BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 29, 2016

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, August 29, 2016, in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Administration Office. President Doris Gernovich called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Board met in Executive Session on August 29, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. for confidential personnel and solicitor consultation.

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 Johnson, Deborah A. Wood

Excused: None

Also Present: Jennifer Gornall – District Solicitor; William A. Nichols - Superintendent; Sheri L. Yetzer – Assistant Superintendent; Brenda L. Clabbatz – Acting Business Manager; Bill West – Director of Secondary Education; S. Kelly Cragg; High School Principal; Daniel Daum – Intermediate School Principal; Denise Otteni-Jones – Director of Special Education; Susan Barra – Supervisor of Vocational Education

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Peggy Gates, Rachel Cragg, Valerie Toplovich, Melissa Sperry, Brittany Keener, Kathy Slye

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Baker to approve the agenda and addendum for August 29, 2016.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED MINUTES

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Hajec to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 1, 2016 and the Regular Meeting on August 15, 2016.

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lucy Cook approached the Board about the district website, suggesting that it include email addresses and contact information for Board members as well as the term dates for each member. She handed out copies of other district websites as examples. President Gernovich advised Ms. Cook that any information she would like for Board members to receive can be given to Mrs. Anderson for distribution.

Peggy Gates (bus driver) stated that she thought the first day went very well. She realizes that being the first day there were some things that will work themselves out as everyone gets into their routines. Director Cox rode with Mrs. Gates on her morning route and noted that the first student was picked up at 6:34 AM.

STAFF COMMENT

None

APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

MOTION by Director Allen and seconded by Director Hajec to approve the Business Manager's Report / Financial Statements

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED TAX EXEMPTION

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to approve a request for exemption from real property taxes for Joan A. Jewell, 227 Railroad Street, Corry, PA, per letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the following Personnel Items:

1. The appointment of Lynette Willis as a Business Assistant, Group C contract, at a prorated salary of $42,500 effective August 12, 2016.
2. The appointment of Tate Jukes as a Grade I Custodian at $13.20 per hour effective August 19, 2016.
3. The appointment of Steven Griffis as a Grade I Custodian at $13.20 per hour effective August 24, 2016.
4. The appointment of Vanessa Vona as Skills USA Advisor for the 2016-2017 school year at a supplemental pay of $1,249.00 (Step 1).
5. The appointment of Jocelyn Martson (non-district) as a Category I Volunteer for the Cheerleading program for the 2016-2017 school year.
6. The appointment of Brittany Keener (non-district) as a Category I Volunteer for the Band program for the 2016-2017 school year.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS (cont'd)

7. The appointment of the following Service Personnel Substitutes for the 2016-2017 school year:

Position	Last	First
Clerical/Aide	McChesney	Penelope
Aide	Hallberg	Elaine

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEM

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the appointment of Hannah Rembold as Long Term Substitute Middle-High School Reading Teacher for approximately 45 days (8/29/16 through 10/31/16) at a salary of $45,537 - Master's Step 1 (Katherine Goodwill Leave of Absence).

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

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Nichols commented on the impeccable and spotless condition of our schools which were ready for opening in record time. We are estimating that we had close to 2,000 parents in attendance at the Meet-the-Teacher events in the three buildings. Mr. Nichols described the new procedure for drop-off/pick-up of students at the Middle-High School which had a few glitches for the first day but should be worked out without any major problems and this procedure is by far the safest for everyone.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

None

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Frisina expressed his concern about the traffic pattern at the Primary School as well as the fact that dismissal for the PreK students is 30 minutes earlier than last dismissal of Second grade at 2:45. He would like to look at the possibility of paving an area on the north side of the building from Wayne Street to Wright Street to help traffic flow. Mrs. Yetzer responded that they continue to brainstorm ideas to make the procedure better and are working with families who have the PreK/Second grade situation. Further questions and discussion took place involving input from Board members, teachers and administrators.

Director Hajec spoke in regards to Director Cox's comments at the June 6, 2016 about students of the 2016 graduating class who primarily began their academic careers at Conelway and Spartansburg and received the Presidential Academic Award, indicating that perhaps closing those 2 schools would not further the overall educational goals of the District. Director Hajec stated that she doesn't believe this one piece of data should ever be used to draw conclusions and that other demographics should be included. She recently requested the same data for the four years prior to the 2016 school year and found that those years do not show any kind of trend like this. She apologized for bringing the subject up again but since it was brought up initially in this setting she thought it only appropriate to follow up in the same setting.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS (cont'd)

President Gernovich had also researched the information Director Hajec discussed and came to the same conclusion.

President Gernovich thanked Mr. Daum for the BLT Luncheon and tour of the Intermediate Building.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Eastman to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary