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Wyoming Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education
252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643
Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wyoming Area Board of Education was held this evening at the Wyoming Area Secondary Center auditorium, 252 Memorial Street, Exeter, Pennsylvania, 18643, with approximately sixty people in attendance. A non-public executive session preceded the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Gober-Mangan, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Mrs. Gober-Mangan, President
- Mrs. Deanna Farrell, Vice President
- Mr. John Marianacci, Secretary
- Mrs. Kimberly A. Yochem, Treasurer
- Mr. Carmen Bolin
- Dr. Estelle Campenni
- Mr. Gerald A. Stofko
- Mrs. Toni Valenti
- Mr. Carl Yorina

Absent: Attorney Jarrett J. Ferentino

Also present were: Janet Serino, Superintendent, Thomas Melone, Business Consultant, Jon Pollard, Secondary Center Building Principal, Joseph Long, Elementary Principal of Intermediate Center, Vito Quaglia, Elementary Principal of Primary Center and Kindergarten Center, David Pacchioni, Assistant Principal of Discipline, Cathy Ranieli, Assistant Secondary Center Principal, Angelo Falzone, Director of Transportation/Attendance, Christine Rosencrans, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Vanessa Nee, Director of Special Education, Camilla Granteed, School Psychologist, Melissa Collevchio, Food Service Director, Frank Pugliese, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Jason Jones, Network Engineer, Emily Uritz and Genevieve Federici, Student Representatives.

Communications Report

Mr. Marianacci read the communications report.

1. Luzerne Intermediate Unit submitting their regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2017.
2. Right to Know Request submitted for employee salaries and job descriptions.
3. Right to Know Request submitted for information relating to copiers and printers.
4. Right to Know Request submitted for information relating to union employees.
5. Damien Rutkoski requesting permission to hold a Spring Fling Dance fundraiser in the Secondary Center gym.
6. Christine Rutledge, National Honor Society Advisor, requesting permission to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for the National Honor Society Senior Celebration.
7. Stephanie Lasher, Part-time (10 month) cleaner, submitting her resignation.
8. Ann Marie Parente, Secretary at Intermediate Center, submitting her letter of retirement.
9. Art Bobbouine, Fortis Institute, requesting permission to rent the Secondary Center auditorium for their graduation ceremony.

Summary of Applications Received

Elementary – 1

ESL - 1

Special Education – 16

Health/Physical Education - 1

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Gober-Mangan asked for approval of the minutes of March 28, 2017. All board members voted aye.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Serino read the report.

1. ***Tom Blaskiewicz, West Pittston Mayor is here to distribute certificates to the "shoveling crew":***

Derek Ambrosino

Brian Williams

Cameron Carr

Jacob Williams

Dante DeLuca

Carl DeLuca - WAFPA

Dominic DeLuca

Randy Spencer – Coach

Marc Anthony Minichello

Tom Campenni - Coach

Blaise Sokach-Minnick

Stephen Sokach- Minnick

Mayor Blaskiewicz stated he was proud to have the school in our town and also the board should be proud of the professional staff, teachers and janitors on how they conduct themselves. Mayor Blaskiewicz stated he would not forget what the (shovelers) did for the community on that Saturday.

2. ***Congratulations to all students who participated in the Wyoming Area Drama's Club presentation of "The Addams Family" on March 24th, 25th and 26th at the Secondary Center Auditorium. Also Congratulations to Barbara Bullions, Drama Club Director and Assistant, Chuck Yarmey.***
3. ***The WA Mini Thon was a huge success thanks to Mr. Macario and Ms. Aritz, and many students and volunteers. It all started when Mr. Macario and Ms. Aritz attended Leadership Wilkes-Barre. Their goal was to develop a Social Improvement Project. This sprung the idea of having our own Mini Thon, and resulted in some students being chosen to be a part of the committee and help out with what would be an amazing event. The Mini Thon committee began fundraising and organizing the event in October, and the main event was set to take place in March. At the conclusion of this project, WA Mini Thon raised \$25,800.28 to help battle pediatric cancer.***

The money raised went to two childhood cancer foundations, Little Eric's Foundation and Four Diamonds. Four Diamonds is the foundation that started Mini Thon, helping schools, like ours, participate in the fight against childhood cancer.

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Students including, Zach Sheridan, Julia Crane, Vianna Hindmarsh, Aubriana Marranta, Maria Amato, Jason Wiedl, Michael Branley, Joseph Gober, Christina Kosco, Tierney Porfirio, Luke Coolbaugh, Mikey Bonita, Addison Orzel, Julia Kopetchny, and Alex Gushka, participated in making this project a success.

4. Congratulations to our SECRETARIES who will be honored on “Secretaries Day” (April 26th):

Nancy Alberigi

Doreen Marianacci

Debbie Andiaro

Lori Napkora

Gloria Bovani

Ann Marie Parente

Donna Chupka

Theodora Rabel

Donna Collins

Jean Marie Radle

Paula Denisco

Toni Scalzo

Annette Falzone

Benjamin Schultz

Rachelle Furman

Gina Steve

Michelle Hoeffner

Kimberly Thomas

Denise Holmes

Jackie Vasquez

Deborah Konopka

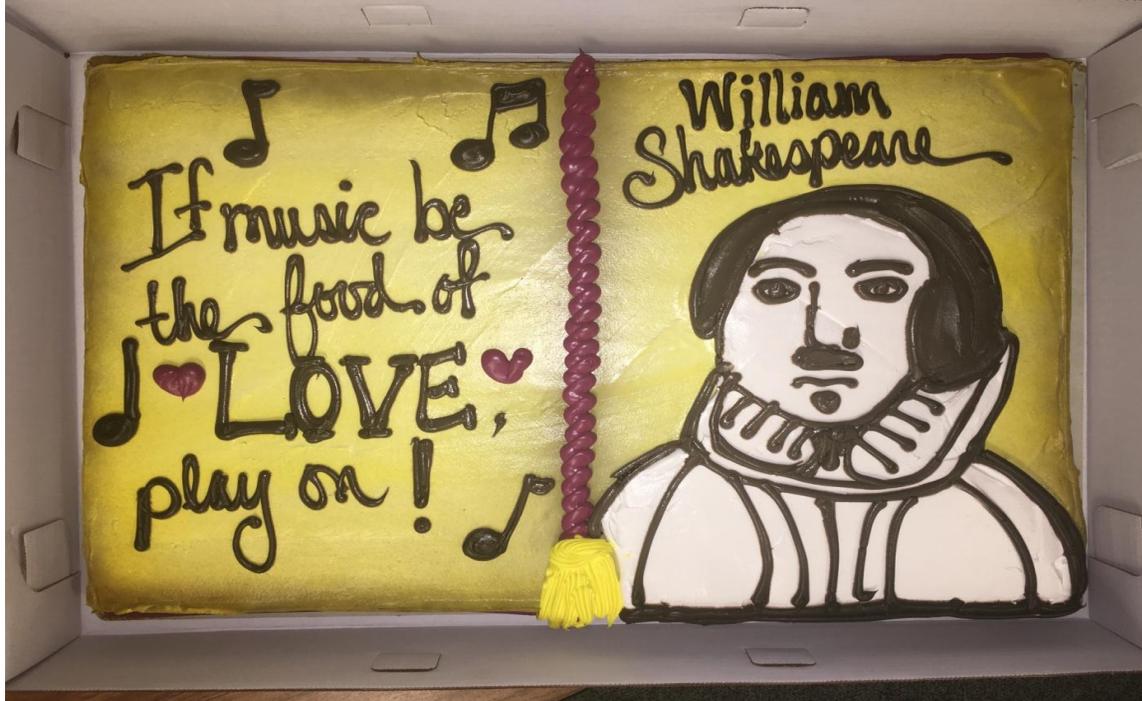
Kathy Youells

Gladys Lincoln

- 5. The 6th grade students at the Wyoming Area Intermediate Center recently held “Egypt Day” to culminate their second thematic unit, *From the Pyramids to the Afterlife and Beyond*. Each student had to create a project based on the material learned in social studies class that was authentic, colorful, and true to the ancient Egyptian time period. Students also gave a short oral presentation describing the factual and background knowledge for their projects along with how they created their artistic piece. Mr. Joe Long is the principal at the Wyoming Area Intermediate Center.**



6. *Seventh grade students celebrated Shakespeare's Birthday this past week. Students sang Happy Birthday and ate cake. Thank you to Mrs. Menta and Mr. Macario for organizing and other members of the Seventh Grade team for assisting.*



7. *On Saturday April 22nd, the Wyoming Area Garden Club celebrated Earth Day by planting blueberries and preparing the raised beds for spring planting. They will be doubling the size of our available agricultural area while adding an extensive blueberry patch along with an herb and onion garden. They will also be setting up a new composting system to recycle part of the school yard waste for use in the garden.*

The club boasts a membership of over 30 members from grades 7 -12 and continues to grow as we work together on new projects.

We are planting 14 blueberry bushes in hopes that in a few years they can be used to raise funds for the garden. The school garden was funded by the Walmart Farm to School Grant (seed exchange) and with their help we were able to establish the garden. We are very appreciative of the numerous donations we received from John P. Bonin in conjunction with the JR Peters Company and Bonnie Plants, of peat pots, fertilizer, and planting medium along with the technical assistance to support the growth of the school garden. We also received a generous donation of onion plants from Brown's Omaha Plant Farms. Seeds N' Such donated several different varieties of tomato and pepper seeds.

Senior members of the Garden Club will receive pins for their service and they are working on raising money for the club through a t-shirt sale and a hat sale. So far the School Garden has been independently funded by our primary grant. This grant is now depleted and we need donations now more than ever. All of the produce is either used by the school or given to those in need.

Thank you to Mr. Hando, English/Social Studies Teacher, Wyoming Area High School Garden Coordinator.



8. *On Saturday, April 22nd, Seniors attended the first of three Saturday School Sessions. The students attended a presentation provided by Luzerne County CareerLink and the Luzerne/Schuylkill Counties Work Investment Board. The presentation was focused on exploring careers and the needed education and training to attain certain careers. Students also learned about the CareerLink Website resources to search for jobs. Thank you to Christine Jensen and Trina Moss for their presentation. In addition to the CareerLink presentation, students participated in Chess Club, Quilting Club, and Garden Club activities. AP Calc students attended a tutoring session and there were initial prep for Class Day. There was an excellent turnout.*

Dr. Pollard would like to thank Mrs. Ranieli, Mr. Pacchioni, Mr. Hando, Mrs. Berti, Mrs. Villano, and Mr. Lulewicz for their assistance on a very successful first Senior Saturday.

9. *The National Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association is pleased to announce that Joseph Pizano, Athletic Director at Wyoming Area, has been recognized by this association as a Certified Athletic Administrator.*

To earn this distinction, Joseph has demonstrated the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. The voluntary certification process included a thorough evaluation of the candidate's educational background, experience and professional contributions, as well as a rigorous, comprehensive written examination. Joseph is one of an elite group of interscholastic athletic administrators nationwide to attain this level of professionalism.

Congratulations to Mr. Pizano!

Student Representative's Report

Genevieve Federici read the report.

Spring sports are happening and they are all going smoothly; Band is having a concert on May 18th @ 7pm at the school and a combined concert with Pittston Area on May 23rd at Pittston Area School; Chorus is having a concert May 11th at 7; The Quilting Show is June 1st; The Senior class is have a Spring Fling on May 5th 7-10 p.m. for grades 9-12 with proceeds going to the Junior/Senior Prom.

AP exams are starting next week and the May SAT's are Saturday, May 6th; The Junior/Senior Prom is May 26th; The seniors are doing their senior polls for their class; Scholarship night is May 25th; National Honor Society Ceremony is this Thursday, April 27th @ 7pm in the auditorium; There is a financial Aid/Junior Jumpstart Night tomorrow, April 26th at 6pm. All juniors are encouraged to attend.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Yochem read the treasurer's report.

First National Community Bank	General Fund	7,215,064.77
First National Community Bank	Payroll Account	5,255.53
First National Community Bank	Cafeteria Account	49,776.30
First National Community Bank	Student Activities Account	170,658.06
First National Community Bank	Athletic Fund Account	16,875.03
First National Community Bank	Purchasing Account	500.00
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	Earned Income Tax Revenue	311,751.50

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

Finance Report

Mrs. Yochem read the finance report.

1. Received the following checks:

<u>Berkheimer Tax Administrator</u>	
Earned Income Tax	57,031.55
Local Services Tax	1,674.08
Per Capita Tax	625.80
Delinquent Per Capita	<u>778.61</u>
	Total: 60,110.04

<u>State & Federal Subsidy Payments</u>	
Retirement	680,989.34
Title I – Improving Basic Programs	51,612.08
Title II – Improving Teacher Quality	7,718.92
School District Special Education	221,836.00
School District Transportation	<u>274,984.00</u>
	Total: 1,237,140.34

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Local Realty Transfer Tax

Luzerne County	7,200.62
Wyoming County	<u>245.00</u>
Total:	7,445.62

Rebate

Landmark Bank Credit Card	51.15
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Miscellaneous

District Court 11-2-01	305.19
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2. Approve the April payment of \$128,799.85 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in accordance with the terms of the approved contract for programs and services for the 2016-2017 school year. The payment will be reduced by IDEA Pass Thru Funding of \$24,227.08 from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit resulting in a net payment of \$104,572.77.

3. Approve the April payment of \$43,077.00 to the West Side Career & Technology Center for the 2016-2017 school year.

4. Approve the following refund of paid property taxes for the year 2016:

PIN# 16-D11S1-006-001-000	548.29
PIN# 65-E11NW3-009-010	<u>110.20</u>
Total:	658.49

5. Approve the May 1, 2017 payments to Wilmington Trust (M&T Bank) for the following debt obligations:

General Obligation Bonds Series 2015	134,915.63
General Obligation Bonds Series 2016	126,287.51

6. Approve permission to advertise for a social worker.

7. Approve to authorize Albert B. Melone Company, Business Consultant, to solicit quotes if necessary for securing a 2017-2018 Tax Anticipation Note.

8. Approve the amendment to the services agreement with Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center extending athletic training services through and including April 22, 2019 at a rate of \$37.50 per hour.

9. Approve the payment of \$1,000 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the 2017 Michael M. Ostrowski Performing Arts Institute (PAI) Memorial Scholarship, which sponsors two students to attend PAI on a full performance grant. This is one of the premier summer arts programs in the country held at Wyoming Seminary.

10. Approve the payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for ESL (English as a Second Language) instructional hours for December 2016 to February 2017 as follows:

December (total of 25.5 hours at \$54.43)	1,387.97
January (total of 41.5 hours at \$54.43)	2,258.85
February (total of 24.5 hours at \$54.34)	<u>1,331.33</u>
Total:	4,978.15

11. Approve the general ledger sheet:

Bill Listing: April 2017	609,459.16	
Prepays: March 2017	<u>95,247.15</u>	704,706.31
Cafeteria Account:	75,787.17	
Athletic Account:	<u>1,234.00</u>	<u>77,021.17</u>
	Total:	781,727.48

12. Approve an Early Retirement Incentive of 60% of salary for professional staff. Professional employees must notify the district of their intent by June 1, 2017. All other conditions of the collective bargaining agreement regarding retirement incentives will remain in effect.
(THIS ITEM WAS ADDED FROM THE FLOOR)

Motion by Mrs. Yochem, second by Mrs. Farrell, to accept the finance report.

On the question: George Race, Exeter, questioned item #5, if they are two separate projects. Mr. Melone responded they were. Item #6, Mrs. Serino responded we want to hire our own to save money. A social worker from the LIU is \$87,000. IEP’s need a social worker. Item #9, Mrs. Serino responded the Performing Arts Institute cost \$2,000 but we pay \$1,000. Item #10, Mrs. Serino responded ESL is for students coming into the school district and work with a teacher one on one.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Education Report

Mr. Yorina read the education report.

1. Reporting as per Federal Regulations Requirement that the District’s Federal Programs (Title I, Title II, and Drugs and Alcohol) have been planned for the 2016-2017 school year. Anyone desiring information regarding these programs, contact Janet Serino, Superintendent, at the District’s Business Office.
2. Approve the revised professional substitute list for the 2016-2017 school year.
3. Approve the school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.
4. Approve the appointment of Alexandria Berlew as Special Education Teacher.

Motion by Mr. Yorina, second by Mrs. Yochem, to accept the education report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

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Activities Report

Mrs. Farrell read the activities report.

1. Approve to vacate all extra-curricular positions at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Positions will be posted for the 2017-2018 school year as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
2. Approve the appointment of John Richards as a volunteer baseball coach for 2016-2017 spring sports season.
3. Approve the appointments of the following head coaches for the 2017-2018 Fall sports season:

Rhonda Pizano	Cheerleading	2,571.00
Paul Hindmarsh	Cross Country	2,627.00
Randy Spencer	Football	7,996.00
Gordon Williams	Golf	2,000.00
Rick Branco	Boys Soccer	4,713.00
Nikki Sitkowski	Girls Soccer	4,713.00
Tiffany Callaio	Girls Tennis	1,593.00
Brian Reese	Girls Volleyball	2,158.00

ITEM #3 WAS NOT READ. IT WILL BE PLACED ON THE MAY AGENDA FOR APPROVAL.

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, second by Mrs. Gober-Mangan, to accept the activities report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Building Report

Mr. Stofko read the building report.

1. Approve the request of Damien Rutkoski to hold a Spring Fling Dance fundraiser in the Secondary Center gym for 9-12 grades on Friday, May 5, 2017, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and athletic director. (Class A)
2. Approve the request of Christine Rutledge, National Honor Society Advisor, to use the Secondary Center cafeteria for the National Honor Society Senior Celebration on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, 7:00 p.m., pending approval by the building principal and food service director. (Class A)
3. Accept, with regret, Stephanie Lasher’s resignation as part-time (10 month) cleaner, retroactive to April 6, 2017. Stephanie would like to be placed on the substitute list.
4. Accept, with regret, Ann Marie Parente’s letter of retirement as Secretary at the Intermediate Center effective May 31, 2017.
5. Approve the revised support personnel substitute list for the 2016-2017 school year.

- 6. Approve the request of Art Bobbouine, Fortis Institute, to rent the Secondary Center auditorium for their graduation ceremony at \$500.00 on Friday, June 23, 2017, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If the date is not available then Friday, June 30th, pending approval by the building principal. A fee of \$25.00 per hour may be charged to the organization if a custodian’s services are needed. (Class E)

Motion by Mr. Stofko, second by Mr. Marianacci, to accept the building report.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Policy Report

Mr. Bolin read the policy report.

- 1. Approve the second reading and adoption of policy #827 Conflict of Interest.
- 2. Approve the second reading and adoption of attachment to policy #626, entitled Procurement-Federal Programs.
- 3. Approve the first reading of revised policy #610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation.
- 4. Approve the first reading of revised policy #611 Purchases Budgeted.
- 5. Approve the first reading of attachment to policy #626, entitled Administration of Federal Funds- Type of Costs, Obligations and Property Management.

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

On the question: George Race questioned item #1, Conflict of Interest. Mrs. Serino responded it was a federal programs requirement. It has to do with not awarding gifts. It can be family or people we deal with.

Roll Call: Mrs. Valenti voted yes, Dr. Campenni, yes, Mr. Bolin, yes, Mr. Stofko, yes, Mr. Yorina, yes, Mrs. Yochem, yes, Mrs. Farrell, yes, Mrs. Gober-Mangan, yes, Mr. Marianacci, yes.

Motion passed.

Police Report

**Wyoming Area Police Department
 Monthly Report for March, 2017
 Total Calls for Service**

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0000	Parent Conference	1
0002	Transport	1
1890	Narcotics – Reports	1
2450	Harassment	1
2690	All Other Offenses - Reports	2
2811	Curfew Law	1

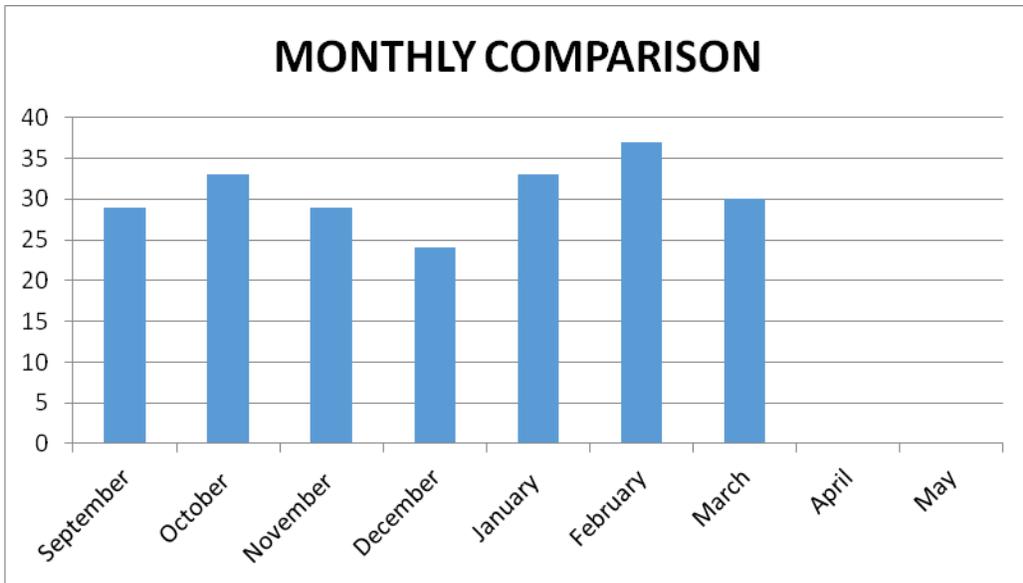
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3610	Disturbances – Juvenile	3
3900	Traffic & Parking Problems	3
4090	Non-Criminal – Reports	6
7016	Follow Up Information	1
7504	Assist Other Agencies – Other Police	1
TRUA	Compulsory School Attendance	9

Total 30

Monthly Comparison

<u>February Calls for Service</u>	<u>March Calls for Service</u>	<u>Plus/Minus Comparison</u>
37	30	-7



Open Discussion: Mrs. Serino reported that she and Mrs. Gober-Mangan attended the Advocacy Forum in Harrisburg. They spoke with legislators and asked them to meet with our board. They were impressed with the budget that was put together.

Topics Discussed:

- George Race expressed his concern regarding the 6-2 vote for negotiations at last month’s meeting and hoped it will be the same for the budget.
- Ree Ree DeLuca expressed her concern regarding students paying for sports. The students are embarrassed to say they don’t have the money to play.
- Mrs. Serino informed everyone that the Auditor General will be coming in to speak with the students on May 4th regarding opioid prevention.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Stofko, second by Mr. Marianacci.

Elizabeth Gober-Mangan, President

John Marianacci, Secretary