 13.0799 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 71.7295 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%.

8. Approve to adopt the attached resolution establishing property tax calendar and installment dates.

Whereas, Act 1 of the Special Session of 2006 requires school districts no later than June 30, 2011 to adopt a resolution for calendar year 2011 and each year thereafter authorizing the collection and payment of school real property taxes in installments, excluding any interim or delinquent school real property taxes.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that taxpayers approved pursuant to Section 341 of Act 1 of the Special Session of 2006 shall be eligible for participation in the installment payment of school property taxes.

The following are excluded from real estate installments payments: interim school property taxes, delinquent school property taxpayers, and all other taxpayers except eligible homestead/farmstead property owners.

And be it further resolved, that the tax duplicates shall provide for payment of school real property taxes in a single payment or installments at the option of eligible taxpayers as follows:

- a. Full Payment- Full payment of the real estate tax shall be due and payable by the close of business on December 1, 2011 with a two percent (2%) discount provided for full payment prior to September 29, 2011. All taxpayers, except as indicated below, who fail to make payment of the tax in full by December 31, 2011 by the close of business shall be charged a penalty of ten percent (10%), which penalty shall be added to the tax by the tax collector and collected by the tax collector. The school real property taxes shall become due and payable and be collected as provided in the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L. 1050 No. 394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, subject to the discounts and penalties provided by that act unless an eligible taxpayer evidences an intention to pay school real property taxes in installments.
- b. Installment Payments – Installment payment of taxes shall be due in three (3) equal payments on the following due dates: September 8, 2011, October 27, 2011, and December 1, 2011.

The payment of the first installment by a taxpayer eligible for installment payments shall conclusively evidence an intention to pay school real property taxes in installments.

Those eligible taxpayers electing to pay in installment payments must pay the face amount of the school real property tax bill. No discount shall be offered for installment payments. If an installment payment is made after installment date, then a ten percent (10%) penalty shall be assessed on the amount of the installment payment due. Two or more late payments of ten days, or more will render the taxpayer ineligible to participate in installment payments for the following school fiscal year.

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that in the event that a taxpayer fails to evidence an intention to pay school real property taxes in installments, those taxes shall become due and payable and be collected as provided by the Local Tax Collection Law (P.L. 1050, No. 394) and subject to the discounts and penalties provided in that act and the Taxpayer Relief Act of 2006. Tax bills not paid in full by December 31, 2011, will be turned over to Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau for residents of Luzerne County and Wyoming County Tax Claim Bureau for residents of Wyoming County on or before the date established by the county in which the school district is located for the turnover of delinquent taxes pursuant to the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L. 1368, No. 542), known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law.

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that the Board hereby directs the collection of installment payment of real estate taxes to be made to Wyoming Area Tax Collector in accordance with rules and regulations that the Board may now or hereafter implement who shall set forth on all notices regarding the payment of school real property taxes in installments and the dates on which such payments are due be set property owners forth on the tax notice sent to approved homestead and farmstead.

9. Approve the attached resolution designed to implement Homestead/Farmstead exclusions as mandated by Act I.

Recommended that a resolution be adopted, by the Board of School Directors of Wyoming Area School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2011, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

- I. Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction, The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2011:

- a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. §6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$464,559.53.
 - b. **Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.324 (3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$10,736.64.
 - C. **Aggregate amount available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$475,296.17.
2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers,** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:
- a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 5,744.00.
 - b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 6.
 - c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 5,750.00.
3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(c) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$475,296.17 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 5,750, the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$83.00.

4. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$83.00 by the School District real estate tax rate of 13.0799 mills (.0130799) for Luzerne County, the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead and farmstead exclusion for each approved homestead and farmstead for Luzerne County is \$6,346.00.

5. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$83.00 by the School District real estate tax rate of 71.7295 mills (.0717295) for Wyoming County, the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead and farmstead exclusion for each approved homestead and farmstead for Wyoming County is \$1,157.00.

6. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization- July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead and farmstead within the School District shall reflect a homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of. (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead/farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$6,346.00 for Luzerne County. For purposes of this resolution, "approved homestead" and "approved farmstead" shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341 (g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 6 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

7. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization- July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead and farmstead within the School District shall reflect a homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of. (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead/farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 5 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$1,157.00 for Wyoming County.

For purposes of this resolution, "approved homestead" and "approved farmstead" shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. §

6926.341 (g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1.

This paragraph 7 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

8. Approve to accept the payment in the amount of \$402.60 as full pay for the year 2009 property taxes for the following parcels:

Parcel# 16E11NW4009003
Parcel# 16E11NW401909

The entity is a partially tax exempt entity and payment of \$409.60 is consistent with the amount paid for 2010.

Mr. Bernardi read the remaining items.

9. Approve the 2011-2012 IDEA Allocation Agreement between Wyoming Area School District and the Luzerne Intermediate Unit at an amount of \$262,869.00 pending approval by the district solicitor.

10. Approve the appointment of Bonita & Rainey, Certified Public Accountants, for the year 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 to perform the Single Audit at the following costs:

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
Audit Basic Financial Statements	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00
Tax Collectors	5,900.00	5,900.00	5,900.00
GASB No. 34 Conversion	<u>3,850.00</u>	<u>3,850.00</u>	<u>3,850.00</u>
Total:	22,250.00	22,250.00	22,250.00

11. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing:	6-28-11	520,213.78	
Prepays:	5-31-11	<u>47,562.03</u>	567,775.81
Cafeteria Account:		160,555.64	
Athletic Account:		<u>6,617.50</u>	<u>167,173.14</u>
		Total:	734,948.95

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

On the Question: George Race of Exeter, questioned item #4. What do the adults get for breakfast for \$1.65. Mr. Bernardi responded french toast or pop tart, something like that. Mr. Race asked why hockey is separate from the student activities. Mr. DeAngelo responded they are not PIAA. Mr. Race stated that Mr. Melone said the average increase would be \$63.00. Mr. Melone responded it is \$83.00. Mr. Race questioned the gambling reduction. Mr. Melone responded the last two prior years the reduction was \$83.00, so you are comparing both to \$83.00. It was the same as prior years so it is the same amount of tax.

Dr. Casarella stated regarding item #7 in the budget itself, a balance of \$843,000 in 11/12 #2 in the presentation. In 12-13 it would be \$720,000. What is the discrepancy there Dr. Casarella asked. Mr. Melone responded this is a scenario provided in the last meeting. In spite of having the \$843,000 beginning for this year, if we have those anticipated increases that we know about, we will chew up or consume that opening fund balance, and we will be looking at a negative \$700,000 before we start. Dr. Casarella stated it doesn't count the teachers contract or repairs we may need. Mr. Melone agreed. Mr. Melone stated that in the need for repairs in 11/12, we have the capital improvement money that will buy us some time. Dr. Casarella stated we will have a 1.8 million dollar deficit next year. Mr. Melone responded this doesn't have any revenue increases in that scenario. If the revenue stays the same and the expenditures stay the same, were at a \$700,000 deficit. The question is "How do I fund the \$700,000 deficit?" Mr. Melone stated that what Dr. Casarella was saying is, with legislation we may only have the index available which would bring \$180,000 to \$200,000. The Board in 12/13 to raise taxes to the index, in this scenario, we would be short \$500,000. Dr. Casarella stated we will be short next year. Mr. Melone agreed. Dr. Casarella stated there are certain things that are beyond our control and stated he didn't think we made enough cuts.

Roll Call: Mr. Valenti, Mr. DeAngelo and Dr. Casarella voted no on item #7 and yes on the remaining report. All other board members voted yes on the entire report. Motion passed.

Education Report

Mr. Bernardi 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) is currently being planned for the 2011-2012 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, at the District's Business Office.
2. Approve the appointment of Rosella Fedor as Special Program Advisor/Consultant to the guidance department for 2 days per week for the 2011-2012 school year at a salary not to exceed \$3,000.00 per year.
3. Approve the appointment of Julie Marini as Math Consultant for the 2011-2012 school year at a contracted amount of \$6,000.00 per year.
4. Approve to ratify the Summer Academy of the Languages held June 20th to June 24, 2011.

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5. Approve to ratify the appointment of Carol Rauh, French Instructor and Christine Marianacci, Spanish Instructor, for the 2011 Summer Academy of the Languages at a rate stipulated within the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
6. Approve the Summer SAT Verbal and SAT Math Classes:

SAT Verbal – July 26th to 29th -10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
August 8th to August 12th – 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
August 15th to August 19th – 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SAT Math – July 5th – 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
July 6th – 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
July 7th – 5 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
7. Approve to appointment Christine Rutledge as Verbal Instructor and Paula Cecil as Math Instructor for the 2011 S.A.T. Prep Summer Classes at a rate as stipulated within the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
8. Approve the Wyoming Area Belief Statements as required by the Bureau of Special Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education as submitted by Deb Popson, Special Education Supervisor.
9. Approve the request of Natalie Ferretti, Elementary Teacher, to extend her child bearing/child rearing leave for the 2011-2012 school year and return for the 2012-2013 school year.
10. Accept, with regret, Lou Cella's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
11. Accept, with regret, Rita Mauriello's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
12. Approve the appointment of Rita Mauriello as Title I Coordinator/Reading Consultant for a minimum of 2 years at a contracted amount of \$6,000.00 per year.
13. Approve the transfer of Donna Andrewsavage to Tenth Street Elementary School as a kindergarten teacher.
14. Approve the transfer of Courtney DeLucca to Tenth Street Elementary School as a fifth grade elementary teacher.
15. Approve the transfer of Elizabeth Dessoie to Tenth Street Elementary School as a fifth grade elementary teacher.
16. Approve the transfer of Deedra Porfirio to Montgomery Avenue Elementary School as a fourth grade elementary teacher.
17. Approve the transfer of Jessica Murtha to Montgomery Avenue Elementary School as a fifth grade elementary teacher.
18. Approve the transfer of Sheila Murtha to SJD Elementary School as a fourth grade elementary teacher.

19. Approve the transfer of Ann Marie Kachmarsky to SJD Elementary School as a fifth grade elementary teacher.
20. Approve Memorandum of Agreement between Wyoming Area Board of Education and Wyoming Area Education Association dated June 1, 2011 providing for temporary retirement incentive for Debra Barth, Celestine Calpin, Diane Kalinoski, Deborah Madrack, Rita Mauriello, Eileen Petrillo, Carol Rauh, Paul Sabol and Deanna Sabola.
21. Approve Memorandum of Agreement between Wyoming Area School District and Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals, PSEA/NEA, providing for modified summer hours for summer 2011.
22. Approve payments totaling \$23,500.00 pursuant to terms of final settlement reached in special education claim identified as ODR#01509-1011AS.

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

On the Question: George Race asked if #11 and #12 is the same person. Response was yes. Mr. Race asked if she was being replaced. Mr. DeAngelo responded no. Mr. Race questioned item #20. Mr. Bernardi responded the professional staff was offered a temporary retirement at 80% of their salary. Mr. Race stated he thought it was 40% and it went up to 80% and asked why. Attorney Hassey responded to induce the retirement for the budget. Mr. Race questioned item #22. Mr. Bernardi responded they will work four days a week in the summer. Mary Louise Degnan of Wyoming questioned the temporary retirement incentive. Mr. Bernardi responded they would get an extra 40%. They get paid over four years. Attorney Hassey stated the savings are in the budget presentation. It's a ½ million dollars in savings.

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

Activities Report

Mr. Bernardi read the activities report.

1. Approve the appointments of the following extra-curricular positions for the 2011-2012 school year as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Frank Parra	Athletic Director
Joseph Gillespie	Director of Intramurals

2. Approve the request of Mary Musinski, Vice President of West Pittston Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board, requesting permission to use the stadium for "Kids Fun Run" on Monday, July 4, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon, pending approval by the Athletic Director.
3. Approve to ratify the request of Megan Krebs, Field Hockey Coach, to run an elementary camp from June 19th through June 23, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

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4. Approve the request of Thomas Campenni, Vice President of the Wyoming Area Football Alumni Association, to use the facilities at the stadium and Boston Avenue Garage for the Warrior Pride Football Camp on Friday, July 29, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., pending approval by the Athletic Director.
5. Approve to ratify the request of Dan Resciniti, President of the Wyoming Area Football Parents Association, for a coin drop held Saturday, June 25, 2011. All proceeds will benefit the Summer Conditioning Program.

Mr. Alberigi read item #6.

6. Approve the appointment of the following head winter coaches for the 2011-2012 school year as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Girls Basketball	Ryan Kennedy	5,479.00
Boys Basketball	Al Brogna	5,479.00
Wrestling	Steve Mytych	5,479.00
Swimming	Maureen Pikas	3,965.00
Winter Track	Joe Pizano	890.00

Mr. Bernardi read the remaining items.

7. Approve the 2011 Summer Program at the football stadium and weight room, Monday through Thursday, June 27th to August 5, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
8. Approve the following coaches for the 2011 Summer Program at no cost to the district:

Joseph Pizano	1,487.00
Michael Fanti	1,487.00
Eric Speece	1,487.00
Jason Speece	1,487.00
Steve Sedon	1,487.00
Mike Laffey	465.00

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

On the Question: Mrs. Valenti commented on item #8 stating the summer program is funded by the Alumni Association. Attorney Hassey stated over the last couple meetings the Alumni has offered to fund the summer program and came up with \$8,500 to cover the cost of the individuals. Mr. Burns commented it seems odd they would change the wrestling coach at this time. Mr. Alberigi stated that all positions were opened and people applied, were interviewed and recommended by the committee. Al Brogna, Boys Basketball Coach, thanked the board for their support.

Roll Call: All board members present voted yes. The motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Bernardi read the building report.

1. Approve the appointment of Nancy Havard as part time cleaning personnel at Montgomery Avenue Elementary School.
2. Approve the request of Patricia Pace to take a medical leave until further notice.

Mr. Aritz read items 3 through 7.

3. **Accept, with regret, Ed Parulis' letter of intent to retire effective June 29, 2011.**
4. **Approve the appointment of Dave Humko as full time Custodian.**
5. **Approve the appointment of Joe Bartoli as full time Custodian.**
6. **Approve the appointment of Dawn Fasciana as full time Level I Secretary.**
7. **Approve the transfer of Sue Alaimo as a Special Education Aide.**
8. **Approve the request of Joe Pizano for the Exeter Borough Civil Service Board to use the Secondary Center cafeteria to administer their test on July 9, 2011 and use of the stadium for the physical test on either July 9th or July 15, 2011, pending approval by the Athletic Director, Building Principal and Cafeteria Manager.**
9. **Approve the request of David Lewandoski, WNEP News Station to broadcast the Pittston Area vs. Wyoming Area football game on Friday, November 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. on WNEP2.**
10. **Approve the request of Dan Resciniti, President of the Wyoming Area Football Parents Association, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors" on Sunday, August 14, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, August 13th requested for set-up at 6:00 p.m., pending approval by the Building Principal and Cafeteria Manager.**
11. **Approve the request of Jenny Kranson, JFK Elementary PTO, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria to host a bingo fundraiser for the PTO on Sunday, November 13, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., pending approval by the Building Principal and Cafeteria Manager.**
12. **Approve the request of Father Phil Missetti, St. Barbara Church, to use the district's kitchen facilities during the week of July 5, 2011 for the church bazaar, pending approval by the Building Principal and Cafeteria Manager.**
13. **Approve the request of the Soccer Parent's Association to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Warriors" on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., pending approval by the Building Principal and Cafeteria Manager.**

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

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

Policy Report

Mr. Bernardi read the policy report.

1. **Approve to adopt policy #801 Public Records.**

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

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On the question: Mr. Race asked what changed. Mr. Bernardi responded the cost of the copies.

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

Awarding of Bids Report

Mr. Bernardi read the awarding of bids report.

The following bids for the 2011-2012 school year were advertised on the following three dates:

Citizens Voice/Times Leader

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Monday, April 25, 2011

Monday, May 2, 2011

The following bids were received on May 6, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Art

(successful bidders)

Pyramid	1,297.52
School Specialty	1,458.96
Dick Blick	189.51
Kurtz Bros.	643.82
S&S Worldwide	999.94
The Art Store	446.93
Standard Stationery	<u>42.09</u>
	5,078.77

Athletic Medical

(successful bidders)

Medco Supply	1,417.80
United Health Supply	2,323.61
Collins Sport Medicine	556.73
Henry Schein	537.68
Chuck Robbins	<u>27.44</u>
	4,863.26

(unsuccessful bidder)

Sports Supply

Band

(successful bidders)

American Music Bid	145.50
Robert M. Sides	628.07
Sam Ash	102.50
Washington	364.85
Loser's Music	32.00
Taylor Music Inc.	<u>22.85</u>
	1,295.77

Marching Band

(successful bidders)

Fred J. Miller	1,080.50
McCormicks	1,008.40
Washington	1,203.20
Interstate Music	952.40
Sam Ash	587.70
Robert M. Sides	901.28
Taylor Music Inc.	160.71
American Music	72.00
Loser's Music	83.50
National Education Music	<u>38.00</u>
	6,087.69

Music

(successful bidders)

Sam Ash	1,030.70
Robert M. Sides	1,167.40
Washington	1,692.75
American Music	642.40
Loser's Music	<u>268.75</u>
	4,802.00

(unsuccessful bidders)

National Education Music
Taylor Music Inc.

Nursing

(successful bidders)

Medco Supply	231.36
United Health Supply	776.34
Para Scientific Co.	<u>5.50</u>
	1,013.20

Physical Education

(successful bidders)

Flaghouse	724.36
Gopher Sport	767.12
Sports Supply/BSN	463.84
Chuck Robbins	386.63
School Specialty	<u>5.70</u>
	2,347.65

(unsuccessful bidders)

Aluminum Athletic Supply
S&S Worldwide

Science

(successful bidders)

Fisher Scientific	1,545.90
Sargent Welch	1,174.71
Science Kit	3,209.04
Ward's Natural Science	1,101.40
Para Scientific	477.04
Parco Scientific Co.	213.96
Carolina Biological	<u>72.94</u>
	7,797.99

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Electric

(successful bidders)

Friedman Electric	6,760.17
Master Chemical	1,827.56
Metco Supply	1,340.93
Satco	<u>2,419.97</u>
	12,348.63

General

(successful bidders)

Contract Paper	36,050.44
Kurtz Bros.	3,113.10
National Art & School	2,839.25
Phillips Supply	5,312.24
Pyramid	3,080.18
School Specialty	2,299.12
Standard Stationary	<u>4,267.65</u>
	56,961.98

Janitorial

(successful bidders)

American Janitor	1,902.44
Central Poly	3,508.80
L.J.C. Distributors	4,761.75
Main Pool & Chemical	3,178.00
Master Chemical	6,647.46
Metco Supply	656.72
Phillips Supply	<u>98.08</u>
	20,753.25

(unsuccessful bidders)

All American Poly
Interboro Packing
Northeast Chemical
Uni-Pack

Motion by Mrs. Valenti, second by Mr. Aritz, to accept the awarding of bids report.

On the question: John Pegg, West Wyoming, stated there was a discrepancy for marching band and music from last year and this year. Mrs. Valenti responded they bought uniforms. Mr. Pegg stated Music was doubled this year. Mr. Bernardi stated he didn't have the answer. Mr. Pegg also stated the electric doubled this year. Mr. Melone responded that overall the inventory levels have diminished throughout the year. There may be some replenishing taking place.

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

Open Discussion:

Mary Louise Degnan questioned items #2 and #3 in education, the responsibilities of Julie Marini and Rosella Fedor. Mr. Bernardi responded Mrs. Fedor does career day, special projects and activities, and the scholarship program. Mr. Pollard responded that Mrs. Marini does a lot with the math programs and looks at the textbooks.

Bob S. from West Pittston with the exception of the finance report, item #7 did you pass the budget, did you accept it. Pittston Area stood up and said no. Bob stated he keeps hearing of Blue Cross Blue Shield and Health Trust and asked what the district pays for health care. Mrs. Valenti stated she voted no for the budget. Mr. Bernardi responded it could be 7 to 8 thousand for individuals and 20- 21 thousand for families. Mr. DeAngelo stated he pays \$110 a week for this health insurance and he is a blue collar worker, almost \$6,000 for his family. That is why he voted no. Bob questioned the status of the roof and stated before anyone answers, his grandson sits in class with a bucket by him. Mr. Bernardi stated this year was a lot of leaks because of the water getting under the rubber. It ices up and then thaws. In April with all that rain there were no leaks. Mr. Bernardi stated all facilities in this district have been updated and renovated. The only building is Montgomery Avenue that hasn't been touched in ten years. We have money for the buildings. The Secondary Center has been patched because of the cost. Our architects have everything sketched out and when bids come back the Board will decide whether to do the whole roof or in sections. Bob questioned mold. Mr. Bernardi responded it is all good. Bob also commented on the budget two years from now, it could be doubled what next year will be. Mr. Melone responded that he could not answer what is going to happen at this time. Bob asked what does it take to put a hold on this budget. Is it 50-50 vote or 60-40. Response was majority votes. Mr. Dominick stated if the budget doesn't pass, bills don't get paid and employees don't get paid. It is Harrisburg's fault. We have to stick together, Mr. Dominick stated.

George Race asked Mr. Melone projection of 12% for pension for 12/13. How much is 12%. Counting this years increase and 12%. Mr. Melone responded \$400,000. Mr. Race asked if the 12% would be on top of that. Mr. Melone responded yes. Mr. Race stated in the communications report Representative Phyllis Mundy thanking the Superintendent for his letter of support for state funding. Mr. Race stated that Phyllis Mundy is thanking you for begging for more money to add to the budget. Mr. Race asked if she ever send a letter back explaining how we will handle this pension fund. Mr. Race stated she never responded because she gets this pension too. So much for Phyllis Mundy. Mr. Race stated he read the Fact Finders Report and advised tax payers to read it so they can see what we are up against. In the report it says 16 to 1, is the realignment going to increase that up to twenty four. Mr. Bernardi stated there were mistakes in it, they had the wrong salaries. The person who did the Fact Finders Report uses parodies in this report. The board shouldn't consider parodies but board authority. People sitting over there a couple weeks ago, if they want parodies let them go there. If they like what Wyoming Valley West is paying their teachers, let them go to Wyoming Valley West. In the Fact Finders Report the Board offered \$2,500 over four years. They wanted at least \$8,500 over four years. In 11/12 the retirement incentive will be eliminated (that's what the district wants to do, according to the Fact Finders Report). The Association wants to increase their sick days. They're here three seasons of the year and they want more sick days. Mr. Race asked what longevity was. Mr. Bernardi responded it was \$75 if you worked ten years and \$25 after every five years. Retroactivity should also be thrown out. If they want to stall there should be no retroactivity. Make it harder for them to stall next time by having them pay stated Mr. Race.

Harry Reese, a retiree, stated, \$830,000. What are we paying for the individual or the spouse. Mr. DeAngelo responded the spouse and the family. Mr. Reese stated it went up \$124,000, if we keep that up it will be 1 million dollars next year. Mr. Reese stated think about the children. How many teachers do we need? How can we reduce the number of students? We have to negotiate and if we don't we're all going to lose our homes.

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Bob Trusavage of West Pittston, asked if the budget was final. Response was yes. Bob asked if there was any compromise from teachers or support staff. Mr. Bernardi responded no but the administrative staff did. Mr. Trusavage stated we have additional staff to clean at night at \$250,000 per year. Couldn't our janitorial staff do this. Mr. Bernardi responded they could but they would get overtime. They clean classrooms and take out the garbage. Dr. Casarella stated it has to be cleaned for the next day.

John Pegg asked if the revised right to know policy will be placed on the web site. Attorney Hassey responded if the board puts it out there then yes. Mr. Pegg asked what mailing was. Mr. Bernardi responded it is postage. Mr. Pegg stated that according to Mr. Melone's presentation, everybody is looking ahead for the 12/13 budget and everybody got caught with their pants down for lack of a better term. Mr. Pegg stated everyone knows what 12/13 is going to bring and the next couple of years. Everyone knows revenues are going to be where they are at and expenditures. Mr. Pegg asked if there was any thought on closing any schools. The board should look at this for future years.

An audience member asked what the vote was for the budget. Response was 5-3-1. Asked where Dr. Campenni was, response was she was out of town. Asked if she was given an opportunity to vote by phone, Attorney Hassey responded it's not something that is required by law. It has to be by board policy and there is no board policy on it. They had to take special action. She was notified of it. Mrs. Valenti answered that she and Mr. DeAngelo didn't vote on the budget because of healthcare and discussion of one day furlough for teachers and a freeze on tuition reimbursement. These are all contract items. Mrs. Valenti stated blue cross is in their current contract, not the upcoming contract, not yet. Mrs. Valenti stated she didn't know when the contract would be settled. Dr. Casarella was informed by the audience member that he didn't vote for the budget because due to lack of spending cuts. A resolution was passed that budget cuts would be given every two weeks from Mr. Bernardi. Asked can't the board work together, Mrs. Valenti responded she called Mr. Bernardi and just because the board might not agree on everything doesn't mean they can't get along. Mr. Bolin stated he could get together anytime. Dr. Casarella stated they all came in and worked on the budget. There are a lot of things that have to be done in this district that haven't been done. At this point and time, I couldn't vote for this budget because the board didn't do an index study to see where cuts could be made and yes, if buildings were operating at 100% capacity or not and if they weren't, yes, a building could be lost. Mr. Casarella stated nobody wants to say this but he will. Dr. Casarella stated if he had to close a building because it didn't operate up to capacity he doesn't care. Dr. Casarella stated he is here for every taxpayer in the district not just for the ones who voted for him. Mrs. Valenti stated they never talked about closing a building. Dr. Casarella responded it should have been discussed. Mrs. Valenti asked him why he didn't bring it up and Dr. Casarella responded he did and it's in the board's binder on how much it would cost. Dr. Casarella then stated he didn't care if he is here four years or two years, he is here for the people and if the other board members weren't then they shouldn't be here. This drew applause from the audience.

Mr. Casarella left the meeting.

Asked about the air conditioning, what did it cost the taxpayers to fix it. Mr. Bernardi responded Mr. Amico wasn't present at the meeting. When asked if we have a service contract, Mr. Bernardi stated we don't have a service contract. The audience member stated with both chillers down we should have a service contract especially since they are so sophisticated. He also stated that he worked for Honeywell. Mrs. Valenti responded we use to have Honeywell.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Valenti.

Nicholas DeAngelo, President

John Bolin, Secretary