BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 7, 2016

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, November 7, 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 on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for personnel and legal discussion.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Amy L. Allen

Also Present: William A. Nichols - Superintendent; Brenda L. Clabbatz – Business Manager; Sheri L. Yetzer – Assistant Superintendent; Matthew Patterson – Director of Elementary Education; Bill West – Director of Secondary Education; S. Kelly Cragg; High School Principal; Daniel Daum – Intermediate School Principal; Lee Swartzfager – Assistant High School Principal; Teresa Pearce – Primary School Principal

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Ann Clark, Deb Baker, John Johnson, Diego Meneses, Lou Baker, Suzanne Johnson, Elisa Medda, Eva Stadler, Missy Turben, Ririka Oshima, Joyce Cirigliano, Pam Lenz

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the agenda for November 7, 2016.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED MINUTES

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Hajec to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 17, 2016.

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

NAYS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

A. Each of the four Foreign Exchange Students spoke about their experiences so far this school year. All are having a wonderful learning experience and are appreciative for the opportunity to be welcomed by our district.

B. Funding Formula Presentation - Dr. Pamela Lenz, Circuit Rider for PA Campaign for Fair Education Funding, presented information and explained the formula recently passed for State education funding.

C. SPP Overview - Matt Patterson, Dan Daum and Teresa Pearce gave an overview of the recently released SPP scores and the results specific to our District. The following information was provided:

School Performance Profiles (SPP) are Pennsylvania's method of school performance reporting. Scores represent information regarding school's overall performance as measured by state assessments (PSSA) measuring student mastery of the Pennsylvania Core Standards. These scores include an assessment of achievement, growth, attendance and promotion rates in addition to data on the performance of Historically Underperforming Groups of students. CAPS earned a score of 59.8 and CAIS earned a score of 75.4. The discrepancy between the two buildings is primarily factored by the calculations used to determine each building's score.
Trends noted in elementary performance:

- In 2015, no SPP scores were provided for elementary schools due to a yearlong pause in the calculation of scores as ordered by PDE.

- Growth for groups of students continues to improve substantially in grades 4 and 5 with nearly all groups of students meeting or exceeding the growth standard.

- Achievement for students continues to show modest yearly increases. Achievement for the highest achieving students far surpasses their projected level of performance.

- While achievement has improved, scores have not fully rebounded to pre-PA Core levels. This trend is noted across the Commonwealth as well.

Student performance is expected to improve yearly as better instructional practices are instituted in elementary classrooms.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

STAFF COMMENT

None.

APPROVED 2015-2016 AUDIT

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the 2015-2016 School District Audit as presented by Felix & Gloekler, P.C. at the Finance Committee Meeting on 11/7/16 at 6:00 pm:

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED TAX EXONERATION

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Baker to approve exoneration of delinquent property taxes on parcel number 06-006-014.1-013.74. (This parcel at 250 Seminole Avenue was recently removed from the Assessment records based on the determination of no value or existence of each trailer per a field review.)

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED STUDENT EXPULSION

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Hajec 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 9:00 AM on Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR and ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the following:

1. Adoption of the revised academic calendar for the 2016-2017 school year (to make up days cancelled due to the city water crisis on October 3 & 4, 2016).
2. Articulation Agreement between The Institute of Medical and Business Careers (Erie, Pittsburgh) and Corry Area High School / Career & Technical Center.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to approve the following Personnel Items:

1. APPROVED the contract extension of Brenda L. Clabbatz as Business Manager through June 30, 2022.
2. ACCEPTED the resignation of Adam Lamber as Assistant Boys Track and Field Coach effective immediately.
3. APPROVED the addition of Brooke Morningstar to the Support Personnel substitute list for the 2016-2017 school year.
4. APPROVED the appointment of Jared Johnson as a Category I Volunteer for the Youth Wrestling Program for the 2016-2017 season.
5. APPROVED the following bus drivers (employed by D & R Transportation) for the Corry Area School District for the 2016-2017 school year: Nicole Northrop, Suzanne Vik.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS (cont'd)

6. APPROVED the appointment of the following supplemental positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

Contracted Coaching Positions		
Head Boys Track & Field Coach	Andy Passinger	Step 2 $4,357.00
Assistant Boys Track & Field Coach	Ryan Kelly	Step 2 $2,700.00
Head Girls Track & Field Coach	Andy Potocki	Step 2 $4,357.00
Head Baseball Coach (Varsity)	Eric Brumagin	Step 2 $4,357.00
Assistant Baseball Coach (JV/Var)	Josh Daniels	Step 2 $2,700.00
Assistant Baseball Coach (JV/Var)	Adam Brewer	Step 2 $2,700.00
Head Girls Softball Coach	Bob Williams (nd)	Step 2 $4,357.00
Assistant Softball Coach	Frank Snyder (nd)	Step 2 $2,700.00
Recreational Coaching Positions		
Recreational Golf Coach	Skip Laird	$600.00
MS Boys Track & Field Coach	Chad Wiler (nd)	$600.00
MS Girls Track & Field Coach	Chad Wiler (nd)	$600.00
MS Volleyball Coach (7th Grade)	Kelsey Beichner (nd)	$600.00
MS Volleyball Coach (8th Grade)	Pat Goodsel (nd)	$600.00

7. APPROVED the following as Category I Volunteers for the Elementary REC Boys Basketball Program for the 2016-2017 season:

Chad Chase	Nathan Kornikoski
James Cornell	Chad Moon
Jerry Fisher	John Styborski
Joseph Frisina Jr.	Matthew Xander

OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Nichols congratulated the sports teams and ASL for their continued success.

OTHER MATTERS BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Mrs. Clabbatz reported that she has started the 2017-18 budget process and will give updates as needed.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Hajec asked if exit interviews are done for every resignation. Mr. West and Mr. Nichols both responded that formal exit interviews are done for staff resignations. Coaching and other positions are usually done through an informal conversation.

Director Hajec asked if we sent thank you letters to the organizations who donated bottled water to us during the City water crisis. Letters were sent on behalf of the Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Frisina to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary