BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 6, 2016

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, June 6, 2016 in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Administration Office. President Doris Gernovich called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

The Board met in Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2016 for confidential contract and personnel discussion.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: None

Also Present: William A. Nichols - Superintendent; Brenda Clabbatz – Acting Business Manager; Sheri L. Yetzer – Assistant Superintendent; William West – Director of Secondary Education; Kelly Cragg – High School Principal; Susan Barra – Supervisor of Vocational Education; Lee Swartzfager – MHS Assistant Principal; Dr. Michele Miller – MHS Assistant Principal

Media: None

Guests: Melissa Sperry, Val Toplovich, Rachel Cragg, Stacey Endicott, Carrie Biondi

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the agenda and addendum for June 6, 2016.

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED MINUTES

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 2, 2016; and the Regular Meeting on May 16, 2016 (with the addition of Mrs. Cox's comments at the time of roll call vote on a Supplemental Personnel item).

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carrie Biondi, parent of four students in the District, addressed the Board with concerns regarding a situation in the cafeteria where two of her children were denied lunch because they owed a small amount of money on their lunch accounts. She wanted to point out that she did not receive a notification from the district about any balances due. Mrs. Clabbatz apologized and explained that as soon as Administration was made aware of the situation, they spoke to cafeteria management. Cafeteria staff has been notified of the new charge policy and this should not happen in the future.

STAFF COMMENT

Bill West updated the Board on the changes in the process of selecting Valedictorian and Salutatorian. A committee reviewed the process and inquired with surrounding districts as to their procedures – some districts wait until the last day of classes; some districts have a cutoff date of the end of the 3rd quarter; some districts have chosen to eliminate naming Valedictorian and Salutatorian altogether. Previously in our district, the cutoff date for grades was in the middle of May with students notified well in advance of the cutoff date. Upon the recommendation of the committee, the decision was made to now wait until the last senior finals have been taken and all grades are in. By doing so, the Senior Academic Banquet will be held later and Val and Sal will be announced that night.

Bill West and Sue Barra explained the District's participation in dual enrollment programs and articulation agreements with colleges and universities, along with the benefits and advantages these programs offer to students.

APPROVED SALE OF PROPERTY

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Wood to approve the sale of property commonly known as and identified in the assessment records of Erie County as **03-003-005.0-018.30 – 13695 W WASHINGTON ST EXT LOT 30 TRL.** Offer is made by Robert Brown in the amount of $250.00.

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

NAYS: Eastman, Frisina

APPROVED EQUIPMENT GRANT

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the 2015-2016 Supplemental Equipment Grant in the amount of $11,748.69 for the purchase of a Mini-Mite Basic Foundry Package for Machine Tool Technology and a MEGART Steering Unit for Automotive Technology.

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the sale of surplus weight room equipment by the Grid Iron Club via Craig's List.

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED EXONERATION OF DELINQUENT TAXES

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Wood to approve the exoneration of delinquent property taxes on parcel number 49-020-044.1-020.71. (This parcel at 12250 Route 6 was recently removed from the Assessment records based on the determination of no value or existence of each trailer per a field review.)

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED CONTRACT MODIFICATION
William A. Nichols

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the 2-year extension and modification of William A. Nichols' employment contract, effective July 1, 2016.

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Baker to approve the following New Business Items:

RESOLUTION

Resolution supporting the plaintiffs in the William Penn School District lawsuit seeking fair and equitable funding of Basic Education and Special Education.

BASEBALL FIELD TRIP TO FLORIDA

Varsity Baseball (10th, 11th, 12th grade)	March 2017 (dates TBD)
Walt Disney World – Sports Complex	Orlando, FL
Under the supervision of:	Eric Brumagin + 4

BCCC ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Articulation Agreement with Butler County Community College to provide secondary school students with a continuum of education in Cosmetology Certification (PA State Board of Cosmetology).

GANNON DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual Enrollment agreement between Corry Area School District and Gannon University from August 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

Kimberly Rowland

1. Approved a request for Extended Leave of Absence from Kimberly Rowland – Middle School Special Education Learning Support Teacher – for the 2016-2017 school year.

Katherine Goodwill

2. Approved a request for Extended Leave of Absence from Katherine Goodwill – Middle-High School Learning Support Teacher – beginning August 24, 2016 through October 30, 2016 (anticipated 47 days).

Denise S. Smith

3. Approved the appointment of Denise M. Smith as an Elementary Teacher effective August 24, 2016 at a salary of $55,765 (Masters Step 11).

Erica Bayle

4. Approved the appointment of Erica Bayle as an Elementary Teacher effective August 24, 2016 at a salary of $54,614 (Bachelors 24 Step 11).

Meghan Carney

5. Approved the appointment of Meghan Carney as a Special Education Teacher effective August 24, 2016 at a salary of $43,006 (Bachelors Step 1).

Shantel Kuzma

6. Authorized the furlough of support staff employee, Shantel Kuzma, effective July 1, 2016.

Valerie Woods

7. Authorized the furlough of support staff employee, Valerie Woods, effective July 1, 2016.

Craig Jaquith

8. Approved the appointment of Craig Jaquith as the Assistant Football Coach for the 2016-2017 season at a supplemental Step 1 pay rate of $2,979.

Kimberly Smrcka

9. Approved the appointment of Kimberly Smrcka as Elementary Summer Band Instructor for 2016/17 at a supplemental pay rate of $600.

Rachel Knapp

10. Approved the appointment of Rachel Knapp as Grade Level Co-Coordinators for 1st Grade at a contracted pay rate of $475.

Sandy Henderson

11. Approved the appointment of Sandy Henderson as Grade Level Co-Coordinators for 1st Grade at a contracted pay rate of $475.

Summer Academy & Extended School Year

12. Approved the summer Teaching and Paraeducator assignments for Extended School Year and Summer Academy at supplemental pay rates as per the collective bargaining agreements:

Summer Academy – HS Teachers
Terri Fowler – Science/Biology
Gary Hogue – Social Studies
Ryan Kelly – Mathematics
Adam Lamber – Driver Ed Classroom
Gregory Luther - Mathematics
Stacey Reynolds – Language Arts

ESY Teacher
Olivia Wojcicehowski
ESY Aide
Kimberly Bova
Lori Carney
Debra Mosher
Sandy Puckly

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED STUDENT EXPULSION

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Wood to approve the expulsion of a High School student as recommended by the Board's Hearing Committee due to violations of District policies. A Hearing was held at 9:30 AM on Monday, May 23, 2016.

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED STUDENT EXPULSION

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the expulsion of a High School student as recommended by the Board's Hearing Committee due to violations of District policies. A Hearing was held at 9:55 AM on Monday, May 23, 2016.

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED SCHOOL PHYSICIAN SERVICES

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the agreement with LECOM to provide school physician services for the 2016-2017 school year at no cost to the District. (Note – Directors Cox and Frisina both expressed that they were following the recommendation of the committee.)

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED FIELD TRIP

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the following field trip request for Boys' Basketball (summer league – Mondays in June & July)

Boys' Basketball (27 students)	June / July 2016
Jefferson Middle School	Jamestown, NY
Under the Supervision of:	Tyler Bailey + 2

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEM
Nicholas S. Greer

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to approve the appointment of Nicholas S. Greer as an Elementary Teacher effective August 24, 2016 at a salary of $43,006 (Bachelors Step 1).

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

NAYS: Johnson

OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Nichols expressed his gratitude to Administrators, Counselors, staff and local agencies for the successful graduation ceremony and the handling of the recent tragic loss of one of our senior students. They were available to students and families here at the school as well as making home visits.

Mr. Nichols commented that the four teachers approved for hire are all Corry graduates; three of them currently live in our district and the fourth will be relocating here before the beginning of the school year.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

Mrs. Clabbatz informed the Board that at the next meeting she will be presenting the final budget for approval.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Cox attended the Academic Awards Banquet and was impressed with the achievements of all the students and is proud of every Corry student. She sees the hard work our teachers and administrators are doing to make the consolidation of the elementary schools the best it can be. She stated that if higher test scores and academic achievement were the driving forces behind the consolidation, she feels we may have missed the bus. The President's Education Award, which is only awarded to students with the highest GPAs and scores on the SAT at a national level, was awarded to seven Corry students this year. Six of those students marticulated from either Conelway or Spartansburg.

Dr. Gernovich expressed her appreciation to the district staff members who played a major part in the smooth graduation ceremony, with special recognition to Mr. Cragg, Mr. West, and Mr. Nichols.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Frisina to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary