BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 20, 2017

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, February 20, 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 February 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for personnel discussions.

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors: Amy L. Allen, Michael E. Baker, Amanda J. Cox, Lonny T. Eastman, Joseph A. Frisina, Doris P. Gernovich, Christine A. Johnson

Excused: Linda L. Hajec, Deborah A. Wood

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, Kelly Cragg – High School Principal; Gail Swank – Middle School Principal; Teresa Pearce – Primary School Principal; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds; Denise Otteni-Jones – Director of Special Education; Michele Miller – Assistant Middle-High School Principal

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Valerie Toplovich, Russell Williamson, Rachel Cragg, Chelsey Toplovich, Andy Passinger

MOMENT OF SILENCE/
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Presented by Mrs. Marcie Proper's Pre-K Class

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Cox to approve the agenda and the addendum for February 20, 2017.

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

NAYS: None.

PRESENTATION

Andy Passinger presented information on the CASD Career Portfolio, which is a compilation of a student's work throughout middle school and high school. The work represents collaboration between the student, their classroom teachers, and the Career Portfolio Coordinator. All students will build a multi-level portfolio and each senior will participate in a Career Portfolio Presentation Day. Each student will present their portfolios to a panel of evaluators, as well as participate in an interview by a panel of career evaluators. Earning a proficient score on the Career Portfolio is a requirement for graduation. Mr. Passinger answered several questions from the Board.

STAFF COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Chelsey Toplovich updated the Board on current and upcoming events; Cheerleading tryouts for the 2017-18 school year are taking place this week and work has begun on the Spring Musical. This year's play is the Wizard of Oz and the dates are May 5th & May 6th.

APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS

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

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the payment of bills from January 12, 2017 through February 15, 2017 as covered by Board Check Nos. 34764 – 34969 in the amount of $923,893.42; Wire Transfers in the amount of $420,645.94; Payroll Check Nos. 34789 – 34810 and 34895 – 34910 in the amount of $7,024.99; Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of $665,939.41; and Cafeteria Check No. 1459 in the amount of $53,685.45.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the request to declare the 2000 diesel van as surplus equipment to be sold by advertised bid.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Allen to approve enrollment of the following foreign exchange students for the 2017-2018 school year:

1. A student from Germany (Host Family – Suzanne & John Johnson, Corry, PA).
2. A student from Thailand (Host Family – Deborah & Leonard Baker, Corry, PA).

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED ESSA TRANSPORTATION PLAN WITH ERIE COUNTY OCY

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Baker to approve the Transportation Plan between Corry Area School District and Erie County Office of Children and Youth to ensure the educational stability of Foster Care Youth: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements.

(Discussion was held regarding the ESSA Transportation Plan and ESSA MOU – both are required by Federal Law. Districts must pay transportation costs for foster children living in the district, should those children wish to return to their home district for education. It was also noted that these are unfunded mandates.)

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson

NAYS: Baker, Eastman

APPROVED ESSA MOU WITH ERIE COUNTY OCY

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Transportation Procedures Agreement between Corry Area School District and Erie County Office of Children and Youth to ensure the educational stability of Foster Care Youth: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the appointment of Brian Patten (nd) as Head Football Coach for the 2017-2018 season at Step 1 pay rate of $5,312.00.

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

NAYS: Cox

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the resignation of Roy Mitchell as Assistant Marching Band Director for the 2016-17 school year effective immediately.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Cox to approve a request from Mrs. Joan Thomas – Elementary Teacher at Corry Area Primary School – for a Medical Sabbatical Leave of Absence beginning February 9, 2017 through the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the resignation of Denise Otteni-Jones, Director of Special Education, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

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

NAYS: Frisina

APPROVED ESSA TRANSPORTATION PLAN WITH WARREN COUNTY OCY

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Baker to approve the Transportation Plan between Corry Area School District and Warren County Office of Children and Youth to ensure the educational stability of Foster Care Youth: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson

NAYS: Baker, Eastman

APPROVED ESSA MOU WITH WARREN COUNTY OCY

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Transportation Procedures Agreement between Corry Area School District and Warren County Office of Children and Youth to ensure the educational stability of Foster Care Youth: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements.

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

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Nichols informed the Board that the Academic Sports League has advanced to the State competition with nine of our students representing the district. In addition, four of our vocational students have advanced to the State level as well. Director Allen asked if those students will be attending an upcoming meeting to tell us about their experiences.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

None.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Allen thanked the custodial and maintenance staff for providing outstanding service over the weekend during a gymnastics tournament held at the Middle-High School. She appreciates that the district allows youth sports to utilize the facilities. Director Frisina added that many parents visiting from outside of the area commented very positively about the cleanliness, condition, and set up of our facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Frisina to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:03 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary