BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 9, 2020

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, March 9, 2020, in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Administration Office. President Doris Gernovich called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors: Amy L. Allen, Joel A. Cook, Amanda J. Cox, Joseph A. Frisina, Doris P. Gernovich, Mandi F. Johnson, L. Jon Maker, William A. Nichols

Excused: Deborah A. Wood

Also Present: Sheri L. Yetzer - Superintendent; Brenda L. Clabbatz – Business Manager; William West- Director of Secondary Education; Daniel Daum – Director of Elementary Education; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds; Teresa Pearce – Primary School Principal; Sue Bogert – Supervisor of CTE; Andrew Passinger – Assistant Principal; Melissa Nuhfer – Assistant Principal

Media: Jordan Schrecengost – Corry Journal; WWCB Radio

Guests: Danielle Elchynski, Travis Carey, Brenda Carey, Mike Woods, Jen Hasbrouck, Marchelle Dyne, Josh Dyne, Shannon West, Gregg Simmonsen, Amy Mumau, Mike Daniels, Tyler Bailey, Lindsay Kalika, Megan Pound, Dale Morgenstern, Daniel Scutella, Julie Krone, Stephanie Bennett, Olivia Whitaker, Rachel Dingfelder, Sarah Rodriguez, Meghan Sisson, Colleen Zaczkiewicz, Kurtis Fox, Craig Jaquith, Jesse Davis, Paula Shampoe, Rachel Cragg, Peggy Gates, Andrew Schmidt

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cook to approve the agenda and addendum for March 9, 2020.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Nichols

NAYS: None.

APPROVED MINUTES 2-10-20 and 2-24-20

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Cox to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 10, 2020, and the Regular Meeting on February 24, 2020.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Nichols

NAYS: None.

PRESENTATION Intermediate School Drama Club gave an abbreviated performance of one of the scenes from their upcoming play, "Mary Poppins".

PUBLIC COMMENT Joseph Frisina, Jr. addressed the Board, stating that his daughter loves Meghan (current Girls Basketball Coach) and the kids will work and do anything for any coach provided to them.

STAFF COMMENT The following CASD teachers addressed the Board with concerns over a recent Corry Journal article submitted by the editor: Mike Daniels (representing several former coaches), Adam Brewer (Head Baseball Coach), Mike Lesher (Assistant Coach for baseball and football), Mike Soprano (Assistant Coach for baseball and basketball), Kurtis Fox (MS Girls Basketball Coach for the past four years). Mr. Daniels provided a statement signed by current and former coaches expressing that they believe it is a mistake to measure successful coaching solely by wins and losses, and that they believe it is the district's job to hold the coach accountable, but not to winning alone, or even to winning first. Mr. Brewer stated that he has never and will never tell his players that winning is what life is about. Mr. Lesher urged the Board to think carefully before they act regarding the article. Mr. Soprano thanked several community members (both district and non-district employees) for the support they have given him since moving to Corry. He stated that it is difficult not to feel offended and criticized by recent comments. Mr. Fox expressed that having talked to many people regarding the article published in the Corry Journal, some are in favor and some are not in favor of Coach Sisson's coaching style. He went on to say that none of the individuals he spoke with agreed with how Coach Sisson was treated in the paper and what was said about her.

APPROVED COMBI OVEN PURCHASE

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Cook to approve the purchase of a combi oven through COSTARS to be paid from the cafeteria fund.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Nichols

NAYS: None.

APPROVED REQUEST FOR BIDS – 2007 VAN

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cox to approve the request to advertise for bids on the sale of the 2007 van.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Nichols

NAYS: None.

APPROVED E-RATE BIDS

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the mini bid for E-Rate to replace the district-wide wireless network and battery backup replacements. Approximate cost is $175,000 with an 80% reimbursement from Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). (It was noted by Mrs. Clabbatz that the actual approximate cost is $145,000.)

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Nichols

NAYS: None.

APPROVED REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Cox to approve a request for exemption from real estate property taxes for Anna T. Morton, 17 W. Congress St., Corry PA, per letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Nichols

NAYS: None.

APPROVED DISPOSAL OF UNIFORMS

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the disposal of obsolete boys basketball uniforms as listed:

Corry Boys Basketball Uniforms: 2000			
Home Tops	Home Bottoms	Away Tops	Away Bottoms
M - 6	M - 5	M - 5	M - 4
L - 10	L - 13	L - 12	L - 10
XL - 3	XL - 1	XL - 3	XL - 2
Total: 19	Total: 19	Total: 20	Total: 16

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Nichols, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Cox to approve the following Personnel items:

1. The resignation of Patti Brown – Physical Education Teacher - for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2019/20 school year.
2. The resignation of Marsha Laska – Family Consumer Science Teacher - for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2019/20 school year.
3. The resignation of Holly Bailey-Middleton – Certified School Nurse - for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2019/20 school year.
4. The resignation of Colleen Bishop – Grade III Head Cook - for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2020.
5. The resignation of Noah Kephart as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, effective immediately.
6. The appointment of Pat Goodsel as Assistant Volleyball Coach (Middle School) for the 2019/20 season at a Step 1 salary of $2,422.00.
7. The appointment of Jordan Schrecengost as Assistant Boys Soccer Coach (Middle School) for the 2019/20 season at a Step 1 salary of $1,772.00.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Nichols, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED EDINBORO & UNIV. OF PITT AGREEMENTS

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Maker to approve the following articulation agreements:

1. Between Edinboro University and Corry Area School District Career & Technical Center. The term of this Agreement shall be for five (5) years from the date of execution (signature of University Legal Counsel).
2. Between Corry Area School District and the University of Pittsburgh. The term of this agreement shall be from August 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

APPROVED FIELD TRIP REQUEST

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

Skills USA (States)	April 15-17, 2020
Hershey Lodge	Hershey, PA
Under the Supervision of:	Dana Kruse

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Nichols, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED FOREST MANAGEMENT

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cox to approve DCNR to perform the following services (at no cost to the District):

- Comprehensive cruise of wood lot
- Establish a formal forest management plan
- Develop a timber sale prospectus and contract
- Oversee timber sale

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Nichols, Wood

NAYS: None.

REVIEW ITEM

Board Policy Section 200 revisions and updates; to be considered at the April 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

None

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

None

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Yetzer distributed the letter being sent home to district families regarding COVID-19. The letter is also posted on the district website and includes a COVID-19 fact sheet provided by the CDC.

Mrs. Yetzer honored the four retirees approved earlier in the evening, adding that they have a combined total of 101 years of service to the Corry Area School District.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Maker to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting 7:52 p.m.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Nichols

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary