**BOARD OF EDUCATION**
**CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
**March 21, 2016**

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, March 21, 2016, 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 p.m. on March 17, 2016 and at 6:00 p.m. on March 21, 2016 for confidential contract discussion.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Directors: Michael E. Baker, Amanda J. Cox, Lonny T. Eastman, Joseph A. Frisina, Doris P. Gernovich, Linda L. Hajec, Deborah A. Wood

Excused: Amy L. Allen, Delbert I. Liller, II

Also Present: William A. Nichols - Superintendent; Michael D. Andrus – Business Manager; Sheri L. Yetzer – Assistant Superintendent; Brenda Clabbatz – Acting Business Manager; Dan Daum – Elementary Principal; Teresa Pearce – Elementary Principal; Kelly Cragg – High School Principal; Lee Swartzfager – Assistant Principal; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds; Sue Barra – Supervisor of Career & Technical Center;

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Andy Passinger, Mike Woods, Robyn LaSalvia, Hunter LaSalvia, Ann Clark, Megan Simmonsen, Melissa Sperry, Chris Johnson, Peg Gates

**MOMENT OF SILENCE/**
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVED AGENDA**

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to approve the agenda for March 21, 2016.

YEAS: Directors: Baker, Cox, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Wood

NAYS: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Peggy Gates complimented the students and staff for the Intermediate School production of Peter Pan. She also thanked Mike Andrus for his years of service and wished him well in his retirement.

Chris Johnson asked if the District will need to lay off employees due to the State Budget Impasse. Mr. Nichols answered that it is the District's hope that the State will pass a budget before we need to do that. The District is currently looking at the different scenarios and will have more to report at the next Board meeting. Chris also asked if the district would allow volunteers to go into the classrooms if layoffs do occur. Mr. Nichols responded that is unlikely with the Collective Bargaining Agreements in place.

**STAFF COMMENT**

Ann Clark, along with Robyn and Hunter LaSalvia (parent volunteer and student), presented information on the Google Computer Science program being held after school at the Intermediate School. Google provided materials and there are currently 22 students participating along with 3 parent volunteers. In addition to the afterschool program, all students at CAIS trained in programming and robotics for 8 weeks during the school year.

**STAFF COMMENT (cont'd)**

Andy Passinger updated the Board on this year's Prom which is again being held at Peak 'n Peek Resort on Friday, May 20th. The cost of $30 includes dinner (no increase from last year's cost). Coronation will be held before dinner this year instead of after.

Mike Andrus presented information showing different scenarios for the District's budget (for both school years 2015-16 & 2016-17) depending on action - or lack of action – with regard to the State Budget Impasse. He explained the use of the District's fund balance to avoid the need to borrow money for as long as we can. He also advised the Board that the cap on local tax increase would enable the District to only gain a maximum amount of $254,000.

**APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS**

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Wood to approve the Business Manager's Reports.

YEAS: Directors: Baker, Cox, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Wood

NAYS: None.

**APPROVED CHECKS**

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the from February 9, 2016 through March 16, 2016 as covered by Board Check Nos. 32730 – 32947 in the amount of $1,163,487.75; Wire Transfers in the amount of $615,490.56; Payroll Check Nos. 32714-32729, 32731, 32752-32770, 32837-32858 in the amount of $18,547.40; Capital Reserve Check No. 1367 in the amount of $52,250.00; and Cafeteria Check Nos. 1430 - 1431 in the amount of $55,543.94.

YEAS: Directors: Baker, Cox, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Wood

NAYS: None.

**APPROVED BOARD CHECK NO. 32861**

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Hajec to approve Board Check No. 32861 in the amount of $21.50, payable to Allegheny Power Equipment.

YEAS: Directors: Baker, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Wood

ABSTAIN: Eastman

NAYS: None.

**APPROVED BOARD CHECK NO. 32932**

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to approve Board Check No. 32932 in the amount of $216.86, payable to J. H. Auto Parts, Inc.

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

ABSTAIN: Frisina

NAYS: None.

**APPROVED 2016-17 IU5 BUDGET**

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Wood to approve the 2016-17 Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Budget in the total amount of $56,775,966, and further approve the total member districts' contributions to the General Operating (Fund 010) and School Improvement Services (Fund 020) budgets of the Intermediate Unit for the 2016-17 fiscal year in the amount of $1,012,663 with individual member district contributions as determined by PDE.

YEAS: Directors: Baker, Cox, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Wood

NAYS: None.

**APPROVED IU5 ESL CONTRACT**

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the agreement with Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5 to provide English as a Second Language services for the 2016-2017 school year.

YEAS: Directors: Baker, Cox, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Wood

NAYS: None.

**APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS**

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

1. ACCEPTED letters of resignation from the following employees for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year:

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| Michael D. Andrus | Business Manager |
| Charlene L. Meerhoff | High School Social Studies Teacher |
| Christine L. Joy | Early Childhood Education Teacher |
| Susan L. Migliaccio | Title I Teacher |
| Colleen P. Zaczkiewicz | Elementary Teacher |
| Valerie J. Smith | Elementary Teacher |
| Debra K. Bird | Cosmetology Teacher |
| Mary Jo Sekerak | Elementary Teacher |
| Michael S. Catalfu | Grade IV Maintenance |
| Judy A. Catalfu | Office Secretary |
| Rebecca A. McCray | Grade II Cafeteria |

2. ACCEPTED letters of resignation for supplemental positions from the following coaches and advisors, effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year:

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| Christine L. Joy | Dept Head CTC Family & Consumer Sciences |
| Christine L. Joy | Co-Advisor of SkillsUSA |
| Colleen Zaczkiewicz | Middle School Girls' Basketball Coach |
| Colleen Zaczkiewicz | Grade Level Coordinator (5th Grade) |
| Debra K. Bird | Co-Advisor of SkillsUSA |
| Timothy J. Campbell | Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach |
| Timothy J. Campbell | Assistant Football Coach |
| Charlene L. Meerhoff | Student Mentor Program Advisor |
| William C. Saborsky (nd) | 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach |

**APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS (cont'd)**

3. APPROVED the resignation of Kimberly A. Sperry – Grade II Paraprofessional - for the purpose of retirement effective March 13, 2015.

4. APPROVED the addition of Jesse Blount to the Substitute List (custodial) for the 2015-2016 school year.

YEAS: Directors: Baker, Cox, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Wood

NAYS: None.

**APPROVED FIELD TRIP REQUEST**

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the following Field Trip Request:

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| Corry Key Club (3 or 4 students) | May 12-15, 2016 |
| Key Leadership Conference | Stoystown, PA |
| Under the Supervision of: | Tracie Braswell/Nicole Strychalski |

YEAS: Directors: Baker, Cox, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Wood

NAYS: None.

**OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Tentative dates for a Board Retreat – April 11th and 25th (dinner at 5:30; meeting from 6:15 to 9:00)

The 2016-17 School Calendar will be on the next agenda for a revision to change the May 19, 2017 Inservice Day to May 12, 2017.

We are currently in discussions with LECOM to provide required dental exams for students. In addition, we are looking at an agreement for LECOM to provide School Physician services.

We have purchased Narcan, the prescription medicine that blocks the effects of opioids and reverses an overdose, for each of the school buildings. Nurses and administrators have been trained in administering and 911 will be called immediately in the event that its use is needed.

**OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER**

None

**OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Director Cox attended the regional choral program which was attended by 5 Corry students and she feels that these students are performing at the college level.

Dr. Gernovich attended the student production of Peter Pan and was impressed not only with the outstanding performance but also with the behavior of the full auditorium of students. She thanked the teachers for their level of care to all the students, especially our Life Skills students and those with extra needs.

Dr. Gernovich asked Director Wood to schedule a Policy Committee meeting.

Director Hajec expressed her appreciation to Mr. Andrus for his many years of service and his dedication to being the caretaker of the district finances.

**ADJOURNMENT** MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Eastman to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:05 p.m.

YEAS: Directors: Baker, Cox, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Wood

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary