BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2019

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, January 14, 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, January 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. for personnel and contractual discussions.

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors: Amy L. Allen, Michael E. Baker, Joel A. Cook, Amanda J. Cox, Joseph A. Frisina , Doris P. Gernovich, Christine A. Johnson, Deborah A. Wood

Excused: Lonny T. Eastman

Also Present: Sheri L. Yetzer – Superintendent; Brenda L. Clabbatz – Business Manager; William P. West – Director of Secondary Education; Daniel Daum – Director of Elementary Education; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds; Teresa Pearce – Primary School Principal; Melissa Sperry – Elementary Assistant Principal

Media: Bill Stafford – WWCB Radio

Guests: Megan Pound, Bob Williams, Hannah Brewer, Megan Dennis, George Trauner, Jerrad Rimel, Shannon West, Melissa Higley, Michael Lesher, Amy Gray

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA & ADDENDUM

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Baker to approve the agenda and addendum for January 14, 2019.

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

STAFF COMMENT

George Trauner and Jerrad Rimel gave the Board an overview of the Community & School Based Behavioral Health Services provided to children and families in our District by Bethesda Lutheran Services.

Bob Williams provided the Board with information regarding the Softball Team's request for approval to attend a clinic in Pigeon Forge, TN in April.

APPROVED MINUTES

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Cox to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting on December 10, 2018 and the Regular Meeting on December 10, 2018.

(Discussion was held regarding the section "Other Matters by Business Manager" in the Regular Minutes of December 10, 2018. Mr. Baker questioned why the Board did not receive a preliminary budget as was stated by Mrs. Clabbatz at the December 10th meeting. Mrs. Clabbatz explained that it was her recommendation to instead pass the resolution not to exceed the state index of 3.4% because the Special Education exception CASD would qualify for would only raise a minimal amount of additional tax revenue. An email to this effect was sent to all Board Members. The choices are a preliminary budget, or the resolution not to exceed the state index. Therefore, there will not be a preliminary budget unless the resolution was not approved by the Board.)

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORTS

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

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the payment of bills from November 21, 2018 through December 19, 2018 as covered by Board Check Nos. 38844 – 39022 in the amount of $3,062,331.57; Wire Transfers in the amount of $447,204.34; Payroll Check Nos. 38844 – 38858 in the amount of $6,904.07, 38900 - 38910 in the amount of $3,100.83 and 38923 – 38934 in the amount of $1,780.34; and Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of $387,603.62, $359,685.18 and $363,790.30; and Cafeteria Check Nos. 1505 - 1507 in the amount of $61,053.15.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECK #38890 and CHECK #39008

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Wood to approve Board Check No. 38890 in the amount of $199.49 and Board Check No. 39008 in the amount of $414.05, payable to JH Auto Parts, Inc.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Frisina

APPROVED CHECK #38999

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Wood to approve Board Check No. 38999 in the amount of $153.00, payable to Rossbacher Insurance Service.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Allen

APPROVED BUDGET RESOLUTION

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the 2019-2020 Budget Resolution not to exceed the State Index of 3.4% for any local tax rates.

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Wood to approve a request for exemption from real estate property taxes for Emmett M. Foster, 84 Meadow Lane, Corry, PA, per letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED FIELD TRIPS

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Wood to approve the following Field Trip Requests:

(date change – previously board approved on 8/27/18)

Corry Varsity Baseball (17 students)	April 2 - 7, 2019
Cal Ripken Sports Park	Myrtle Beach, SC
Under the supervision of:	Adam Brewer, Mike Lesher Mike Soprano, Brian Arnink
5th Grade	May 31, 2019
Darien Lake	Darien Center, NY
Under the supervision of:	10+ Teachers & Staff

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED GECAC MOU

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Baker to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC) Child Development and Corry Area School District to improve availability and quality of services for children ages birth to five and their families.

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

1. The appointment of Stephanie L. Donoghue as Health Room Assistant at Corry Area Intermediate School, effective January 22, 2019 at a pay rate of $18.42 per hour (Step 1, Nurse II - BSN).

2. The appointment of Elizabeth A. Askins as Special Education Teacher effective January 14, 2019 at a pro-rated salary of $46,486.00 – Masters Step 1.

3. The appointment of Megan Pound as Long Term Substitute Teacher – Middle School Math - effective January 4, 2019 through the end of the 2018-2019 school year (anticipated 102 days – Kuttenkuler LOA) at a pro-rated salary of $43,593.00 – Bachelors Step 1.

4. Accepted the resignations of the following supplemental coaching positions effective immediately:

Elizabeth Anderson	Assistant Volleyball Coach
Heather Cline	JV Football Cheer Advisor
Kaylyn Whiteley (nd)	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
Zachary Shelley (nd)	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
Lonnie Peterson (nd)	Assistant Football Coach

5. The appointment of Danielle Hall (non-district) as a Category I Volunteer for the Wrestling Cheerleading Program for the 2018/19 season.

6. The addition of the following Bus Drivers for the 2018-2019 school year:
   a) Thomas LaBarbera (employed by Suppa Transportation)
   b) James Schmader (employed by Suppa Transportation)
   c) Beth Stroup (employed by D & R Transportation)
   d) Patricia Bowen (employed by D& R Transportation)

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED FIELD TRIP

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Cox to approve the following Field Trip Request:

Softball (30 students)	April 16-20, 2019
Ripkin Experience	Pigeon Forge, TN
Under the supervision of:	Bob Williams, Megan Heil, Erica DiLuzio, Allison Williams

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

NAYS: None

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Gernovich asked the Board to entertain a motion to agree to have the IU perform the 6-month review of our Superintendent at this time at a cost of $300.

APPROVED SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION/IU

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cook to approve the Superintendent's 6-month evaluation to be done by IU5 for a fee of $300.00.

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

NAYS: None

(Cont'd) OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Baker expressed a concern over mandated initiatives that are being presented to the District, including the Blue Zone, and how we will spend our time and money on these. Mrs. Yetzer relayed that although these situations can be frustrating, we will continue to do the very best we can to do what is expected of us. As far as the Blue Zone is concerned, this is a new initiative and Mrs. Yetzer will continue to attend meetings to learn as much as possible regarding the Blue Zone and its impact on the District. Director Baker further expressed concern over the amount of time Mrs. Yetzer will be spending on Blue Zone and whether they will pay us back for that time, given the fact that they are a profitable company. Director Cox made the suggestion that we check into getting reimbursed for attendance at meetings by school district employees.

Director Frisina asked about a charge on the check list for fax machines, which is a monthly charge. Mrs. Clabbatz will check with Andrew to see if this is something we can work to eliminate, or at least, decrease.

The Board Retreat will be held on Tuesday, January 22nd (instead of January 23rd).

Director Cox will have a Policy Committee meeting on Monday, February 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Gernovich is finalizing the Committee List and would like any recommendations given to her in the next day or so. Also, each Board Member was given a Statement of Financial Interests which needs to be completed and returned to Vicki by May 1st.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

No other matters.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Yetzer gave the Board an update on the State's Safe2Say Something kick-off. Mr. Daum and Mr. West did an excellent job presenting the information to our students in grades 5-12 and a letter went home to parents today.

Mrs. Yetzer and Mrs. Clabbatz will attend the School Board Member Training offered by IU5 on February 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Vicki know. (Director Cox stated that she attended a similar training in the past and found it very helpful.)

ADJOURNMENT MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cox to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary