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Wyoming Area School District
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
Wyoming Area Board of Education
20 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Thursday, April 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, with approximately fifty 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 Bolin, Secretary
 Mr. Dave Alberigi, Treasurer
 Mr. Samuel Aritz
 Dr. Frank Casarella
 Mr. Gilbert Dominick
 Dr. Estelle Campenni
 Mrs. Toni Valenti

Absent: Mr. John Marianacci, Vice President

Also in attendance were: Raymond J. Bernardi, Superintendent, Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Attorney Raymond A. Hassey, Vito Quaglia, Secondary Building Principal, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Building Principal, Robert Kaluzavich, Elementary Building Principal of Montgomery Ave./SJD, Jon Pollard, Elementary Building Principal of Tenth St./JFK, Angelo Falzone, Attendance/Transportation Director, Deb Popson, Special Education Supervisor, Janet Boyer, Foodservice Manager, Dave Amico, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds.

Communications Report

Mr. Bernardi read the communications report.

1. Cindy Bialy, Wyoming Area Swim Parents Association, requesting permission to sell "Game Ball" raffle tickets for the 2011 home football season.
2. Patricia Dengel, Department of Education, notifying the district that the PlanCon Part J "Project Accounting Based on Final Costs" has been reviewed and approved.
3. Correspondence from Jeffrey Clay of the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) notifying school board members of an election to run for a three year term on the Public School Employees' Retirement Board beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014.
4. Dana Kuhns of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Boy Scouts of America, thanking the school board members for permission to use the gym for their "District Derby Day" and the outstanding support provided by custodians, Ken Radle, Aida Robbins and John Williams.
5. Connie Derr, Audit Coordinator of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, notifying the superintendent the Single Audit Report of Wyoming Area School District for the year ended June 30, 2009 has been reviewed and approved as being substantially in compliance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 and other relevant federal and Commonwealth policy.

6. Paul Konopka, Custodian, submitting his letter of intent to retire.
7. Anne More, Secretary to Athletic Director, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
8. Lillian Yorina, Special Needs Aide, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
9. Deborah Madrack, Professional Employee, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
10. Dianne Kalinoski, Professional Employee, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
11. Celestine Calpin, Professional Employee, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
12. Eileen Petrillo, Professional Employee, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
13. Carol Rauh, Professional Employee, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
14. Debbie Barth, Professional Employee, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
15. Paul Sabol, Professional Employee, submitting his letter of intent to retire.
16. Deanna Sabola, Professional Employee, submitting her letter of intent to retire.
17. Correspondence from Senator Jay Costa, The Democratic Leader, Senator Vincent Hughes, Democratic Appropriations Chairman, and Senator Andrew Dinniman, Democratic Education Chairman, regarding the proposed budget savings plan.
18. Minutes from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit's meeting of March 23, 2011.

Summary of Applications Received

Elementary – 18
English – 2
Social Studies – 6
Special Education – 5
Business/Computer – 2
Art – 1
Chemistry – 1
Biology – 1
Math – 1
Visually Impaired – 1

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Valenti to accept the March 29, 2011 meeting minutes. Second by Mr. Bolin. Dr. Campenni abstained. All remaining board members voted aye. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bernardi read the superintendent's report.

1. *Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** for **March**:*

Robert Acacio

Ashley Crispell

Exeter, PA.
April 28, 2011

<i>Thomas Hart</i>	<i>Kelsey Kasisky</i>
<i>Ryan Murphy</i>	<i>Kyle Nichols</i>
<i>Andrew Spess</i>	<i>Dakota Thomas</i>
<i>Julia Banas</i>	<i>Carly Costello</i>
<i>Dominick Forlenza</i>	<i>A.J. Lenkaitis</i>
<i>Melissa Mazzitelli</i>	<i>Emma Ramage</i>
<i>Stephanie Schultz</i>	<i>Brittany Thomas</i>

2. *The 63rd annual Luzerne County Council of Teachers of Mathematics Contest was held on April 2, 2011 with Eric Werbin and Meg Potoski, respectively, scoring highest in both senior and junior divisions along with Wyoming Area winning both team titles. Erik and Megan together won over \$250,000.00 in Scholarship money to Wilkes University. Junior Team Title was won by Jonathan Scrobola, James Scrobola, Michael Kohut, Jessica Hollister, Megan Potoski, Trevor Alder, Nat Miller, Tyler Gfeller and John Barcelon. Senior Team Title included Josh Carey, Erik Werbin, Linnae Homza and Robert Jones. Congratulations to all participants and **Mike Romanowski and Deanna Mennig, Team Advisors.***
3. *Congratulations to Mrs. Fedor, Mrs. Klepadlo, Mr. Jones, Guidance Department and the Scholarship Committee, for all their efforts in making us one of the first school districts in the county to offer a Comprehensive Online Scholarship Application Process for our students. On **May 26th**, we will hold our second **Annual Scholarship Program** to honor these individuals. There are 4 new scholarships this year: West Pittston Cherry Blossom on their 40th anniversary, Moose Lodge 1207, Michael L. Pesta UCFW Federal Credit Union and Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 Golf Tournament Scholarship.*
4. *On April 16th, Wyoming Area competed in the first annual National History Bowl in Washington, D.C. Seventy-two schools from around the nation each competed in 8 rounds of questions from all areas of history. Congratulations to all participants: Michael DeAngelo, Debbie Gross, Samantha Scott, Eric Werbin, Alecia Panuski, Davide Fanelli, Greg Cajka and Jared Zabosky. Congratulations to Team Coaches, Eileen Palmer, Lisa Day and Chris Hizynski.*
5. *Congratulations to the Wyoming Area Science Bowl Team for taking third place in the annual Bloomsburg University Science IDITAROD. The team also won the Physics competition. Team members are: Trevor Alder, John Bankus, Jonathan Scrobola and Danielle Spagnuolo. Team Coach is Eileen Palmer.*
6. *WVIA informed the District that Wyoming Area was chosen for a documentary to be filmed on our Junior Achievement program. The film will be available at the end of this school year. Congratulations to all participants and Maureen Pikas and Ashley Aritz, Advisors. Junior Achievement provides a sequential curriculum to work readiness, financial literacy and career awareness.*
7. *Congratulations to Janet Boyer, Food Service Manager and her Staff for an excellent report received from the Department of Agriculture Bi-Annual Food Safety Inspection held on March 31st. This inspection included all 5 District schools. Kitchens with perfect inspection reports: Montgomery Avenue, SJD and JFK.*

1. *Congratulations to all students who participated in the Wyoming Area Drama Club's presentation of "Annie" on April 8th, 9th and 10th at the Secondary Center Auditorium. The cast and crew did a marvelous job. Also, Congratulations to Mrs. Bullions and Mrs. Novack, Drama Club Directors.*

2. *The National Honor Society donated over 80 Easter Baskets to homeless and underprivileged children in our area. Each member donated candy and baskets. Jeff Zimmerman, HCI Region 7 Coordinator for Luzerne County Intermediate Unit #18 Homeless Children's Initiative, accepted the items and distributed them to Domestic Violence Service Center, Salvation Army, Gabrielle's House, Nanticoke Community Residential Rehabilitation, Catherine McAuley House and Bennett Home. Thanks to all members of the Society and their Advisor, Mr. Belles.*

3. *In the days following the earthquake in Japan, 4 students in Mrs. Kosco's 6th grade class at Tenth Street Elementary School, came up with an idea to help victims affected by the disaster. They held a fundraiser and created and sold "duct" tape bracelets that read "Hope for Japan". They raised \$283.00 to donate to the American Red Cross. Congratulations to students, Alexandra Peck, Elizabeth Weaver, Eve Urban and Vanessa Casterline.*

4. *On April 20, 2011, a K-9 narcotics sweep was performed at the Secondary Center. Luzerne County Prison Warden Joseph Piazza authorized the Luzerne County Prison K-9 unit along with the Hanover Township K-9 unit to take part. Through the combined efforts of both units consisting of six K-9 dogs and handlers, the narcotics sweep was conducted efficiently and in a professional manner. I am pleased to report that there were no violations of school policy. Several of the neighboring Police Department Officers assisted in the sweep as well and I would like to express my thanks to all those who participated.*

5. *Congratulations to the **SECRETARIES** of our District who will be honored on "**Secretaries**" Day (April 27th):*

Ann Agolino

Debbie Andiaro

Gloria Bovani

Donna Chupka

Donna Collins

Paula Denisco

Annette Falzone

Nancy Alberigi

Denise Holmes

Gladys Lincoln

Mary Machey

Doreen Marianacci

Betty Mazzitelli

Anne More

Rachelle More

Lori Napkora

Patricia Pace

Ann Marie Parente

Theodora Rabel

Jean Marie Radle

Kathy Youells

Toni Scalzo

Rosalie Schultz

Gina Steve

Kimberly Thomas

Roberta Petrucci

Jackie Vasquez

Deborah Wharton

At this time, Mr. Bernardi updated the public with the budget savings. Mr. Bernardi stated we were successful with the Health Trust. The district will be reimbursed for \$230,000.00. On the agenda is a company revenue generating idea, it's called an Energy Response contract. If there is a power outage or power emergency in the area the district is asked to shut down its buildings when the kids are not in school. If the district complies with the request, we would be entitled to \$90,000.00 over the next three years. The last is we have eight professional employees' retiring and two support staff. Mr. Bernardi stated we are looking at \$500,000.00 in savings. Also, Mr. Bernardi is asking the professional staff to accept a pay freeze if there is no contract. On a professional day when there is no students, Mr. Bernardi is asking them to stay home and furlough a day. That would generate another 53,000.00 and a pay freeze for support staff would generate \$120,000.00. Mr. Bernardi stated he is still looking for ways to cut until we pass the budget.

Mrs. Valenti commented that she attended an LIU meeting and because of Mr. Bernardi's effort not only is Wyoming Area receiving a refund from the health consortium of the first months premium, other school district's are receiving a refund and they stated the person responsible for that is Mr. Bernardi.

Motion by Mrs. Valenti, second by Mr. Bolin to accept the Superintendent's Report.

The student representatives were unable to make the meeting.

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	4,452,524.58
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	4,296.14
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	250,743.93
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	109,417.08
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	11,679.49
Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,929.38
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,672.44
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Construction Account	119,488.32
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Investment Account	1,083,432.68

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

At this time, Mr. DeAngelo notified the audience that any questions for new business has to pertain to that report. All other questions are to be asked during open discussion.

Finance Report

Mr. Bernardi read the finance report.

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Don Wilkinson Agency (March)</u>	
Earned Income Tax	111,251.84
Local State Tax	2,869.10
Delinquent Per Capita Tax	<u>231.00</u>
Total:	114,351.94
<u>Local Realty Transfer Tax</u>	
James Red O'Brien – Luzerne County	10,124.51
Dennis Montross – Wyoming County	<u>701.68</u>
Total:	10,826.19
<u>E-Rate Reimbursement</u>	
Frontier Communications	1,782.65
One Communications	4,813.02
Verizon Wireless	<u>5,570.74</u>
Total:	12,166.41
<u>State & Federal Subsidy Payments</u>	
Social Security	26,628.01
Retirement	101,755.60
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	31,141.73
ARRA – Title I Part A	15,808.86
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	8,572.27
Rental Subsidy	71,414.12
Dual Enrollment	2,368.00
ARRA – Fiscal Stabilization – Basic Ed	75,155.17
School District Special Education	204,248.00
School District Transportation	<u>277,063.00</u>
Total:	814,154.76
<u>Tuition Reimbursement</u>	
Shamokin Area School District	405.28
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
District Court 11-2-01	150.12
Tenth Street Donation to Red Cross for Japan	283.00
Use of Auditorium by Fortis Institute	<u>500.00</u>
Total:	933.12

2. Approve the April 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 April payment of \$47,128.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2010-2011 school year.

4. Approve and accept PlanCon Part J: Project Accounting Based on Final Costs for Additions/Alterations to the Tenth Street Elementary School. PlanCon Part J establishes the permanent reimbursable percents for the referenced project. The following is a summary of the reimbursable percents as approved:

<u>Lease Number</u>	<u>Bond Issue</u>	<u>Method of Financing</u>	<u>Reimbursable Percent</u>	<u>Temporary of Permanent</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
043218	\$20,000.000	GOB Series A of 2004	23.87%	Permanent	7-1-05
063218	\$20,005,000	GON Series A of 2006	18.42%	Permanent	7-1-06

5. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 for ESL (English as a Second Language) instructional hours for November 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011 as follows:

November (total of 139 hours at \$45.13)	6,273.07
December (total of 137.5 hours at \$45.13)	6,205.38
January (total of 153 hours at \$45.13)	6,904.89
February (total of 150 hours at \$45.13)	<u>6,769.50</u>
Total:	26,152.84

6. Approve the renewal of Dehey McAndrew for professional services related to the administration common remitted and compliance aspects of the district's 403(b) Salary Reduction Agreement Plan. These services will help ensure compliance with the Internal Revenue Service and the United States Department of Labor regulation. The fee for these services are as follows:

Professional Fixed Annual Fee	\$4,175.00
Monthly fee of \$1.59 per contributor per payroll period	

7. Ratify the agreement between the district and Enerwise Global Technologies, a Comverge, Inc. Company for an energy curtailment project for income generation. The contract utilizes a state contract with Comverge Inc. which has received a COSTARS designation. The curtailment of power will only be requested during the summer when school is not in session. The projected revenue stream from participation in this program during the upcoming three year period is approximately \$90,000.00.
8. Approve the resolution to appoint Paul Argenio as West Pittston Borough Deputy Tax Collector for the Wyoming Area School District.

9. Approve the General Ledger Sheets:

Bill Listing:	4-27-11	531,175.79	
Prepays:	3-31-11	<u>71,151.83</u>	602,327.62
Cafeteria Account:		112,603.50	
Athletic Fund Account:		<u>640.00</u>	<u>113,243.50</u>

Total: 715,571.12

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

On the Question: Dr. Campenni asked Mr. Melone to elaborate on item #4. Mr. Melone responded that this related to the Tenth Street construction program. Temporary percentages are assigned until the final audit. The PlanCon process is temporary versus permanent reimbursement. The Department has now determined permanent reimbursement rates. The permanent rate is 23.87 and estimate was 24.85% and on general obligation note the temporary rate was 19.18 and they settled at 18.42. Dr. Casarella asked Mr. Melone, "This amounts to approximately how much?" Mr. Melone responded it varies depending on the bond payment. For example, on a bond payment of \$100,000.00 we are reimbursed \$19,000.00. However, this amount is further adjusted by the districts aid ratio after adjustments. The net reimbursement would estimate 10%. Dr. Campenni questioned item #6. Mr. Melone responded that this has to do with certain compliance issues relative to fringe benefits. Presently, the district renews Dehey McAndrew each year and they perform this service to us. Dr. Campenni questioned item #8. Mr. Melone responded we have been in contact with the West Pittston Borough. George Miller will remain tax collector but is looking for some administrative help with the collections. Luzerne County and West Pittston Borough have already pursued the concept for a deputy tax collector. They are now seeking approval from the Wyoming Area School District. Attorney Hassey stated there is no additional cost.

George Race of Exeter questioned pg. 8 retirement subsidy. Mr. Melone responded it is the Commonwealth's contribution toward the retirement cost of the district. The Commonwealth contributes roughly ½ of the cost. Mr. Race asked when the district gets the check can it be used for any item. Mr. Melone responded yes, it will be deposited in the general fund. Mr. Race questioned item #4, when will the bonds be paid off. Mr. Melone responded it's a twenty five year obligation. Mr. Race questioned item #6. What is the \$4,100.00. Mr. Melone responded it is to monitor our 403b Plan for active employees.

Mrs. Mary Louise Degan of Wyoming, questioned the 403 school district is making contributions to that. Mr. Melone responded no. The contributions are withholdings from employees. Retirees have a separate 403B Plan.

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

Education Report

Mr. Bernardi 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 2010-2011 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum.
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 for the following professionals:

Lou Cella
Christine Rutledge
Jennifer Seiger
Rosemary Litwin

Exeter, PA.
April 28, 2011

3. Approve a medical leave for Lou Palermo retroactive to January 24, 2011 until further notice.
4. Approve the tentative school calendar for the 2011-2012 school year.
5. Accept, with regret, Deborah Madrack's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
6. Accept, with regret, Dianne Kalinoski's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. (THIS ITEM WAS TABLED)
7. Accept, with regret, Celestine Calpin's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
8. Accept, with regret, Carol Rauh's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
9. Accept, with regret, Debbie Barth's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
10. Accept, with regret, Paul Sabol's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
11. Accept, with regret, Deanna Sabola's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
12. Accept, with regret, Eileen Petrillo's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

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

On the Question: Mr. Race asked, has it been confirmed that none of the teachers will be replaced. Mr. Bernardi responded he just received the letters last week and is still trying to find ways to cut the budget. Mr. Race asked him if they were all teachers. Mr. Bernardi responded they were.

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

Activities Report

Mr. Bernardi read the activities report.

1. Approve to vacate all extra-curricular positions at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Positions will be posted as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
2. Approve the request of Cindy Bialy, Wyoming Area Swim Parents, to sell "Game Ball" raffle tickets at the 2011 home football games.

3. Approve the following assistant coaches and volunteers for the 2011 fall season:

Football

Joe Pizano	Asst. Head Coach	3,605.00
Mike Fanti	Asst. Coach	3,605.00
Rich Musinski	Asst. Coach	3,605.00
Fred Marianacci	Asst. Coach	3,605.00
Charlie McDermott	Asst. Coach	3,605.00
Eric Speece	Asst. Coach	3,605.00
Jason Speece	Asst. Coach	3,605.00
Steve Sedon	Asst. Coach	3,605.00
Mike Laffey	Strength Coach	11.39 per hr.
Brian Butler	Volunteer	
Vito Quaglia	Volunteer	
Tom Campenni	Volunteer	

Girls Tennis

Tiffany Callaio	Volunteer	
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Golf

Francis Hayes	Asst. Coach	934.00
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Field Hockey

Carrie Stolarick	Jr. High Coach	1,923.00
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Cross Country

Mike Struckus	Asst. Coach	1,105.00
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Boys Soccer

Carlos Fernandes	Jr. High Coach	1,923.00
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Girls Volleyball

Justin Eimers	Asst. Coach	1,210.00
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Cheerleading

Josette Cefalo	Asst. Advisor	1,682.00
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Motion by Mr. Alberigi, second by Mr. Aritz, to accept the activities report.

On the Question: Dr. Campenni asked why is it we need seven assistant football coaches. Mr. Aritz responded they do a good job and the time they put and if the head coach says they need them then Mr. Aritz stated he agrees with them. Dr. Campenni responded that she doesn't deny they do a good job but we have to think about things and do we really need that many coaches. What exactly are they doing and their salaries, how are they compared to other districts. Mr. Aritz stated that when you break it down they put in a lot of hours on Saturday and Sunday and they probably get \$1.00 to \$1.50 an hour.

Dr. Campenni stated that she knows they do a phenomenal job but every year people are burdened with their tax bill. This is the 21st century and we're in a crisis. Look at Hazleton they took all the funding from everything, but stated she would never support that but wanted to know why we need all the assistant coaches. Mrs. Valenti responded the numbers are probably there, they need them. Mr. Alberigi responded that this is for Jr. High and Varsity level and is per contract. Mr. DeAngelo stated other districts pay their coaches for the playoffs whether its \$100.00 a game or contractually. Wyoming Area doesn't do that. They start the beginning of June or July to December and on weekends. What you see is what they get.

Mr. Race asked if there is a maximum to the strength coach's salary. Mr. Aritz responded it's so many hours a week. He gets an hourly rate. Mr. Alberigi stated he will find out what it is. Mr. Race stated there has to be a limit.

Mr. Dan Resciniti, President of the Football Association, handed out a sheet of all the activities the football team has planned for 2011 to all board members. Mr. Resciniti stated that eliminating the summer program would be disastrous, they need the summer program for conditioning. Wyoming Area football is not the only high school athletic sport that generates revenue for Wyoming Area School District. Without having the exact numbers the Football Parents Association figured the general average spending for a Wyoming Area high school football game is \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00. Hence, if the price of admission for a contest was increased by \$1.00 times the number of home games times five which is roughly \$10,000.00 to \$12,500.00 a year. Based on statistics by the Football Parents, \$10,000.00 was proposed to the Football Parents by the Alumni Association to continue this program. With the high level of competition, the sports program would not be prepared for. Mr. Resciniti proposed ideas to come up with \$10,000 for the program such as increasing fees for admission and charge for parking. Mr. Resciniti stated the Football Parents appreciated the board's support for their various functions and hoped to continue their program. Mr. Alberigi responded that he spoke with Coach Spencer and was informed that the Football Alumni would kick in half of the \$10,000.00 cost. Mr. Aritz asked Mr. Resciniti if they were paying half. Mr. Resciniti responded they were willing to donate \$5,000.00 to the school district to continue the program but stated the Football Association did not have the finances to disperse \$5,000.00. Mr. Aritz stated his brother in law is the president of the Alumni Association and maybe they can work something out. Mr. Resciniti stated if the board could vote on continuing the summer program. Attorney Hassey responded this is not for voting. The motion is calling to vacate the extra-curricular positions of the people hired last year. This is completely different. The positions will be vacated at the end of the 2010-2011 year and will be reopened. Mr. Resciniti stated they cannot afford to pay for it right now. Dr. Campenni stated they are trying to balance the budget and appreciates the pro-active ideas they have. Dr. Campenni asked what the budget was for football. Mr. Alberigi responded it is \$16,500.00. Mr. Aritz stated they cut it back \$3,000.00 last year. Mr. Resciniti stated six coaches are required for the summer conditioning and heard the head coach is not accepting any money for his work in the summer. Dr. Casarella stated there are two issues here. One involves the summer program in general which is open to the public because according to the PIAA you can't start until a certain time, so therefore, the people we had running that program they are there and certainly are monitoring the lifting and everything else because it is a summer program and is run by the district and open to everyone even non football players. Dr. Casarella stated, the point now is Mr. Resciniti would like to see his people involved in this. The problem is how are we going to fund this because we are in the middle of the budget process. Maybe a minimal fee to use the pool and other things may help defray costs.

Dr. Casarella stated he couldn't tell at this point. Dr. Casarella thanked him for his input.

Mrs. Degnan of Wyoming asked for the meaning of extra-curricular. Mr. DeAngelo and Mrs. Valenti responded they are the positions. Mrs. Degnan read where it said to vacate extra-curricular positions and asked how can they hire now for the positions when it says to vacate at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Aritz responded the head coach was posted and he put in his assistants. Attorney Hassey responded it does appear confusing. Every extra-curricular position is appointed on a one year basis. Whether it's an assistant coach of a sport or moderator of a club whatever appointments are made are on a one year basis. At the end of the year the board takes a formal procedural measure so there is no holdovers until the following year. They make this motion to vacate or clear the deck, so to speak, on all extra-curricular positions. Dr. Casarella responded that each season your winter sports, football and spring sports will have been vacated by June 30th and they will be hired sometime in the summer months. Mr. DeAngelo asked Mrs. Degnan to speak with Mr. Quaglia after the meeting.

Bob Trusavage of West Pittston, stated he would guess we have 70 + kids and about 12 coaches and 6 kids per coach. Mrs. Valenti and Mr. DeAngelo responded we have more than that. Mr. Trusavage commented that Mr. Aritz said a \$1.00 an hour but he may be off. That would be thirty six hours. Mr. Aritz responded they put a lot of hours in on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Spencer and the guys are over there ten, twelve hours on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Trusavage asked if Jason Speece was related to Eric Speece. Response was they were brothers. Mr. Trusavage asked if the district is ever going to stop hiring relatives. Mr. Aritz asked what is that supposed to mean? Mr. Trusavage responded every time you turn around the district is in the paper getting a lot of negativity. Mr. DeAngelo informed Mr. Trusavage to stick to the activities report. Mr. Dominick stated speaking of Mr. Marianacci, his wife was hired nine years ago before Mr. Marianacci was on the board and he's getting crucified. Mr. Trusavage then asked if there is a separate account for football. Mr. Melone responded extra-curricular budgets paid are currently through the General Fund for the majority of schools. In addition, some expenditures are paid through the Athletic Fund utilizing gate receipts. A combination of General Fund and Athletic fund captures the total costs.

Mr. Curt Heitmyer stated it was ironic he was speaking of sports. His point was he is an Alumni from Mansfield University and they no longer have a football team because of things like this happening. He stated he understood the value of football and what it means to the community and the school and stated he couldn't believe what he was hearing.

Dr. Campenni stated she agreed there needs to be conditioning. Over the last year, no other schools had a summer recreation program. Having said that, we have to find out how other districts are funding their conditioning. Is there something that other schools are doing. Dr. Campenni asked Mr. Alberigi to look into it.

Roll Call: Dr. Campenni abstained on item #3 and voted yes on the remaining report. All remaining board members voted yes on the entire report. Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Bernardi read the building report.

1. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list for the 2010-2011 school year.
2. Accept, with regret, Paul Konopka's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
3. Accept, with regret, Anne More's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
4. Accept, with regret, Lillian Yorina's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Valenti, second by Mr. Aritz, 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 the second reading of the following revised policies:

Policy #216 – Student Records

Policy #216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records

Policy #707 – Use of School Facilities

2. Approve the first reading of revised policy #801 Public Records.

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

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

Awarding of Bids Report

Mr. Bernardi read the awarding of bids report.

The football supplies/football reconditioning bids were advertised in the following papers on the dates listed:

Citizens Voice/Times Leader

Monday, February 21, 2011

Monday, February 28, 2011

Monday, March 7, 2011

The bids were received and opened on Friday, March 11, 2011

Football Supplies
(Successful Bidders)

Locker Room Sporting Goods	7,635.04
Chuck Robbins Sporting Goods	2,353.50
Sportsman's	<u>3,012.11</u>
Total:	13,000.65

Football Reconditioning
(Successful Bidder)

Schutt Reconditioning	48.65
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(Unsuccessful Bidder)
Riddell/All American

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

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

Open Discussion: Dr. Campenni stated that the reason she talks and asks questions is to be informed and to be able to make a decision to be responsible to the kids and the taxpayers who don't want to pay an arm and a leg. Mr. DeAngelo started to address Dr. Campenni and Dr. Campenni stated "You are going to throw that gavel so that I'm ill informed and make ill informed decisions and I am sick of it." "I am going to sit here and I will continue to ask for information and I will continue to not get it." She then addressed an audience member and stated, "And you can write about me in the paper and misguide the people or you can set me up with whatever way you want, but I will sit here and speak my mind." Dr. Campenni stated this is why we have to be informed and pro-active and it needs to be done responsibly for every member in the community. Dr. Campenni thanked Attorney Hassey for writing a letter to the Health Trust and to Mrs. Serino for getting involved. Dr. Campenni asked Mr. Melone if there were any other ideas to cut the budget. Mr. Melone responded he is awaiting for final state verdict on funding for public school education. There are a number of bills still outstanding at senate level. It is important to note funding issues will not go away and this is not isolated to one year.

Dr. Casarella responded that with that said we should be looking at a five year plan of action we need to take as a board to solidify the running of this school district and to make sure we have funds available for emergencies and daily operations. We can't predict what is going to happen down the road. Mr. Melone responded that is accurate. An example of this is two areas of health care and retirement cost for all employees of the district. Those cost, quite candidly, in spite of receiving a month refund in 2011-2012 for health care, future increases in these line items is not going away. So, the answer to your question is not only to attempt to control these costs (retirement and health care) but all other costs of the district on an ongoing basis. Dr. Casarella stated this year getting \$230,00.00 from the health care trust the chances of that happening next year is slim to none. Mr. Melone responded he wasn't sure if it will or won't happen. We do not budget for refund until we receive the letter and the actual action from the board. Dr. Casarella stated we have eight retirees and six might not be replaced. Is that possible. Mr. Bernardi responded five definitely will not be replaced.

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Mr. Aritz commented on \$1.00 per hour for the football coaches, stating these proceeds from our families took Julianne Campenni to Penn State and won him a scholarship to Connecticut. Mr. Aritz stated he gives the credit to the summer program and these coaches. When you break it down, Randy Spencer and the coaches drove him and paid for the gas. If one or two kids get a scholarship, it helps the parents.

Mr. Alberigi stated that in the paper there was response from Dr. Campenni in the dispatch, this past week, she stated she wasn't given any information regarding the athletic trainer a year or two ago and that is not true. "Myself and Mr. Parra put in a lot of work and going over the facts and figures of outsourcing the trainer or keeping it in house for substantial savings to the district." "The facts and numbers were presented to the entire board at the personnel meeting."

Dr. Campenni responded she didn't get them. Mr. DeAngelo responded yes they were presented at a meeting. Mr. Alberigi stated he received four phone calls from board members stating that Mr. Alberigi presented it in the back room and how could Dr. Campenni say there wasn't a presentation. Dr. Campenni responded she would like to see it. Mrs. Valenti responded that was probably another meeting Dr. Campenni wasn't at. Numerous board members responded that they were there. Mr. Alberigi asked Dr. Campenni if she said she didn't get the information. Dr. Campenni responded she asked to see backup information, the numbers and wanted to see something in writing. Mr. Alberigi asked Dr. Campenni if she voted on that position. Dr. Campenni responded she didn't recall. Mr. Alberigi stated she did. Mr. Alberigi asked why Dr. Campenni didn't abstain from the vote if she was misinformed. Dr. Campenni responded "I guess back then I trusted the board more than I do now."

Mary Louise Degnan stated Dr. Campenni isn't the only one who votes on things they don't know anything about. Information is not passed on to each and every board member. Mrs. Degnan stated she can be a witness to that. Mrs. Valenti asked Mrs. Degnan how does she know that when she's not on the board. Mrs. Degnan responded she was a witness to it. Each and every board member votes on issues they are not fully informed on. Mrs. Degnan commented that they are adults (speaking of the board) and are professional and should act that way. Mrs. Valenti asked Mrs. Degnan, "Why are you only looking at me?" "But, I can take it." Mrs. Degnan asked why is there confusion about the summer rec program and football conditioning. Football conditioning is football conditioning and asked if that was correct. Mr. DeAngelo responded yes. Mrs. Degnan asked what the misunderstanding was with the summer rec program. Mrs. Valenti responded it was swimming and other sports. Mrs. Degnan stated the board was voting on things they think they know but they do not. If someone is asking because they don't understand they should be given an answer. They are not stupid they are just not informed and that is what Dr. Campenni is saying, she is not informed. Mrs. Degnan asked questions regarding the football conditioning and Mr. DeAngelo informed her to speak with Mr. Parra after the meeting. Mrs. Degnan responded she didn't want to hear it from Mr. Quaglia. Mr. DeAngelo stated they were bypassing the football situation. Mrs. Degnan responded no they weren't bypassing the football situation. Mr. DeAngelo responded he would call a recess and she could sit there until they get back. Various people were talking at once. Mr. DeAngelo banged his gavel. Dr. Casarella responded that the conditioning is part of the summer rec program. It's for all sports. If a swimmer wants to lift they can. If a football player wants to swim they can. That is part of their exercise regiment and it's open to the public also. Many other school districts banned their summer program. The board tried to eliminate the program. Because of funding the program was cut almost in half last year. It was a stepping stone for this year. It will be a problem for our athletes, wrestling, basketball, etc. It is a major part of the curriculum. Mrs. Degnan asked if field hockey is the summer rec program. Mr. DeAngelo and Mr. Alberigi replied no.

Chrissy Thomas, Vice President of the Football Parents, on the topic of nepotism, she stated a particular coach has coached for years. She didn't know him personally but her son was a player for years and stated he was a great coach.

Mr. Alberigi stated we have to pay the referee and the officials. Mr. Melone responded all sporting activities are subsidized by the general fund. The general fund does provide resources to all programs. They are not self sufficient.

Ms. Thomas also stated that the coaches put in a lot of hours. People think when the season is over it is over for the coaches. They continue one hundred percent, 365 days and people don't realize that. Ms. Thomas stated she would like to know what is going to happen because the kids want to know and to come up with \$5,000.00 is going to take a long time. Mr. Aritz stated they were trying to work it out. His brother in law called and they will try to work it out and fund it.

Bob Trusavage of West Pittston, stated his kid plays sports and he gets put on the bench, Mr. Trusavage stated he is not stupid, he knows how things work. Mr. Trusavage stated he is not attacking football but there are other sports that need some money. There's more attention on football at times and stated it would be nice to budget money and give it out to other sports. Mr. Trusavage stated he understood it brings more revenue than what it generates. Mr. DeAngelo stated that what people don't know is the football alumni bought a javelin and equipment for track and also for girls softball and baseball. Mr. Trusavage stated back in the day there wasn't all this money being spent. Why does all this money have to be spent.

John Pegg of West Wyoming, asked between the support freeze of \$118,000 as opposed to the teacher's freeze of \$53,000, isn't there a discrepancy there. Mr. Pegg asked the board to maybe two furlough days for teachers to get the numbers a little closer. Something is better than nothing.

Mr. Pegg questioned the teacher's contract. Mr. Pegg stated as Mr. Melone stated earlier there are eighteen supposed bills before the education committee and there are many that relate to teacher furlough days, sabbaticals days and teacher reimbursements. Are those hindering the teacher contract process because they're not going to be passed yet. They're supposing to take some consideration now and June they'll be worked on, maybe go to the house or governor.

Mr. Pegg asked if a document in the communications report item #17 was a right to know request. Attorney Hassey responded it would be a Right to Know request.

Mr. Pegg stated at last month's meeting Mr. Bolin talked about the \$47,000.00 for the West Side Career & Technology Center. Mr. Pegg asked if he could get a breakdown of what that consist of, in addition to the \$47,000.00 for sending our students there. Mr. Melone responded relative to data processing services, the district is comparing \$63,000.00 to CSI versus \$119,000.00 to CTC. Although currently we will be incurring some cost at both ends, we are eventually attempting to recognize some savings by outsourcing.

Mr. Pegg asked who does the payroll. Mr. Melone responded it is outsourced through the CTC.

Mr. Pegg asked if anybody wrote a letter to the Governor like Wikes-Barre did.

Mr. Pegg questioned item #2 Public Records policy. Is the policy still under revision. Attorney Hassey responded it is something we're looking at. It's set up for an initial reading. Since the Right to Know Law has been changed, Attorney Hassey stated he will make sure the policy is in step with the Right to Know Law.

Mr. Pegg asked, hypothetically, if he was to give \$5,000.00 in a fund for a specific sport such as field hockey, is that possible. Mr. Melone responded yes and it could be restricted.

With no further questions the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Alberigi seconded by Mrs. Valenti.

Nicholas DeAngelo, President

John Bolin, Secretary