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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, March 29, 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 forty 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. Dave Alberigi, Treasurer**
- Mr. Samuel Aritz**
- Dr. Frank Casarella**
- Mr. Gilbert Dominick**
- Mrs. Toni Valenti**

Absent: **Dr. Estelle Campenni**

Also in attendance were: Raymond J. Bernardi, Superintendent, Janet Serino, District Principal of Curriculum, Tom Melone, Business Consultant, Attorney Mike Butera, Vito Qualgia, 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, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Janet Boyer, Foodservice Manager, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Dave Amico, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Morgan Bilbow, Student Representative.

Communications Report

Mr. Bernardi read the communications report.

- 1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit submitting their regular meeting minutes for January 26, 2011 and February 23, 2011.**
- 2. Kathryn Gigliotti, President of the Stoners Youth Soccer, requesting permission to use the Tenth Street field or any other available areas for practice.**
- 3. Ralph Salerno, Co-Chairman for the 40th Annual West Pittston Cherry Blossom Parade, inviting the board and Wyoming Area Marching Band to participate in the Cherry Blossom Parade on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 12:00 noon.**
- 4. Jessica Budzak, Prevention Specialist, requesting permission to transport Wyoming Area Juniors, Seniors, and SADD Club members to Pittston Area School District for a mock car crash and to attend any scheduled assemblies.**
- 5. Helen Centi of Safway Driving School, notification of not renewing the Safway contract with Wyoming Area for the 2011-2012 school year.**
- 6. Carrie Jackson, Special Ed Aide, requesting permission to take a child bearing/child rearing leave.**
- 7. George Miller, West Pittston Tax Collector, notifying the board of Paul Argenio's appointment to the position of Deputy Tax Collector.**

8. Deborah Przybyla, Treasurer for the Wyoming Area Softball Parent's Association, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a ziti dinner.
9. Exeter Park Volunteer Hose Company requesting permission to use the football stadium for a fundraiser.
10. Ballots submitted to the school board from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit to elect three directors to fill unexpired terms on the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board and ballots to elect four directors to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit whose terms expire on June 30, 2011.
11. Loreann Napkora submitting her name for a position as a clerical aide and cleaning person for the upcoming summer.
12. Matt Crake, President of the West Pittston Rams Football & Cheer Association, requesting permission to use various facilities for practice and games.
13. Audit report for the food service department conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Summary of Applications

Science - 1
Math - 1
Elementary - 2
English - 1
Business - 1
Cafeteria - 1
Cleaning Personnel - 1

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Valenti to accept the minutes of regular meeting February 15, 2011. All Board Members voted aye. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

1. *Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade students of the month for February:*

Georgia Calimeres

Kareemah Condry

Taryn Fasciana

Jeff Hoover

Jay Neely

Mia Remplewicz

Amber Salvo

Kayla Wedlock

Ma'Isah Bateman

Josh Donvito

Brandon Harris

Tanner Johnson

Nina Owen

Kris Petrosky

Zachary Scrobola

Jonathan Urban

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2. **Parent Conferences and Report Card Distribution** was held throughout the District on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 from 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. at the Secondary Center and from 12:45 P.M. to 3:20 P.M. at the elementary Schools. Report card distribution ONLY (no conferences) were held on the same day from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at all schools. I am happy to report the following percentages of parent participation throughout the District:

Secondary Center: 923 visited out of 1199 = 77%

JFK: 150 visited out of 170 = 89%

Montgomery Ave.: 353 visited out of 388 = 90%

SJD: 169 visited out of 202 = 84%

Tenth Street: 499 visited out of 588 = 85%

3. Twenty members of the [Wyoming Area Key Club](#) recently attended the 46th Annual Pennsylvania District Key Club Convention in Hershey. Once again this year, our club received numerous awards. Congratulations to the following members:

- ✚ Diamond-level Distinguished Club (The ONLY Club in Pennsylvania) scoring 193 out of a possible 200 points). This is the 4th year in a row for the Club to earn this distinction.
- ✚ Highest Club Total Service Hours (6410 hours of community service).
- ✚ Highest Club Average Service Hours (101.75 hours per member).
- ✚ Highest Individual Service Hours – Ronald Klepadlo (686.5 hours of service).
- ✚ First Place Single Service Award-Gold Division (This was the 3 on 3 basketball tournament benefiting Anthony Lydon, a two year old boy with Hypo-Plastic Left Heart Syndrome).
- ✚ First Place Major Emphasis Award (support of Ryan's Run, a fund-raiser for Allied Service Pediatric Services).
- ✚ Second Place Club Digital Poster.
- ✚ Second Place Club Video.
- ✚ The Major Emphasis and Single Service reports, along with the club's video and digital poster, will now compete at Key Club International Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, to be held June 27-July 3.
- ✚ Second Place Oratorical Contest – Linnae Homza.
- ✚ **Distinguished Club Officers:** President Linnae Homza, Vice-President, Sarah Connors, Secretary, Karisa Calvitti, Treasurer, Ronald Klepadlo and Webmaster, Sal Polit.
- ✚ Bob Bagans Unsung Hero Award – Lisa Chihorek (Lisa was recognized as the member of Division 15N who best exemplifies the ideals of service, giving unselfishly without being a club officer).
- ✚ William S. Brandamore Kiwanis Family Relations Award – The Club earned this recognition for the various projects performed in conjunction with the Builders Club. Congratulations to all members and Christine Rutledge, Advisor.

4. On February 19th, the **Wyoming Area Middle School Science Olympiad Team** placed **First** in the **Abington Heights Science Olympiad Invitational Tournament**. The team earned 9 first place finishes in the competition which was comprised of 21 individual events. Overall the team earned 20 medals, placing in all but 1 of the 21 events. Also, the **Middle School Team** took **2nd place** out of a field of 21 teams in the B-division of the **Northeast Regional Competition** of the Pennsylvania Science Olympiad. The team has once again qualified and will move on to the State Science Olympiad Competition at Juniata College on April 29, 2011.

Congratulations to all participants, Middle School Coach, Mr. Grivensky who was assisted by the entire Science Department.

Team Members Include:

<i>Audrey Heidacavage</i>	<i>Amy Alder</i>	<i>Lauren Perry</i>
<i>Danielle Spagnuolo</i>	<i>Brittany Thomas</i>	<i>Michael Murphy</i>
<i>Emily Bellanco</i>	<i>John Marianacci</i>	<i>Ryan Murphy</i>
<i>Gabrielle Spagnuolo</i>	<i>Nikolas Gushka</i>	<i>Zachary Lagrue</i>
<i>Gared Zabolski</i>	<i>Samantha Williams</i>	<i>Krystina Stanczyk</i>

The **Wyoming Area High School Science Olympiad Team** took **2nd place** out of a field of 31 teams in the C-division of the **Northeast Regional Competition** of the Pennsylvania Science Olympiad. The team has once again qualified and will move on to the State Science Olympiad Competition at Juniata College on April 29, 2011.

Team Members Include:

<i>Josh Carey</i>	<i>Alyssa Cajka</i>	<i>Samantha Scott</i>
<i>Tia Spagnuolo</i>	<i>Eric Werbin</i>	<i>Angela Coco</i>
<i>Davide Fanelli</i>	<i>Tyler Gfeller</i>	<i>Paul Minelli</i>
<i>James Scrobola</i>	<i>Nick Szewczyk</i>	<i>Greg Cajka</i>
<i>Maria Marianacci</i>	<i>Stormy Ruiz</i>	<i>Leslie Shumlas</i>

Congratulations to all participants, High School Coach, Mr. Pizano who was assisted by the entire Science Department.

5. **Wyoming Area Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) Team (Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science)** took **First Place** at this year's **Regional Competition** held on March 8, 2011. The perpetual trophy will reside at Wyoming Area until next year at this time when the Trophy must be defended. Team members received plaques for their accomplishment and include:

<i>Andrew Ambruso</i>	<i>Alyssa Cajka</i>
<i>John Carey</i>	<i>David Dorbad</i>
<i>Xuan Kang</i>	<i>Samantha Scott</i>
<i>Tony Richards</i>	<i>Eric Werbin</i>

Additionally, the team just learned that they tied for first place in the State within their division. The work the students completed will now be sent to the national level for additional scoring and placement.

Congratulations to all participants and coach Mr. Pizano who was assisted by the Math and Science Departments.

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6. **The Shore Bowl Teams** competed at Rutgers University on February 5th. The theme of this competition was Ocean Sciences and Human Impact on the Oceans. This year's team A won the sportsmanship award and a \$100.00 monetary award. Team B was able to compete in practice rounds and defeated the marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science. Congratulations to all participants and Coach, Ann Wall.
7. **Breakfast With Your Child:** Will be held at the District's four elementary schools from April 11th to April 19th as follows:

Montgomery Avenue:	April 11 th and 12 th
SJD:	April 12 th and 13 th
JFK:	April 14 th and 15 th
Tenth Street:	April 18 th and 19 th

This Program is designed to inform parents of the school breakfast program as well as help them encourage their children to be aware of the importance of a good breakfast to begin a successful school/work day. Thanks to Janet Boyer and her Cafeteria Staff.

8. Parents of high school students are reminded that 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grade students are currently enrolling for courses for next year. Copies of the Program of Studies were distributed to the students and members of the Board. I encourage parents with questions to contact our School Guidance Office or Administration for assistance.
9. **Kindergarten Registration** for students who will be attending Kindergarten in the Wyoming Area School District for the 2011-2012 school year will take place April 4th, April 5th, April 6th and April 7th, 2011:

SJD	April 4, 2011	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.
		1:00 – 3:00 P. M.
Montgomery Ave.	April 5, 2011	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.
		1:00 – 3:00 P.M.
JFK	April 6, 2011	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.
		1:00 – 3:00 P.M.
10 th Street	April 7, 2011	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.
		1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

10. **WVIA TV Scholastic Scrimmage:** The High School Academic Team won the Grand Championship on WVIA-TV's Scholastic Scrimmage. The team defeated Honesdale Area and won \$5,000.00 for the school's general fund. The Academic Teams have won \$9,000.00 for the school's general fund in the last 3 years and have won more Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 Championships than any other school. Team Members are as follows:

Samantha Scott, Captain	Trevor Alder
Davide Fanelli	Debbie Gross
Eric Werbin	

Congratulations to all participants and Coach, Eileen Palmer.

11. *Congratulations to 4 Wyoming Area students who were chosen as finalists for **Best & Brightest**: Ron Klepadlo (Community Service); Linnea Homza (Community Service), Karisa Calvitti (Computer Technology) and Caitlin Vitale (English and Literature).*

12. *Under Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Pennsylvania Department of Education must perform an administrative review and audit every 5 years of the Food Service Department. I am happy to report that Janet Boyer, Food Service Director, and her Cafeteria Staff received an excellent report from Rosemary Piskal, Field Advisor, Division of Food and Nutrition, who conducted the administrative review the week of March 21st.*

Motion by Mrs. Valenti, second by Mr. Aritz, to accept the Superintendent’s Report. All board members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Student Representative’s Report

Morgan Bilbow read the report.

Recently, the Wyoming Area Key Club attended the Pennsylvania Key Club Convention in Hershey. They were extremely successful, ending up as the #1 Key Club in the state of Pennsylvania. Planning for the Junior/Senior Prom has began, being held on May 6th at the Woodlands. Also, the freshman/sophomore semi formal is being held on April 16th. There will be a mushball tournament on April 17th with the proceeds going to the family of Becca Ritts, a 2010 graduate of Wyoming Area, who was seriously injured in a car accident recently. The Wyoming Area Drama Club will performing the musical “Annie” on April 8th, 9th and 10th at 7:00 p.m.

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	6,127,389.76
Wachovia Bank	General Fund	35,096.82
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	4,242.24
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	189,360.23
Landmark Bank	Student Activities Account	7,534.50
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	88,713.37
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	11,110.42

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Landmark Bank	Athletic Fund Account	1,928.57
PNC Bank	Energy Performance Proceeds Fund	30,668.66
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Construction Account	119,488.32
PNC Bank	Capital Projects Fund Bank Investment Account	1,083,422.36

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

Finance Report

Mr. Bernardi read the finance report.

1. Received the following checks:

Don Wilkinson Agency (Feb.)

Earned Income Tax	147,639.74
Local State Tax	1,378.45
Delinquent Per Capita Tax	<u>374.00</u>
Total:	149,392.19

Local Realty Transfer Tax

James Red O’Brien	7,964.41
Luzerne County	<u>6,251.34</u>
Total:	14,215.75

Tax Refund Claim

Liquid Fuels	1,244.82
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State & Federal Subsidy Payments

Social Security	48,562.00
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	62,283.46
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	17,144.54
Basic Education Funding	1,014,721.71
ARRA – Fiscal Stabilization Basic Ed	300,620.68
Reimbursement of Charter Schools	<u>8,765.00</u>
Total:	1,452,097.39

Miscellaneous

District Court 11-2-01	24.05
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2. Approve the March 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 March payment of \$47,128.00 to the West Side Career and Technology Center for the 2010-2011 school year.
4. Approve a contribution to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Performing Arts Scholarship Program.

5. Approve for Wyoming Area School District to participate in the Educational Improvement Tax Credits program through the West Pittston Library.
6. Approve the Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 as prepared by the independent auditing firm of Bonita and Rainey, CPA.

At this time, Mr. Rainey, CPA, gave a presentation regarding the report.

On the Question: George Race of Exeter asked, "How much did the audit cost?"
Response was: approximately 20,000 to 25,000. The actual cost would be verified at the next board meeting. Mr. Race asked, "Does it matter how it's paid back?" Mr. Melone responded, it is paid from the district's general fund.

Mr. Casarella asked if there was a communication to board members about a shortage at that time. Mr. Melone responded this is actually the communication right now because it is very difficult to actually verify whether it would be accurate and hold up under audit. The process is to receive monthly reports, based on those monthly reports of collected data and then turned over to the independent auditors who then certify them as to whether it is accurately short or not. Through this the independent auditors keep the board posted. Mr. Casarella responded that the board needs to be notified prior to. That is his opinion.

7. Approve the final Tax Collector Report of the tax collectors at Wyoming Area School District for the year ended December 31, 2009 as prepared by the independent auditing firm of Bonita and Rainey, CPA.
8. Approve the Luzerne Intermediate Unit's 2011-2012 General Operating Budget.
9. Approve the purchase of the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit E-Service "hosted" Financial Software Application and Services at a cost of approximately \$27,662.95. This service was previously provided by West Side Career & Technology Center.
10. Approve the extension of lease agreement between the District and Topp Copy. The amount of the lease is estimated to decrease from the current rate of \$15,244.77 to the new rate of \$13,995.00. Lease is for a 63 month period.
11. Approve the extension of Pace Bus Transportation contract for five years 2013-2018 as per the term and conditions proposed in the new agreement, subject to final language by the solicitor and/or business manager.
12. Approve the Solicitor to submit a letter on behalf of the district to the NEPA School District Health Care Trust requesting a minimum one month return of premium of approximately \$230,000.00. This amount is to be funded from NEPA Trust Fund balance of approximately \$15,300,000.00. (source is NEPA Trust December 31, 2010 financial statements)

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13. Approve the following refund of paid taxes for the year 2010 as requested by the taxpayer based on the Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certification:

PIN# 66-E10SE1-005-002-000 \$2,277.28

14. Approve the following refund of paid property taxes for the year 2010 as requested by the Luzerne County Board of Assessment Appeals:

PIN# 17-B10-00A-36B \$618.46

15. Approve Verizon Business Solutions as a new provider for the building to building fiber connections between Montgomery and Tenth Street Elementary Schools and the Secondary Center at a monthly Pre E-rate cost of \$1,400.00 effective July 1, 2011.

16. Approve to authorize the Superintendent to submit formal application to the United States Department of Agriculture for capital loan to be utilized for renovation at Montgomery Avenue Elementary.

17. Approve the General Ledger Sheet:

Bill Listing: 3-28-11	612,477.28	
Prepays: 2-28-11	<u>115,212.58</u>	727,689.86
Cafeteria Account:	71,311.79	
Athletic Fund Account:	<u>8,992.32</u>	<u>80,304.11</u>
	Total:	807,993.97

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

ON the Question: Dr. Casarella stated on item #11, he hasn't seen the contract, does not know if there are increases from year to year. Mrs. Valenti responded it was in the budget meeting, a savings of \$50,000. Dr. Casarella stated he knows that but that is for the first year and this is a five year contract. Dr. Casarella asked what happens in the next four years. Dr. Casarella stated he hasn't seen a written contract therefore it is difficult for him to vote on it. Dr. Casarella also stated on item #16, he understands and commends the board for taking action on the Montgomery Avenue project but he doesn't like the forty year loan. He stated he didn't know after twenty years if we're going to reevaluate the same building and remodel it again. Dr. Casarella stated he is having a problem with the timing of this particular application.

Mrs. Valenti reported on item #8 there was no increases with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit's budget. On item #15 is there any savings. Jason Jones, Network Engineer, responded the annual savings is about \$6,000.00 and almost \$30,000.00 per year.

Mrs. Valenti commented to Dr. Casarella that the Montgomery Avenue School is in dire need of repairs and the submission of the application doesn't mean they are actually doing it. Dr. Casarella was concerned with a forty year loan and stated he didn't know how long the building will last and the timing was not appropriate. Dr. Casarella stated he knows what is going to happen. "Once we get the approval then we have five votes."

Mr. John Pegg of West Wyoming, questioned item #3, \$47,128.00 to the West Side Career & Technology Center and item #9, purchase of the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit financial software Application and Services at a cost of \$27,662.95. Mr. Pegg asked if it is additional software. Mr. DeAngelo responded no. Mr. John Bolin stated as a West Side Tech Board Member, Mr. Christian was a member and this service was done by him but he left the West Side Tech three or four months ago. Instead of redoing that position based on another source doing their data process center which was the Central Susquehanna LIU. It saved money for all school districts. Mr. Melone stated \$40,000.00 allotment \$119,000.00 a year. Mr. Melone stated the district currently pays approximately 119,000.00 to West Side Career Technology Center for data processing services. Item #9 addresses the financial portion of the CTC Data Processing services. Eventually the idea is also to outsource the student application side of the CTC services. The ultimate goal is to outsource the majority of data processing services and eventually minimize the CTC charge for these services.

Mr. Pegg asked if the data processing number of next year will be different. Mr. Melone responded he didn't think the savings would happen as quick as next year. It needs to be a transition of weaning off the support services for the West Side Career and Technology Center data processing services to the outsourcing of these services. Once again, the goal is to take over the majority of services at a reduced rate.

Mr. George Race of Exeter, asked does the audit fee fluctuate? Mr. Melone responded it's a two or three year commitment. The district executes a contract for audit services.

Mr. Race questioned item #10, Why did that price go down. Mr. Melone responded that he could not speak for the vendor but economic conditions and inventory levels may contribute to the pricing.

Mr. Race questioned item #11. Pace Contract. Does it have to be for five years? Mr. Melone responded he believes the prior contract was for five years.

Mr. Race questioned item #12. This is the extraordinary efforts of Mr. Bernardi to save a lot of money. Is there anything current on the \$400,000.00 savings.

Mr. Bernardi responded that he took a cut along with the administration.

Mr. Race questioned item #16. The forty year loan. How do you know how much money it is? Mr. DeAngelo responded the architects..... they received some insight on the project. That is what they need for Montgomery Avenue. Mr. Race said he didn't know there were figures, it's not on his copy. Mrs. Valenti and Mr. DeAngelo responded it wasn't on theirs either. Mr. Bernardi stated if we are fortunate to get this loan, this is at a 4.5% fixed rate for forty years. This is a terrific deal. Mr. Race asked if the million dollars in the old capital fund can that be applied to that. Mr. Melone responded that the balance in the capital project fund money can be used for any capital nature. Mr. DeAngelo stated Montgomery Avenue is 38% on state reimbursable, that is in the twenty year window now. Mr. Melone responded that may be an estimate of the reimbursement but the PlanCon process would develop what the actual percent would be.

Roll Call: Dr. Casarella voted no on item #11 and item #16 and yes on the remaining report. All remaining board members voted yes on the entire report. 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 revised substitute teacher list.**
- 3. Approve the appointment of Erica Gillespie as Sophomore Class Advisor for the 2010-2011 school year.**
- 4. Approve the revised school calendar for the 2010-2011 school year:**

<u>Snow Day</u>	<u>Make up Day</u>
Monday, March 7, 2011	Tuesday, June 14, 2011
Wednesday, March 23, 2011	Wednesday, June 15, 2011
- 5. Approve the letter of agreement between the Wyoming Area School District, Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Greater Nanticoke School District for Title I Services commencing September 2, 2010 and ending June 16, 2011.**

Motion by Mrs. Valenti, seconded by Mr. Dominick, to accept the education report.

Roll Call: All board members present voted yes on the entire report. Motion passed.

Activities Report

Mr. Bernardi read the activities report.

- 1. Approve the appointment of Ashley Cardamone as assistant girls soccer coach at a salary of \$2,163.00 for the 2011 spring season.**
- 2. Approve the request of Kathryn Gigliotti, President of Stoners Youth Soccer, to use the Tenth Street field and other available areas for practices August until approximately November 30, 2011, pending approval by the building principal and athletic director.**
- 3. Ratify the request of Shea Riley, Music Teacher, to attend the following festivals:**
 - PMEA Region Orchestra at Manheim Township High School, along with one student, from Thursday, March 10th to Saturday, March 12, 2011. Cost is \$115.00 for registration and \$273.52 for lodging plus mileage.**
 - PMEA District Jazz at Tunkhannock High School, along with six students, Friday March 18th and Saturday, March 19, 2011 at a cost of \$280.00 for registration.**

- PMEA Region Band at Center Columbia High School, along with five students, from Wednesday, March 23 to Saturday, March 26, 2011, at a cost of \$425.00 for registration and \$323.73 for lodging.
4. Approve the request of Jessica Budzak, Prevention Specialist, to transport Wyoming Area Juniors, Seniors, and SADD Club members to Pittston Area School District for a mock car crash and to attend any scheduled assemblies on Thursday, May 5, 2011. This mock car crash is being sponsored by the Greater Pittston Anti-Drug Coalition, in conjunction with Wyoming Area SADD and Pittston Area Stand Tall.
 5. Approve the appointment of Lauren Shovlin as Jr. High Track & Field Coach at a salary of \$1,923.00 for the 2011 spring season.
 6. Approve the request of the Exeter Park Volunteer Hose Company to use the football stadium for a fundraiser on a Saturday in the middle of May. The fundraiser will be a flag football tournament with food and refreshments being served and raffle tickets, pending approval by the athletic director.
 7. Approve the request of Matt Crake, President of the West Pittston Rams Football & Cheer Association to use the football practice field, football field and common yard area outside of the Secondary Center cafeteria for practice for the cheerleaders Monday, June 6th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., Monday to Friday until school begins and for football practice Monday, July 18th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Monday to Friday until school begins. Once school begins, only three days a week are requested. Use of the Key Club stand is also requested. Games will be held on Sundays, September 4th, September 18th, September 25th, October 9th and October 16, 2011, pending approval by the athletic director.
 8. Approve the appointment of the head fall coaches for the 2011 fall season:

Football	Randy Spencer	6,727.00
Boys/Girls Cross Country	Paul Leonard	2,210.00
Girls Volleyball	Noah Pickett	1,815.00
Boys Soccer	Sam Fuller	3,965.00
Girls Tennis	Tony Callaio	1,340.00
Field Hockey	Megan Krebs	3,965.00
Golf	Gordon Williams	1,682.00

Mr. Dave Alberigi read item #9.

9. Approve the appointment of Krista Baines as Cheerleading Advisor for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

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

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Building Report

Mr. Bernardi read the building report.

1. Ratify the request of Sandra Colwell, Girl Scout Troop #3941 to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for a Girl Scout Birthday Party on Thursday, March 17, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
2. Approve the Memo of Understanding between Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals Association and Wyoming Area School District to allow any member of the support staff to voluntarily donate one sick leave day to support employee Gladys Lincoln.
3. Approve the Memo of Understanding between Wyoming Area Education Support Professionals Association and Wyoming Area School District to allow any member of the support staff to voluntarily donate one sick leave day to support employee Caroline Bulford.
4. Approve the request of Kris Gavigan, Special Education Aide, to take a leave of absence retroactive to March 14, 2011.
5. Approve the request of Carrie Jackson, Special Education Aide, to take a child bearing/child rearing leave effective April 11, 2011 and will return the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year.
6. Approve the request of Deborah Przybyla, Treasurer for the Wyoming Area Softball Parent's Association, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria and kitchen for a ziti dinner on Sunday, April 10, 2011 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 9, 2011 is requested for set-up from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and cafeteria manager.
7. Approve to ratify the request of the Senior Class Parents to use the Secondary Center gym for "Donkey Basketball" on Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
8. Approve to ratify the request of the Wyoming Area Softball Parent's Association, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for "Meet the Softball Warriors" on Thursday, March 24, 2011, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Aritz, seconded by Mrs. Valenti, to accept the building report.

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

Policy Report

Mr. Bernardi read the policy report.

1. Adopt the revised policies:

Policy #113 - Special Education

Policy #113.1 - Discipline of Students with Disabilities

Policy #113.2 - Behavior Support

Policy #114 - Programs for Gifted Students

2. Adopt the following policies:

Policy #200 – Enrollment of Students

Policy #113.4 – Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities

3. Approve the first reading of revised policies:

Policy #216 – Student Records

Policy #216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records

Policy #707 – Use of School Facilities

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

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

At this time, Mr. DeAngelo made a motion:

In light of the proposed budget by Governor Corbett his request for the employee wage freezes and the PSEA President, James Testernan, support the wage freezes, the board authorizes the Superintendent, Mr. Bernardi, to make formal written inquiry to the Wyoming Area Professional Staff Association to agree to furlough a day in a savings to the district up to \$53,000.00 and the Wyoming Area Support Staff Association for a pay freeze at the savings of \$118,000.00 for the 2011-2012 school year.

Mr. Bolin seconded the motion. All board members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. DeAngelo informed everyone the April board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Open Discussion: Dr. Casarella requested information regarding the Jazzy Scooter. Mr. Bernardi responded that a Jazzy Scooter was donated by a parent for the nurses office four or five year ago. It did not work, it was in the corner of the nurses office. It was taken back to the maintenance where they were going to get rid of it. In the mean time it was fixed and will be donated to the Exeter Lions Organization.

Mr. Trusavage of West Pittston, asked when the Montgomery Avenue School was last remodeled. Mr. Bernardi responded it was in 89. Mr. Trusavage asked how much money was spent to remodel the school. Mr. Dominick responded five or six million dollars. Mr. Dominick stated repairs have to be done now and they already put carpeting in. Mr. Trusavage commented that the football coach is getting paid three times more than the other coaches. Mr. Bernardi responded it is part of the teacher's contract.

Cindy Borzell of Wyoming questioned the Jazzy incident. Mr. Bernardi responded he didn't know the district had a Jazzy. Mr. Amico stated that after the Jazzy was repaired it was test driven with no students in the hallway. Mrs. Borzell asked how long the digital sign is on. Mr. Amico responded the sign is off at 11:00 p.m. Mrs. Borzell stated there were people complaining about it. Mr. Bernardi responded he never heard anyone complain about it.

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Mr. Amico stated the top of the sign with Wyoming Area School District is left on. Mrs. Borzell informed the board with the prom coming up she hoped there wouldn't be any problem as in the past. (referring to flyers from outside the district being distributed to students for the prom)

John Pegg of West Wyoming asked Mr. Melone if a budget work sheet will be available for review. Mr. Melone responded in the ad it did say it will be available for the public in the business office. Mr. Pegg asked if a formal letter was forwarded to the Governor or State Reps for post budget cuts. Mr. Bernardi responded they didn't make any decisions on the budget cuts. Other superintendents and business managers of the county are attending a meeting in Luzerne and obviously Mr. Bernardi and Mr. Melone couldn't be there because they were at the board meeting. Mr. Bernardi stated they will get a briefing and a resolution may come out of that meeting collectively.

Mr. Pegg asked the pay freeze for the support staff, how many workers, 124, 125. Mr. Bernardi responded 130. Mr. Pegg asked hours per week 37 ½, 38, 34. Mr. Bernardi responded 40 hours. Some don't work all those hours. Mr. Pegg asked that would be 90 cents raise for that year. Mr. Bernardi responded a dollar comes out to \$118,000.00 and some change. Mr. Aritz stated he didn't think it was 90 cents. It's the third year in the contract. The first year was a dollar. Mr. Pegg stated the first year was 09-10, the second year was 10-11 and the third year is 11-12. Mr. Aritz asked if this was the third year. Mr. Aritz responded yes. Mr. Pegg asked if they were just holding it off until next year and then they will get that increase back. Mr. Bernardi responded this is not a deferment, it is a freeze. Mr. Bernardi stated this is just like the administrators and himself. They are not coming back next year and asking for it retroactive. Mr. Pegg asked if there is anything in existence about a budgets actual x amount of dollars spent. Is there anything in existence. Mr. Melone responded the district audit provides valuable financial information and provides budget versus actual data. The district internally has monthly financial information. The district will also explore posting the audits on the district web-site.

Mr. Race commented that this is a perfect opportunity to for us to reduce our overall budget. The teacher's contract is being negotiated. With everything on the table, it's a good idea to make cuts at this time. Mr. Race asked where Attorney Hassey was. Mr. DeAngelo responded he was out of town.

Bob Borzell of Wyoming asked Jason Jones, Network Engineer, how many computers we had at the Secondary Center. Mr. Jones responded we had forty. Mr. Borzell asked if they were all functioning. Mr. Jones responded he had one recently repaired. Mr. Borzell asked if we owned the tennis courts. Mr. DeAngelo responded we did. Mr. Borzell asked if we owned the lighting too. Mr. DeAngelo responded we did. Mr. Borzell asked if the West Pittston Borough contributed anything towards it. Mr. DeAngelo responded no. Mr. Borzell asked if the support personnel was asked for the freeze. Mr. Bernardi stated he already asked them. Mr. Bernardi responded there was no answer yet.

Mr. Vito Qualia, Secondary Building Principal, made a correction to the local newspaper stating it was incorrect when they listed the graduation rate of a group of students they followed for four years. The paper said 87 percent and should have read 94.26 percent.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Valenti.

Mr. Nicholas DeAngelo, President

Mr. John Bolin, Secretary