BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 28, 2019

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, January 28, 2019, in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Administration Office. President Doris Gernovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: None.

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

Media: Bill Stafford – WWCB Radio; Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Andrew Schmidt, Megan Simmonsen, Olivia Panetta

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA & ADDENDUM

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the agenda and addendum for January 28, 2019.

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

STAFF COMMENT

None.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Olivia Panetta gave an update on the activities of Student Council which include fundraising, Homecoming planning for next year, and a survey to students regarding their preference of a formal Homecoming Dance instead of a formal Christmas Dance.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Wood to approve the payment of bills from December 20, 2018 through January 23, 2019 as covered by Board Check Nos. 39023 – 39192 in the amount of $842,543.38; Wire Transfers in the amount of $2,655,933.40; Payroll Check Nos. 39036 – 39043 in the amount of $658.93 and 39091 - 39100 in the amount of $2,175.21; and Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of $352,099.28 and $360,090.82; and Cafeteria Check Nos. 1508 - 1509 in the amount of $51,090.07.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECK #39173

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Eastman to approve Board Check No. 39173 in the amount of $174.81, payable to JH Auto Parts, Inc.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Frisina

APPROVED CHECK #39167

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Frisina to approve Board Check No. 39167 in the amount of $276.00, payable to Rossbacher Insurance Service.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Allen

APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS

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

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the enrollment of a foreign exchange student from Germany for the 2019-2020 school year. (Host Family – Melissa and Aaron Jones, Corry, PA)

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEM

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the appointment of Jeffrey Goodwill as Head Football Coach for the 2019-2020 season at a supplemental salary of $5,312.00 (Step 1).

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

NAYS: Baker, Eastman

APPROVED FIELD TRIP REQUEST

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Baker to approve the following Field Trip Request:

FBLA (5 students)	April 7-10, 2019
2019 State Leadership Conf	Hershey, PA
Under the supervision of:	Erica DiLuzio

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

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APPROVED POLICY REVISIONS (600 SECTION)

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Frisina to approve revisions to the 600 Section (Finances) of the Board Policy Manual as recommended by PSBA and the CASD Policy Committee.

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

NAYS: Baker, Frisina

APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Wood to approve a Leave of Absence for Kristine Graves – Grade 6 Middle School Teacher – beginning February 4, 2019 through April 8, 2019 (anticipated 45 days).

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

NAYS: None

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Cox asked for clarification on snow/weather makeup days. Mrs. Yetzer explained that according to the approved School Calendar for the 2018-19 school year, all makeup days are shown as added at the end of the school year with the date for Graduation as tentative, as we cannot determine beforehand how many weather/makeup days we will have. The District is required by law to have a total of 180 student days/990 student hours completed before graduation ceremony can take place. It is Mrs. Yetzer's intent to build makeup days into each month from January through May for the 2019-2020 school year to hopefully avoid this issue going forward.

Director Eastman inquired about the tractor we are storing in the weatherization building (owned by the Erie County Housing Authority). He would like to know more about liability and insurance coverage involving their building, our equipment and our personnel. He is also wondering if it would make more sense to have our VoTech program build a storage building for the purpose of storing the tractor on our own property. Mrs. Yetzer and Mrs. Clabbatz will look into this issue.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS (cont'd)

Director Eastman asked for an update on the Sparty school building. Mrs. Yetzer said that we are at the point where we need to have that discussion with the Board and what the next steps are. Mr. Eastman asked if the building has been listed on the Pennsylvania docket as surplus property. Mrs. Yetzer explained that we have not moved forward with that process yet and that our Solicitor will be available at the next Board Meeting to assist us in beginning that process. Mr. Eastman's concern is that we have spent over $7,000 on a building we aren't using. Director Frisina asked that we wait to take any action on the property until we receive further information and recommendation from the Solicitor to define the process. Mrs. Yetzer agreed with Director Frisina and suggested that we wait and include all of the motions on one agenda, once we have the correct wording, terms, and conditions from the Solicitor. Director Eastman inquired as to how long the District can have a building sitting vacant before we have to start paying taxes on it. Director Frisina responded that would be until someone contests it. Director Cook asked when the next Property Committee is scheduled (there is not a Property Committee Meeting scheduled). Mrs. Yetzer will notify the Solicitor that we want the Sparty building issue to be handled at the next meeting with the proper wording on the agenda.

Director Eastman asked for an update on the parking lot expansion at the Intermediate Building. There are three different options which need to be presented to the Board. One option will be chosen and the process of getting bids and choosing a contractor will follow.

Director Allen asked about the negative wind chill temperatures later in the week and whether or not we will announce our decisions as early as the night before. Mrs. Yetzer explained that she is watching the weather closely and will notify the school community and public at the earliest possible time.

Director Frisina inquired about postponing and/or rescheduling the D10 wrestling tournament in Ft. LeBoeuf due to the weather. Further discussion was held regarding the possibility of changing the tournament site to Corry on a day prior to the inclement weather; Mr. West will check with our Athletic Director.

Director Baker expressed his concern regarding the Blue Zone project and how much time District employees would be dedicating to it during the school day without Board approval. Mrs. Yetzer talked about the minimal amount of time that she and others in the District have spent on the Blue Zone and that they are just beginning to learn what it is about. There are upcoming focus groups scheduled. Director Baker suggested that because Blue Zone is a "for profit organization" and they plan on using school property for meetings, they need to pay the going rate for anything they use. Mrs. Yetzer stated that she would like some direction from the Board regarding the Blue Zone because this is coming to our community. She emphasized that this is not a School District project and invited Board Members to attend the community and focus meetings. She further explained that the District is not in charge of this initiative and just because representatives are coming to our office to inform us of their mission, she does not feel that we should be charging them for having a meeting with us. Director Eastman also expressed that because the Blue Zone is a "for profit company", we should charge them. Director Allen disagreed with that and emphasized that we should not charge them money for coming in to talk to members of the District. Mrs. Yetzer is looking forward to learning more about what they can offer to our students and families. Director Eastman stated that as a Board, the time to participate in this has not been voted on or approved. Director Allen disagrees that the Board is supposed to vote on micro-managing the Administrators' time and that is not the responsibility of the Board to determine how they spend their day. Mrs. Yetzer feels that as the largest employer in the area, it is important for the Superintendent to be involved in these discussions. She assured the Board her intent is to attend the meetings and find out what they have to offer our kids and that she would never commit funds on the part of the District without Board approval. She asked that Board members please attend the meetings so they can ask questions and learn about the program.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS (cont'd)

Dr. Gernovich thanked the Middle School for the tickets to the upcoming production of James and the Giant Peach.

Director Cox reminded everyone there is a Policy Committee Meeting on Monday, February 4th at 6:00 p.m. and if anyone needs a copy of the 100 Section, please let Vicki Anderson know.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

None.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Yetzer mentioned that because of the snow and weather makeup dates, the date for Graduation is tentatively pushed out to June 8th.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary