BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2015

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, November 16, 2015, 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, November 16, 2015 for personnel discussion.

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors: Amy L. Allen, Michael E. Baker, Steven W. Drake, Lonny T. Eastman, Joseph A. Frisina (via phone), Doris P. Gernovich, Linda L. Hajec, Delbert I. Liller, Deborah A. Wood

Also Present: William A. Nichols - Superintendent; Michael D. Andrus – Business Manager; Sheri L. Yetzer – Assistant Superintendent; William West – Director of Secondary Education; Matthew Patterson – Director of Elementary Education; Dan Daum – Elementary Principal; Teresa Pearce – Elementary Principal

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Jeff Brasington, Peggy Gates, Chris Johnson, Amanda Cox, Austin Wanker, Michael Woods

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Drake to approve the agenda and the addendum for November 16, 2015.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF COMMENT

None

APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS

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

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the payment of bills from October 15, 2015 through November 11, 2015 as covered by Board Check Nos. 32069 – 32236 in the amount of $663,918.70; Procure Card Purchases and Wire Transfers in the amount of $493,626.08 (including Board Check Nos. 32051-32068); and Cafeteria Check Nos. 1417 - 1419 in the amount of $60,011.83.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BOARD CHECK NO. 32106

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Baker to approve Board Check No. 32106 in the amount of $35.00, payable to Miss Millie's Proper Petals.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

ABSTAIN: Eastman

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BOARD CHECK NO. 32111

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Wood to approve Board Check No. 32111 in the amount of $350.00, payable to Rossbacher Insurance Service.

YEAS: Directors: Baker, Drake, Eastman Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

ABSTAIN: Allen

NAYS: None.

APPROVED STUDENT EXPULSION (1)

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Baker 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 8:00 AM on November 6, 2015.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED STUDENT EXPULSION (2)

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Wood 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 November 6, 2015.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED STUDENT EXPULSION (3)

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Wood 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 November 6, 2015.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

1. Approved the appointment of Adam Walstrom as the Winter Weight Room Coordinator at a supplemental pay rate of $600.

2. Approved a request for Extended Leave of Absence from Kara Chuldzinski – High School English Teacher – beginning approximately January 25, 2016 through April 1, 2016 (anticipated 45 days).

3. Approved the appointment of Erica DiLuzio as a Long Term Substitute High School English Teacher – beginning approximately January 25, 2016 through April 1, 2016 (anticipated 45 days) at a per diem rate of $46,318 (Masters Step 3).

4. Approved the appointment of Jesse Blount (non-district) as Assistant Wrestling Co-Coach for the Middle School Wrestling Program for 2015-2016 season at a supplemental pay rate of $1,489.50 pending receipt of clearances.

5. Accepted the resignation of Shawn Bedow for one of two FIRST LEGO League coaching positions at the Middle School for the 2015-2016 season.

6. Approved the appointment of Keith Anthony as FIRST LEGO League Coach at Corry Area Intermediate School for the 2015-2016 season at a supplemental pay of $600.

7. Approved the appointment of Michael Gray to the Service Personnel Substitute list (Custodial/Clerical) for the 2015-2016 school year.

8. Approved the following Category I Volunteers for the 2015-2016 season:

Wrestling	Lonnie Peterson (non-district)
Wrestling	Albert Wood (non-district)
Boys Basketball	Garret Dennis (non-district) pending receipt of clearances
Boys Rec Basketball	Chad Chase (non-district) pending receipt of clearances
Boys Rec Basketball	James Cornell (non-district) pending receipt of clearances
Boys Rec Basketball	Nathan Kornikoski (non-district)
Boys Rec Basketball	Robert Mineo (non-district)
Boys Rec Basketball	John Styborski (non-district)
Boys Rec Basketball	Matthew Xander (non-district) pending receipt of clearances

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

FULBRIGHT TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to approve Jeffrey M. Brasington - Special Education Teacher (Life Skills – High School) - to apply for the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program for the 2nd semester of the 2016-2017 school year. (If approved, Mr. Brasington will be paid through the Corry Area School District and his replacement from Finland would be paid by their district.)

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED SHERI L. YETZER CONTRACT EXTENSION

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to approve the contract extension of Sheri L. Yetzer as Assistant Superintendent through December 7, 2020 (current contract expires December 2015) with language changes recommended by the Solicitor and ratified by the Board at a future public meeting.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Nichols gave an update on the meetings he has been having with members of the Amish Community regarding their compliance with State law to provide a minimum of 160 days of instruction or 900 hours. The next meeting is Wednesday the 18th at 5:00 pm. He will continue to work with them until there is an agreement to submit to the State together.

OTHER MATTERS BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Andrus handed out the cash flow review through the end of October. He is hoping that the State money will start flowing by December. According to our current information the District should be able to comfortably get through December and possibly January.

Mr. Nichols added that we continue to hold back on the expenditures that we can and the teachers have been extremely cooperative with limiting their expenditures.

Director Hajec inquired about an early tax bill option with a discount (paying next year's taxes now) to which Solicitor Gornall advised that there are a lot of logistical issues involved, such as the District is not the tax collector – there are elected tax collectors and the District is not bonded to collect that money; the possibility of someone paying early and then selling their property - the seller would then be forced to reimburse that money; the possibility of a county-wide reassessment or a millage change the next year.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Gernovich congratulated Mrs. Cox on being elected to the School Board and further thanked Mr. Drake for his years of service on the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Eastman to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary