BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2015

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, August 17, 2015, 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, August 17, 2015 for personnel discussion.

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors: Amy L. Allen, Michael E. Baker, Steven W. Drake, Lonny T. Eastman, Joseph A. Frisina, Doris P. Gernovich, Linda L. Hajec, Delbert I. Liller, Deborah A. Wood

Excused: None

Also Present: William A. Nichols - Superintendent; Michael D. Andrus – Business Manager; Sheri L. Yetzer – Assistant Superintendent; William West – Director of Secondary Education; Matthew Patterson – Director of Elementary Education; Michele Miller – Assistant Principal; Kelly Cragg – Principal; Dan Daum – Elementary Principal; Teresa Pearce – Elementary Principal; Denise Otteni-Jones – Director of Special Education; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Kara Chludzinski, Edward Sekerak, Brenda Clabbatz, Peggy Gates, Chris Johnson

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Wood to approve the agenda for August 17, 2015.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

TRAP TEAM RECOGNITION

Coaches and members of the Trap Team talked about their 2015 season. The JV Team took first place in the Pennsylvania State competition and several team members traveled to Sparta, Illinois where they finished fourth in the nation. During the year, team members also spend time working together at several fundraising events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peggy Gates – Mrs. Gates addressed the Board about the recent installation and demonstration of the new bus cameras. Mrs. Gates stated that at first she was skeptical about the cameras but after seeing how well they work, she is very pleased and impressed with the how clear the film is and how far the cameras capture images both inside and out. She believes the camera purchase is a very wise investment.

PUBLIC COMMENT (cont'd)

Edward Sekerak – Mr. Sekerak expressed that he is opposed to the School Board approving requests from the Corry Neighborhood Initiative to give tax forgiveness on select properties. He feels it is primarily a benefit for just the City of Corry while the funds are coming out of the tri-county school district and does not benefit all the municipalities which pay taxes in the district.

STAFF COMMENT

None

APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Drake to approve the Business Manager's Reports.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Allen to approve the payment of bills from June 26, 2015 through August 12, 2015 as covered by Board Check Nos. 31423 – 31678 in the amount of $1,032,257.47; Procure Card Purchases and Wire Transfers in the amount of $1,255,304.99; and Cafeteria Check Nos. 1393 - 1402 in the amount of $100,976.05.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BOARD CHECK NO 31473 and BOARD CHECK NO 31659

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Wood to approve the payment of Board Check No. 31473 in the amount of $171.70 and Board Check No. 31659 in the amount of $36.07, payable to J H Auto Parts.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

ABSTAIN: Frisina

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BOARD CHECK NO 31517

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to approve the payment of Board Check No. 31517, payable to Rossbacher Insurance Co. in the amount of $14,144.00.

YEAS: Directors: Baker, Drake, Frisina, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

ABSTAIN: Allen

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BNI LEASE AGREEMENT

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Wood to approve the agreement with Barber National Institute to lease designated classroom space and equipment at Corry Area Primary School for the 2015-2016 school year.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED DISPOSAL OF BASKETBALL JERSEYS

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Wood to approve a request for permission from the Head Basketball Coach to dispose of 75 basketball jerseys (20+ years old). Jerseys are not in good enough condition to sell or donate.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

TABLED PROPERTY TAX FORGIVENESS

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Allen to table the following requests from Corry Neighborhood Initiative:

1. To approve the request from Corry Neighborhood Initiative to forgive property taxes on Tax Parcel # 05032177000300, 218 East Church Street, for tax years 2012 to February 2015, in the amount of $1,098.01.

2. To approve the request from Corry Neighborhood Initiative to forgive property taxes on Tax Parcel # 05028189001900, 419 East Pleasant Street, for tax years 2013 to March 2015, in the amount of $503.25.

[Director Frisina commented on Mr. Sekerak's earlier concerns and feels that other communities in the District do have the same opportunities that Corry has in regards to getting rid of blighted properties. Any requests would be given consideration as long as the properties are deemed condemned by an official officer. Mr. Nichols stated that all of the properties under consideration have been condemned by the Code Enforcer; they are not repairable and we are not receiving any tax dollars from them. The properties cannot be purchased outright until taxes have been paid or forgiven. Director Eastman asked if there is a plan in place for these properties once they are cleared. Corry Neighborhood Initiative is a non-profit organization and they are trying to stretch their dollars as far as they can. Director Baker feels we already have an excess number of properties where tax forgiveness has been given and he would like to see a plan in writing that explains the process and how they plan to dispose of these properties once they take ownership. Director Eastman would also like to see a plan in writing. Director Drake asked if there is a way for the school district to get back the taxes that are written off, once these properties are sold. Mr. Nichols will ask CNI to attend the next Board Meeting.]

APPROVED CONTRACT – M. ANDRUS

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Wood to approve the contract for Michael D. Andrus for a 5-year term beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED AMENDED 2015 LIST OF GRADUATES

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Hajec to approve the amended list of graduates (additions) of the Corry Area High School Class of 2015.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PYRAMID HEALTCARE AGREEMENT

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Hajec to approve the Letter of Agreement with Pyramid Healthcare for the Student Assistance Program (SAP) for drug and alcohol counseling for the 2015-2016 school year.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

LEE SWARTZFAGER

1. The appointment of Lee C. Swartzfager as Assistant Principal at the Middle High School, effective August 18, 2015 (260-day contract) at a salary of $72,500.

MICHELE A MILLER

2. The appointment of Dr. Michele A. Miller as Assistant Principal effective July 1, 2015 (220-day contract), to manage several programs, including but not limited to, District Cyber, Homeless Initiative, Grants and other programs.

MELISSA M CURTIS

3. The appointment of Melissa M. Curtis as an Elementary Teacher (Masters Step 1) at a salary of $45,278 effective August 24, 2015.

KURTIS A FOX

4. The appointment of Kurtis A. Fox as an Elementary Teacher (Bachelors Step2) at a salary of $43,352 effective August 24, 2015.

KURTIS A FOX

5. The appointment of Kurtis A. Fox as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for the 2015-2016 season at a supplemental pay rate of $2,979.

DEANNA HINMANN

6. The resignation of Deanna Hinman as Assistant Girls Varsity Track Coach effective immediately.

ROY MITCHELL (nd)

7. The appointment of Roy Mitchell (non-district) as Assistant Band Instructor for the 2015/16 school year at a supplemental pay rate of $1,305.

JOCELYN Martson (nd)

8. The appointment of Jocelyn Martson (non-district) as a Category I Volunteer for the Cheerleading program for the 2015-2016 school year.

9. The following attached list of Service Personnel Substitutes for the 2015-2016 school year (list attached on the last page of minutes).

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BUS ROUTES, ETC.

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the 2015-2016 Corry Area School District student transportation, contractors, drivers, routes and stops as presented.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Policy 610 (Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation) will be placed on next month's agenda for voting.

OTHER MATTERS BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Cafeteria software has been updated and the cashiers have been trained. This allows parents to make payments online with debit or credit cards as well as to view purchases being made by their children.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Gernovich reported that we have been notified that the District will be receiving a revised application from the Spartansburg Community Charter School. An electronic version was sent to the District's solicitor on August 7th but no hard copies have been provided. Directors Allen, Frisina and Baker voiced their concerns that the Board Members don't have access to hard copies of the application which makes it impossible for Board Members to review the application while the clock is ticking on the 45-day review. Mr. Nichols will let the Board Members know when SCCS provides hard copies.

Directors Frisina and Hajec requested that the report done by the Treasurer's office be changed to a different format. Mr. Andrus will talk to the Treasurer.

ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Drake, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Liller, Wood

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary

Service Personnel Substitutes for the 2015-2016 school year

Position	Last	First
Café/Custodial/Clerical	Burlingame	Soudan
Aide	Carney	Meghan
Café	Dyne	Marcelle
Aide	Fisher	Laura
Café/Custodial/Clerical/T. Aide	Frisina	Ashley
Café/Clerical/Aide	Jackson	Valerie
Custodial	Jukes	Tate
Café/Custodial	Kolson	Darlene
Café/Clerical/Aide	Raines	Lindsay
Café/Clerical/Aide	Scouten	Adrianna
Café/Aide/Secretary	Shampoe	Paula
Custodial	Swanson	Bradley
Clerical/Aide	Webb	Jill