BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 15, 2016

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, August 15, 2016, 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, August 15, 2016 for confidential personnel discussion.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Deborah A. Wood

Also Present: William A. Nichols - Superintendent; Brenda Clabbatz – Acting Business Manager; Sheri L. Yetzer – Assistant Superintendent; William West – Director of Secondary Education; Matthew Patterson – Director of Elementary Education; Dan Daum – Elementary Principal; Lee Swartzfager – MHS Assistant Principal; Denise Otteni-Jones – Director of Special Education; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings and Grounds

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Peggy Gates, Ann Clark

MOMENT OF SILENCE/
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Baker to approve the agenda for August 15, 2016.

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lucy Cook requested that the District be more transparent with their budget information by adding that information to their website for easier public access. Mrs. Clabbatz responded that the District does have their budget information on the website and has for the last three years. It can be found under the Business Office tab.

Peggy Gates asked for clarification on the parking/traffic map of the Middle-High School that was in the newspaper and wants to make sure car drivers are not in the bus area. She appreciates when Mr. Coates and Mr. Buona are in the bus area to help make sure parents enter the correct area for student car rider pickups.

STAFF COMMENT

Matt Patterson gave an overview on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which replaces the previous No Child Left Behind Act. Under ESSA, the federal government is allowing states to have more control in developing their own standards. New state plans are in the process of being crafted with ESSA to be fully implemented for the 2017- 2018 school year. Bill West and Matt Patterson were accepted out of 400 applications as members of the General Stakeholder groups that are helping to shape Pennsylvania's new standards. Additionally, Mr. Patterson is assigned to the accountability workgroup.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the payment of bills from June 16, 2016 through August 11, 2016 as covered by Board Check Nos. 33475 – 33793 in the amount of $1,919,570.00; Wire Transfers in the amount of $1,324,730.88; Payroll Check Nos. 33496 – 33497, 33564 - 33567, 33630 - 33632 and 33665 – 33671 in the amount of $5,520.00; and Cafeteria Check Nos. 1443 - 1448 in the amount of $105,439.17.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BOARD CHECK NOs. 33488 & 33547

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Allen to approve Board Check No. 33488 in the amount of $150.00 and Board Check No. 33547 in the amount of $29.00, payable to Miss Millie's Proper Petals.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Eastman

APPROVED BOARD CHECK NO. 33601

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Eastman to approve Board Check No. 33601 in the amount of $26,464.00, payable to Rossbacher Insurance Service.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Allen

APPROVED VAN PURCHASE

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker the purchase of a new van to replace the 2000 van. Bid accepted from Bob Ferrando Ford-Lincoln Sales at $27,764.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Baker to approve the 2016-2017 Corry Area School District student transportation, contractors, drivers, routes and stops as presented.

(Note – discussion was held regarding bus routes and the need for flexibility to change routes as students enroll, withdraw and change residences within the district. Director Eastman commented that he received a letter from a parent who is concerned that their child gets on the bus at 6:04 AM and does not get dropped off at home until 3:49 PM. Director Eastman asked for clarification on why that child is the first one picked up and the last one dropped off. Peggy Gates (a long-time bus driver for the District) was a visitor at the meeting and she stated that she believes the bus run Director Eastman is referring to is hers and that she doesn't leave her own home until 6:15 AM. The reason for the direction she takes on that route is because it is a long hill which has heavy log truck traffic and it is safer to start and end the route by going down the hill instead of up. Directors Eastman and Cox will review the routes and Director Cox will be riding with Mrs. Gates on the first student day. Mr. Nichols suggested that when questions arise, it is best to notify Administration so Sandy Kalika – Transportation Coordinator and/or Dave Taydus – Owner of D&R Transportation can be asked for clarification of issues).

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED REPOSITORY PROPERTY BIDS

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the following Repository Property Bids

1. Request from Warren County Tax Claim Bureau to approve the sale of property identified as CY-347-272900-000 – 171 Cottage Park Lane, Columbus Township. Offer is made by Stewart R. Hoyt in the amount of $700.00.

2. Request from Warren County Tax Claim Bureau to approve the sale of property identified as CY-347-275500-000 – Cottage Park Lane, (0.16 Acreage) Columbus Township. Offer is made by Stewart R. Hoyt in the amount of $700.00.

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

NAYS: Director Eastman

APPROVED FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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

1. Foreign Exchange Students
   a. Enrollment of a foreign exchange student from Germany for the 2016-2017 school year. (Host Family – Corey & Melissa Turbin, Corry, PA).

   b. Enrollment of a foreign exchange student from Chile for the 2016-2017 school year. (Host Family – Suzanne & John Johnson, Corry PA)

2. Letter of Agreement with Pyramid Healthcare to provide services for the Student Assistance Program.

3. Agreement with Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Center, Inc. for the provision of services to the Corry Area School District.

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

NAYS: None.

7:42 PM – Director Eastman left the meeting

APPROVED STUDENT EXPULSION

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the expulsion of a High School student as recommended by the Board's Hearing Committee due to violations of District policies. A Hearing was held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, August 10, 2016.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Hajec to approve the following Personnel items:

1. The appointment of the following list of individuals for contracted supplemental positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

Nat'l Technical Honor Society Advisor	Jana Sampsell (n/c)	$1,249.00 (Step 1)
Dept. Head – CTC/FCS/Business Ed	John Dougherty	$1,100.00 (Step 1)
Junior Class Co-Advisor	Erin Passinger (nd)	$824.50 (Step 2)
Assistant Play Director	Alyssa Britten	$580.00 (Step 1)
Student Mentor Program	Michael McGinnity	$1,041.00 (Step 1)
Senior Ambassadors Program Advisor	Vickey Britten	$600.00

2. The appointment of the following teachers as New Teacher Mentors for the 2016-2017 school year at a supplemental pay rate of $260.00:

Mentor	New Teacher
Carrie Canchola	Meghan Carney
Marsha Laska	Melissa Carpenter
Jeanne Norton	Erica DiLuzio
Kelly Wintemute	Tina Flook
Amy Sweet	Nicholas Greer
Terri Fowler	Lindsay Kalika
Mary Beth Brown	Julie McCray
Connie Balek	Dana Meredith

3. The following list of Service Personnel Substitutes for the 2016-2017 school year:

Position	Last	First
Aide/Café/Secretary	Anderson	Michelle
Café/Custodial/Secretary/T. Aide	Blaede	Linda
Custodial	Blount	Jesse
Aide/Café	Cole	Rose
Aide	Fisher	Laura
Café/Custodial/Clerical/T. Aide	Frisina	Ashley
Café/Clerical/Aide	Jackson	Valerie
Custodial	Jukes	Tate
Café/Custodial	Kolson	Darlene
Secretarial/Aide	Moon	Brenda
Café/Custodial/Secretary/T. Aide	Mooney	Nicole
Café/Clerical/Aide	Raines	Lindsay

3. The following list of Service Personnel Substitutes for the 2016-2017 school year (cont'd from above):

Position	Last	First
Café/Clerical/Aide	Scouten	Adrianna
Clerical	Scouten	Michelle
Café/Aide/Secretary	Shampoe	Paula
Custodial	Swanson	Bradley
Custodial/Clerical/Aide	Wiler	Chad
Clerical/Aide	Yatsko	Jennifer

4. The appointment of Emily Troncone as a Long Term Substitute Teacher – Middle School English - beginning August 24, 2016 at a pro-rated salary of $43,527 – Step 2 Bachelors. (Anticipated 83 days – Tiffany DePaul Leave of Absence).

5. The resignation of Tina M. Miller – Grade I Custodian – effective August 19, 2016.

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

NAYS: None

7:46 PM - Director Eastman returned to the meeting

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Nichols spoke about getting ready for the new school year; 10-month employees have returned to work, newsletters and calendars have been sent, band and sports groups have begun practicing, and the service personnel have, again, done an excellent job getting the buildings ready.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

Mrs. Clabbatz informed the Board that Nutrition, Inc. requested the use of the MHS Cafeteria to host a training of multiple school districts. They requested our facility because it so much nicer than any others that they work with.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Directors Baker and Eastman toured the MHS facility with Mr. Munsee to review completed heating and ventilation work. They are both impressed with what has been accomplished, especially with regard to energy savings. All of our facilities are now rated as Energy Star efficient and those numbers will continue to improve.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Frisina to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary