BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 12, 2018

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, February 12, 2018, in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Administration Office. President Doris Gernovich called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Board met in Executive Session on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for personnel discussion.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Directors: Amy L. Allen, Michael E. Baker, Joel A. Cook, Amanda J. Cox, Lonny T. Eastman, Joseph A. Frisina, Doris P. Gernovich, Christine A. Johnson
Excused:	Deborah A. Wood
Also Present:	William A. Nichols - Superintendent; Sheri L. Yetzer – Assistant Superintendent; William P. West – Director of Secondary Education; Daniel Daum – Director of Elementary Education; Gail Swank – Intermediate School Principal; S. Kelly Cragg – High School Principal; Susan Barra – Supervisor of Vocational Education
Media:	Erin Passinger – Corry Journal
Guests:	Tallon Sawyer, Mike McGinnity, Jen Dow, Danielle Audet, Chelsey Toplovich, Andrew Passinger, Keith Anthony, Valerie Toplovich, Holly Trauner, Stacy Hirschmann

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the agenda and the addendum for February 12, 2018.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED MINUTES

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 10, 2018 and the Regular Meeting on January 22, 2018.

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None (refer to end of meeting)

STAFF COMMENT

Bill West and Andy Passinger presented information on a proposal to change our graduation recognition process to the Latin System (Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude). The committee began weekly discussions and research in October including a faculty and student survey. The transition would begin with the 2018-2019 school year and starting with the 2020-2021 school year, the District would only use the Latin System to recognize academic achievement during graduation. A brief exchange of questions and answers followed the presentation.

Members of the District Guidance Department were present to share information which included academic, personal social, and career aspects of guidance for students in all buildings. Several questions from Board members were answered throughout the presentation.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative, Chelsey Toplovich, shared information on recent and upcoming student activities - Safe Line activities, Life Skills Spread the Word Campaign, Annual Broadway Dinner Concert on February 23, and auditions for the Spring Musical (The Little Mermaid).

APPROVED NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the following New Business Items:

Unified Track

1. Implementation of an Interscholastic Unified Track and Field team, partnering with Special Olympics Pennsylvania.

Service Personnel Hourly Pay Increase

2. Increase in the Service Personnel Substitute Pay Rate to $10.00 per hour, effective February 13, 2018.

Field Trips

3. Field Trip Requests

3rd Grade Class Trip	(130 Students)	May 24, 2018
Peek 'n Peak Resort		Clymer, NY
Under the Supervision of:		15 Teachers/Parents
CTC	(33 students)	March 6, 2018
Triangle Tech		Pittsburgh, PA
Under the Supervision of:		CTC Teachers (Carey, Jaquith, Dougherty, Daniels)

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED ENROLLMENT AGREEMENTS (UNIV OF PITT and GANNON)

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the following concurrent enrollment agreements:

1. By and between Corry Area School District and the University of Pittsburgh from August 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
2. By and between Corry Area School District and Gannon University from August 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

1. To approve the request for Extended Leave of Absence from Danielle Audet - Secondary Guidance Counselor – beginning March 9, 2018 through June 4, 2018 (anticipated 57 days).
2. To approve the appointment of Alyssa R. Fox as Long Term Substitute Teacher at Corry Intermediate School, beginning March 1, 2018 through May 7, 2018, at a pro-rated salary of $43,283 – Step 1 Bachelors. (Anticipated 45 days for Katie DeSanto LOA).
3. To approve the addition of Denise Long (employed by D & R Transportation) to the list of Bus Drivers for the 2017-2018 school year.
4. To approve the appointment of Tracy Dennis (non-district) as a Category I Volunteer for the Girls Softball program for the 2017- 2018 season.
5. To approve the appointment of Beth Dean (non-district) as a Category I Volunteer for the Student Mentor program for the 2017 - 2018 school year.
6. To correct the contracted supplemental pay for Heather Cline as JV Football Cheerleading Advisor at Step 3 - $1,700.00 – for the 2018 - 2019 school year. (Previously approved on 1/10/18 as Step 1 – should be Step 3)

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEM

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to approve the appointment of Ashley Frisina as a Grade II Instructional Paraprofessional at Corry Middle-High School at a pay rate of $13.25 per hour effective January 29, 2018.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cook, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Johnson

ABSTAIN: Frisina

NAYS: None.

ACCEPTED RETIREMENT RESIGNATION (WILLIAM A. NICHOLS)

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Frisina to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of William A. Nichols – Superintendent – effective June 30, 2018.

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Gernovich re-opened Public Comment

Mr. Tallon Sawyer asked where he could get a list of "prohibited offenses". President Gernovich advised him that instead of a specific list of prohibited offenses, the District requires FBI Clearances for anyone in direct contact with students. He went on to say he has concerns about an individual from the public serving as a volunteer mentor on school property. President Gernovich assured Mr. Sawyer that we have received the proper clearances on all volunteers and we do not have anyone who has five felonies (as Mr. Sawyer stated). She requested that Mr. Sawyer please provide any information he may have if he believes this individual should not have passed his clearances. Mr. Nichols reinforced the information about FBI clearances and that we do not have any individual as a volunteer who has not provided the proper clearances and all the criteria set by the State of Pennsylvania.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

President Gernovich mentioned that a group of Special Education students throughout IU5 districts recently attended a Prom, including dinner and dancing.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

None

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD SUPERINTENDENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Eastman to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:18 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary