BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 23, 2017

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, October 23, 2017, in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Administration Office. President Doris Gernovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Board met in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2017 for legal consultation with Attorney Gornall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors: Amy L. Allen, Michael E. Baker, Lonny T. Eastman, Joseph A. Frisina , Doris P. Gernovich, Christine A. Johnson

Excused: Amanda J. Cox, Linda L. Hajec, Deborah A. Wood

Also Present: William A. Nichols - Superintendent; Jennifer Gornall – Solicitor; Sheri L. Yetzer – Assistant Superintendent; Brenda L. Clabbatz – Business Manager; William P. West – Director of Secondary Education; Daniel Daum – Director of Elementary Education; Gail Swank – Intermediate School Principal; Teresa Pearce – Primary School Principal; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds; Lee Swartzfager – Middle School Principal

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Julie Brundage, Valerie Toplovich, Connie Balek, Nicole Strychalski, Maggie Roche, Robyn LaSalvia

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the agenda and the addendum for October 23, 2017, with the removal of agenda item A-3 under New Business.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PTO President Robyn LaSalvia reported that PTO gave each teacher in grades Pre-K to 5th a WalMart gift card. The amount was slightly lower this year but PTO also gave teachers the option to make special requests. All of those requests were met and included such things as basketballs, rechargeable batteries for the STEM classroom, educational board games and a new white board for students to practice spelling words (rather than using paper).

STAFF COMMENT

Bill West and Dan Daum presented information on the most recent PSSA scores in which Corry showed improvement across the board in every test in grades 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. There was a slight decline in grade 8 but steps are being taken to correct that. Most notably, Corry scored 100 percent in growth scores in five out of six categories. In the sixth category, the district scored an 89.5 percent. Administration is extremely proud that the district has exceeded all state-level benchmarks.

APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the Business Manager's Reports.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the payment of bills from September 21, 2017 through October 25, 2017 as covered by Board Check Nos. 36307 – 36449 in the amount of $554,857.50; Wire Transfers in the amount of $2,017,201.39; Payroll Check Nos. 36358 – 36368 in the amount of $2,974.70; and Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of $350,970.17; and Cafeteria Check Nos. 1475 - 1476 in the amount of $50,802.30.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECK No. 36344

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Baker to approve Board Check No. 36344 in the amount of $153.00, payable to Rossbacher Insurance Service.

YEAS: Directors: Baker, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Allen

APPROVED CHECK No. 36416

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Frisina to approve Board Check No. 36416 in the amount of $79.47, payable to Allegheny Power Equipment.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Eastman

APPROVED STUDENT EXPULSION (1)

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the expulsion of a Middle School student as recommended by the Board's Hearing Committee due to violations of District policies. A Hearing was held at 10:45 AM on October 12, 2017.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson

NAYS: None.

APPROVED STUDENT EXPULSION (2)

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the expulsion of a Middle School student as recommended by the Board's Hearing Committee due to violations of District policies. A Hearing was held at 9:00 AM on October 18, 2017.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the following Personnel items:

1. The addition of Randi Tilford to the list of Service Personnel Substitutes for the 2017-2018 school year.
2. The addition of the following Bus Drivers (employed by D & R Transportation) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Timothy Lindstrom
Joni Beckerink

3. The appointment of the following as Category I Volunteers for the 2017-18 season.

Austin Gillihan (non-district)	Wrestling Program
Joseph Marrs (non-district)	Wrestling Program
Robert Weiss (non-district)	Rec Basketball Program

4. The appointment of Dana Kruse as Assistant Robotics/LEGO/Robobots Advisor for the 2017-18 school year at a supplemental salary of $900.
5. The appointment of Ryan McBriar as Editor for Beaver Tales Student Newspaper for the 2017-18 school year at a supplemental salary of $1,340.00 (Step 1).
6. The appointment of Chad Moon (non-district) as Elementary Boys Basketball Director for the 2017/18 season at a supplemental pay rate of $600.00.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson

NAYS: None.

APPROVED EMPLOYEE TERMINATION

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the termination from employment of Angela L. Holthouse – Grade III Paraprofessional – effective October 23, 2017.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Nichols thanked and congratulated all our teachers from Pre-K through 12 for their continued efforts and success in the outstanding growth in state test scores.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

A Finance Committee Meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 13th, prior to the Board Meeting. Felix & Gloekler, P.C. will present the school district audit and financial statements for 2016-2017.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Gernovich expressed her pride in the district and teachers with regard to the test and growth scores.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Eastman to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:56 p.m.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary