BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 6, 2017

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, March 6, 2017, 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 March 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. for personnel discussions.

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors: Amy L. Allen, Michael E. Baker, Amanda J. Cox, Lonny T. Eastman, Doris P. Gernovich, Deborah A. Wood

Excused: Joseph A. Frisina, Linda L. Hajec, Christine A. Johnson

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

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Val Toplovich, Chelsey Toplovich

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Baker to approve the agenda and the addendum for March 6, 2017.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED MINUTES 2-6-2017 and 2-20-2017

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Cox to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 6, 2017 and the Regular Meeting on February 20, 2017.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Wood

NAYS: None.

STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Daum and Mrs. Clabbatz gave an overview and answered questions about the Free Breakfast program at the Intermediate School. This program is paid for through the Federal government.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Chelsey Toplovich updated the Board on several groups including Academic Sports League, wrestling and swimming – all have been busy with end of season competitions. Lead parts for the upcoming Spring musical (The Wizard of Oz) have been filled. As a reminder the dates of the musical are May 5th and May 6th. Additionally, the Middle School and High School both had teams participating in The Battle of the Books competition held at Gannon University.

TABLED EXONERATION OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to TABLE the following Exoneration of Delinquent Property Taxes:

1. Parcel number 06-006-014.3-013.53 – 300 Seminole Ave TR. (This parcel 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: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED EXONERATION OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Wood to approve the following Exoneration of Delinquent Property Taxes:

1. Parcel number 06-006-014.2-013.57 – 233 Seminole Drive. (This parcel 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: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Wood

NAYS: None.

TABLED SALE OF PROPERTY

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Cox to TABLE the request from Erie County Tax Claim Bureau to approve the sale of property commonly known as and identified in the assessment records of Erie County as Index Number 03-003-005.0-018.28 – 13695 W WASHINGTON LOT 19 TRL. Offer is made by Christine Deflora for the sum of $250.00.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED STUDENT EXPULSION

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the expulsion of a Middle School student as recommended by the Board's Hearing Committee due to violations of District policies. Hearings were held at 9:00 AM on Thursday, February 23, 2017 and 9:00 AM on Friday, March 3, 2017.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Baker to approve the following personnel items:

1. The appointment of Margaret R. Roche as Long-Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher, beginning March 6, 2017 through the end of the 2016-17 school year at a pro-rated salary of $43,006 – Step 1 Bachelors. (Joan Thomas Leave of Absence)
2. A request for Extended Leave of Absence from Heather Hixson – Grade 6 Middle School Teacher – beginning February 22, 2017 through the end of the 2016-17 school year (anticipated 70 days).
3. The appointment of Emily Troncone as Long-Term Substitute Grade 6 Middle School Teacher, beginning March 6, 2017 through the end of the 2016-17 school year at a pro-rated salary of $43,527 – Step 2 Bachelors. (Heather Hixson Leave of Absence).
4. The appointment of Sarah Thompson (non-district) as Middle School Girls Track & Field Coach for the 2016-17 season at a supplemental pay rate of $600.00.
5. The appointment of Janet Kurtz (non-district) as the Varsity Football Cheerleader Sponsor for the 2017-18 school year at a supplemental pay rate of $2,400.00 (Step 3).
6. The appointment of Sherri Suchar (non-district) as the Junior Varsity Football Cheerleader Sponsor for the 2017-18 school year at a supplemental pay rate of $1,700.00 (Step 3).
7. The resignation of Adam Walstrom as Summer Weight Room Coordinator, effective immediately.
8. The addition of Amy Allen as a Category I Volunteer for the Student Support Team for the 2016-17 school year.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

1. The appointment of Lee Swartzfager as Acting Middle School Principal, effective immediately, for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year.
2. The appointment of Paul J. Carney, III as Long-Term Substitute Special Education/Learning Support Teacher beginning March 6, 2017 through May 12, 2017 at a pro-rated salary of $45,537 Masters Step 1 (Monica Marsh LOA).

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Wood

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Nichols reported that, for the record, the Foreign Exchange Student from Japan approved at the February 20, 2017 Board Meeting is from Thailand (not Japan).

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

Mrs. Clabbatz reported that the State Audit is complete and announced that there were no findings.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

President Gernovich congratulated the District on the successful State Audit as well as the high star ratings of all of our buildings with regard to energy scores.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:19 p.m.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Wood

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary