BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 24, 2019

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, June 24, 2019, 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, June 24, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. for confidential safety and security updates.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Amy Allen

Also Present: Sheri L. Yetzer – Superintendent; Brenda L. Clabbatz – Business Manager; Daniel Daum – Director of Elementary Education; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds

Media: WWCB Radio

Guests: Julie Krone

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the agenda for June 24, 2019.

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

STAFF COMMENT

None.

OPENING OF BANK PROPOSALS

The District received proposals for banking services from the following: Northwest Savings Bank, PNC Bank, and First National Bank.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the payment of bills from May 23, 2019 through June 19, 2019 as covered by Board Check Nos. 39876–40005 in the amount of $392,666.27; Wire Transfers in the amount of $994,891.58; Payroll Check Nos. 39860 – 39875 in the amount of $9,400.75 and 39921 - 39933 in the amount of $4,147.41; and Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of $410,322.51 and $1,699,346.85; and Cafeteria Check No. 1515-1527 in the amount of $77,150.21.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECK #s 39914

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Cook to approve Board Check No. 39914 in the amount of $27.38, payable to JH Auto Parts, Inc.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Frisina

APPROVED CHECK # 39978

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Cook to approve Board Check No. 39978 in the amount of $212.00, payable to Miss Millie's Proper Petals.

YEAS: Directors: Baker, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Wood

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Eastman

APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS

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

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED 2019-2020 FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the Final Budget Resolution for the 2019-2020 school year.

YEAS: Directors: Cook, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Wood

NAYS: Baker, Cox, Eastman

APPROVED 2019-2020 FUND BALANCE RESOLUTION

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Wood to approve the Fund Balance Resolution for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED HOMESTEAD FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION RESOLUTION

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Cox to approve the 2019-2020 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED JUNE 28, 2019 CHECK RUN REVIEW

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Johnson to approve a June 28, 2019 check run to be reviewed by the Treasurer.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED DISPOSAL OF OUTDATED TEXTBOOKS

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Wood to approve the disposal of outdated textbooks through sale, donation, or refuse.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION FAILED TO APPROVE LAND BANK AGREEMENT

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Erie County Land Bank, the City of Corry and the Corry Area School District.

(Director Baker expressed concern that the School District does not have representation on the Erie County Land Bank Board and he feels there should be a local board here rather than counting on the County. He feels that is cutting representation of our tax payers. President Gernovich stated that she will be meeting with them to discuss having one of the school board members assigned to represent the district. Director Frisina explained that currently there is one member from each of the seven county municipalities seated on the board and Corry is represented by Mayor Dave Mitchell. He also explained that just like the School Board, the Land Bank meetings are public meetings and if a citizen has concerns they can approach the Land Bank Board. Further discussion was held stating that the Land Bank chooses properties to purchase off of the tax lien list.)

YEAS: Directors: Cook, Gernovich, Frisina, Johnson

NAYS: Directors: Baker, Cox, Eastman, Wood

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MOTION FAILED TO APPROVE LAND BANK AGREEMENT (cont'd)

(Dr. Gernovich asked if the vote was four to four. Mrs. Anderson confirmed that the vote was four Yeas and four Nays. Dr. Gernovich announced that the motion failed.

Further comment from Director Baker followed - "I will make a notation - if they put in writing that we have a local board comprised of a variety of people in the board, in the independent public sector and the school board and the city, I'll go along with it but I want local representation in anything that comes up on that Land Bank because you do not know who is going to run this Land Bank in Corry. You know one guy is on the board which is Dave Mitchell but you don't know who's going to be roaming around looking at this stuff or what they're going to be doing with it. We've already got a situation with stuff that goes on, this shouldn't go on. I'm not going to elaborate on it because I've been in the middle of it."

Director Frisina asked if he could change his vote to no. President Gernovich said that he could. Director Frisina changed his vote to no.)

YEAS: Directors: Cook, Gernovich, Johnson

NAYS: Directors: Baker, Cox, Eastman, Frisina, Wood

MOTION FAILED TO APPROVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Cox to approve the enrollment of the following foreign exchange students for the 2019-2020 school year:

1. Laura Ripar from Italy. Hosted by Amanda Williams & Brandon Coccarelli, Corry, PA.
2. Frederik Brolev from Denmark. Hosted by Patty & Larry Scouten, Spartansburg, PA

YEAS: None

NAYS: Directors: Baker, Cook, Cox, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Wood

APPROVED MERCYHURST ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the Articulation Agreement with Mercyhurst University.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSEUS HOUSE AGREEMENT

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the Alternative Education Agreement with Perseus House effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

1. The appointment of Trisha Moats as Grade 1 Cafeteria at a salary of $12.61 per hour (Step 1), effective August 26, 2019.
2. The request for Leave of Absence from Terri Fowler – Secondary Special Education Teacher - from August 23, 2019 through January 17, 2020 (anticipated 94 days).
3. The appointment of Rob Elchynski (non-district) as a Category I Volunteer for Girls Basketball for the 2019-2020 season.

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

NAYS: None.

REVIEW ITEM

New Policy

Review Policy 819 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response (copy distributed at May 13, 2019 Board Meeting, to be approved August 12, 2019).

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Baker asked Mrs. Clabbatz if she will provide a synopsis of the bank proposals to which she responded that she will be putting the details together to share with the board. He also asked if she would share a list of items by department from the budget that are $15,000 and over (ever and above daily operations). A spreadsheet was included with the budget and Mrs. Yetzer will include a copy of that in her weekly update.

Director Cox asked Mr. Munsee to talk about the auction recently held at the Spartansburg building. He believes it went well with a good turnout. The Vo-Tech machinery and kitchen equipment brought in the largest part of the money and it looks like before the auction company fees, the total amount is near $16,000. The playground equipment will be moved in mid-July.

President Gernovich shared that she received a letter from the people at the Blue Zones Project thanking us for the assistance from several of our staff members at the community kick-off.

Director Frisina asked Mr. Munsee to check into the cost of purchasing the equipment used to seal-coat the parking lots. It may be cost effective to purchase that since we use it every year.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

Quotes for the cafeteria flooring and furniture were received today and Mrs. Clabbatz will email those to the Board.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary