BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 26, 2018

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, February 26, 2018, 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 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2018 for legal consultation with Attorney Gornall.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Amy L. Allen, Deborah A. Wood

Also Present: William A. Nichols - Superintendent; Jennifer Gornall – Solicitor; Brenda L. Clabbatz – Business Manager; Teresa Pearce – Primary School Principal; Lee Swartzfager – Middle School Principal; Daniel Daum – Director of Elementary Education, Bill West – Director of Secondary Education

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Rex Messenger, John Diamond, Sharon Crandall, Valerie Toplovich, Jackie Joy, Abigail Davies, Kayla Hollabaugh, Kaitlyn Hulings, Jordan Bresler, Andy Passinger

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA and ADDENDUM

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the agenda and addendum for February 26, 2018.

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rex Messenger addressed the Board with his concerns over mass shootings in schools. He asked the Board for their support in the movement to get rid of war guns and asked if the Board would support arming teachers. Dr. Gernovich thanked Mr. Messenger for his comments and advised him that the Board's lack of comments did not mean that they have a lack of passion for any of the things he said to them.

Dr. John Diamond addressed the Board with his opinions to Mr. Messenger's statements and stated that he is pro-2nd amendment, pro-Constitution and pro-American. He supports the hiring of military in schools and does not support the disarming of an entire nation.

STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Passinger gave an overview of the upcoming prom. This is the fifth year holding the event at Peek'n Peak with great success including an increasing number of students in attendance each year. The committee and local law enforcement are working together to find an alternate parade starting point as the traffic from the Route 6 Plaza is of concern. Additionally, there is a day-long seminar scheduled a few days before prom for Juniors and Seniors. This seminar provides a simulator showing the effects of texting and driving under the influence. Each student will participate.

APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS

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

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Cox to approve the payment of bills from January 18, 2018 through February 21, 2018 as covered by Board Check Nos. 37011 – 37230 in the amount of $1,311,457.34; Wire Transfers in the amount of $444,989.48; Payroll Check Nos. 36999 – 37010, 37050, 37088-37096, and 37182-37195 in the amount of $1,052,077.49; and Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of $1,052,077.49; and Cafeteria Check No. 1482-1484 in the amount of $57,751.15.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED STUDENT EXPULSION

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Johnson 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 11:00 AM on February 8, 2018.

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED ACADEMIC CALENDAR

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the adoption of the academic calendar for the 2018-2019 school year (attached).

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED PMI ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the (3) articulation agreements between Precision Manufacturing Institute and Corry Area Career & Technical Center in the areas of Welding, CNC/Machinist, and Electronic Technology (agreements attached to Board Packet).

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS and FIELD TRIPS

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the following personnel items and field trips:

PERSONNEL:

1. The addition of Sara Harrington to the list of Service Personnel Substitutes for the 2017-2018 school year.

2. Accepted letters of resignation from the following employees for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year:

Roxanne Dougherty	High School Teacher
Cheryl Frisina	Elementary Teacher
Janet Jawdy	Grade I Custodian

3. The appointment of Abigail J. Davies as a High School Teacher beginning the first teacher Inservice day of the 2018-2019 school year at a salary of $47,006 (Masters Step 2).

FIELD TRIPS:

1. Gifted & Advanced Learners (45 students) March 22, 2018
   Univ. of Pittsburgh & Duquesne Univ. Pittsburgh, PA
   Under the supervision of: A. Passinger, V. Watrous

2. Prom Decorating (9 students) May 10, 2018
   Peek'n Peak Clymer, NY
   Under the supervision of A. Passinger

3. Skills USA State Competitors (4 students) April 18-20, 2018
   Hershey Lodge Hershey, PA
   Under the supervision of: D. Kruse, E. McCray, J. McCray, T. Lindsey

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEM

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the appointment of Margaret R. Roche as a Long Term Substitute Teacher – Corry Area Primary School – effective January 3, 2018 through the end of the 2017-2018 school year at a pro-rated salary of $43,804 – Step 2 Bachelors.

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED INTERNET SERVICE AGREEMENT

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the Internet Service Agreement by and between the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit No. 5 and Corry Area School District, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023.

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

NAYS: None

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

President Gernovich asked when we would be approving the IU Budget and Mr. Nichols responded that would be in March. President Gernovich handed out the draft list of Board Committees and asked that any changes or questions be directed to her before the list is finalized.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

Mrs. Clabbatz advised that Director Eastman had asked about the payment made to Mitchelltree Brothers for Internet access in Spartansburg. The District pays that once a year. Director Eastman would like us to check on alternative Internet service options in Spartansburg.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Nichols introduced our newly hired chemistry teacher, Ms. Abigail Davies, who will begin in August 2018 for the 2018-2019 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Eastman to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary