BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 5, 2015

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, October 5, 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 6:30 PM on Monday, September 21, 2015 for personnel discussion and at 6:00 PM on October 5, 2015 for legal consultation.

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; Jennifer E. Gornall – Solicitor; Mike Andrus – Business Manager; Matthew Patterson – Director of Elementary Education; Daniel Daum – Intermediate School Principal; Kelly Cragg – High School Principal; Denise Otteni-Jones – Director of Special Education; Lee Swartzfager – Middle High School Principal; Gail Swank – Middle School Principal; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal; Justin Carter – WICU12 News

Guests: Brenda Clabbatz, Ann Clark, Andrea Chelton, Rodney Bell, Charleen Hajec, Chris Johnson, Peggy Gates, Jen Yatsko, Adrianna Scouten, Kimberly Hawkes, Alan Hawkes, Bob Owens

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the agenda for October 5, 2015.

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lucy Cook feels the District is engaged in a fiscal conflict of interest because two of the District's paid coaches are also employed by the local newspaper. She also feels that the District Administration is running the elected School Board instead of the opposite, as Pennsylvania Law requires. (See "Other Matters by Board Members" for responses to Ms. Cook's comments)

DENIED SPARTANSBURG COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Drake to approve a resolution to deny the Revised Charter Application submitted to the District by the Spartansburg Community Charter School on August 7, 2015, for reasons as more fully set forth in the DECISION dated October 5, 2015, regarding the Spartansburg Community Charter School Revised Application, which DECISION is attached hereto and incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth.

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

NAYS: None.

STATEMENT BY BOARD PRESIDENT

Dr. Gernovich read a statement regarding accusations voiced by Andrea Chelton at the September 16, 2015, Public Hearing that District Administrators had harassed members of the Amish Community regarding pre-enrollment for the proposed charter school. After a thorough investigation and interviews with members of the Amish Community, Dr. Gernovich and Director Frisina found these allegations to be completely unfounded.

APPROVED NON-DISTRICT TUITION PAID STUDENTS

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Baker to approve non-resident students from the Titusville Area School District (4 students) and the Union City Area School District (2 students) as school district tuition-paid to attend our Life Skills programs for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED OCCUPATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Wood to approve the list of Occupational Advisory Committee members for Career and Technical Education for the 2015-2016 school year. (List attached to Board Packet).

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED FIELD TRIP

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Hajec to approve the following Field Trip Request (Costs covered by fundraising - no cost to the District):

Cosmetology (30 students)	October 12, 2015
Premier Beauty Classic Hair Show	Columbus, OH
Under the supervision of:	Debbie Bird + 4 others

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOTION by Director Drake and seconded by Director Allen to approve the following personnel items:

Bob Williams (nd)

APPROVED the appointment of Bob Williams (non-district) as Head Girls' Softball Coach for the 2015-2016 season at a pay rate of $3,695.00.

W. Roy Mitchell (nd)

APPROVED the appointment of W. Roy Mitchell (non-district) as Pep Band Director for the 2015-2016 season at a supplemental pay rate of $807.00.

Elle King

APPROVED the addition of Elle King to the list of Service Personnel Substitutes for the 2015-2016 school year (Café/Custodian/Clerical/Aide).

Volunteers

APPROVED the appointment of the following volunteers as Category 1 Volunteers for the Band program for the 2015-2016 season:

i. Charles Atwood (non-district)
ii. Judith Atwood (non-district)
iii. Michelle Scouten (non-district)

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

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

An expulsion hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 8th at 9:00 am. Please let Vicki know if you are available to attend.

OTHER MATTERS BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Andrus reported that because there is no state budget in sight, he has contacted PNC Bank just to be prepared should we need to borrow money. At this point it appears that we are good through the end of December. We have cut back spending tremendously and have taken a few other precautions to slow down spending. He will continue to keep a close eye on everything and report to the Board as needed.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Gernovich thanked Mr. Nichols for his participation in the recent filming of the WQLN "Our Town" video.

Director Liller expressed his appreciation for the teachers, community members and volunteers who dedicate their time to the coaching and advising of athletic and student groups. The hours these people spend mentoring our kids is above and beyond the supplemental pay they receive for their services and he finds it disappointing when people don't recognize the tremendous amount of time these advisors are contributing to our kids.

Director Hajec agreed and added to Director Liller's comments that there is probably not a single coach or advisor here who is in it for the money.

Mr. Nichols added that at times it is challenging to get these positions filled and we often have to advertise to fill some positions.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Baker to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary