BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2018

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, March 12, 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 on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. for personnel discussion.

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
Excused:	Deborah A. Wood
Also Present:	William A. Nichols - Superintendent; Sheri L. Yetzer – Assistant Superintendent; William P. West – Director of Secondary Education; Daniel Daum – Director of Elementary Education; Gail Swank – Intermediate School Principal; S. Kelly Cragg – High School Principal; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds
Media:	Erin Passinger – Corry Journal
Guests:	Caleb Mitulski, Ashley Parsons, Jasmine Simmons, Jack Hasbrouck, Payge Bailey, Ann Clark, Andrew Schmidt

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REMOVED AGENDA ITEM

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to remove Item C under New Business from the agenda (to approve agreements with Networking Technologies).

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cox to approve the agenda for March 12, 2018, with the above mentioned correction.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED MINUTES

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 12, 2018 and the Regular Meeting on February 26, 2018.

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Chelsey Toplovich was not able to attend the Board Meeting but shared a handout with an update on recent and upcoming student activities. (Director Allen read Miss Toplovich's handout to the Board)

APPROVED REQUEST FOR BIDS (Medical and Athletic Supplies)

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to approve the request to go out for bids for athletic equipment and medical supplies.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED VETERAN TAX EXEMPTION

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Frisina to approve a request for exemption from real estate property taxes for Rexford C. Nichols, 12970 Lovell Road, Corry, PA, per letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED STUDENT EXPULSION

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Eastman 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 10:00 AM on March 8, 2018.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSEUS PARTIAL PROGRAM

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Eastman to approve a Partial Program contracted with Perseus House. (A Partial Program is a short-term placement for students needing intensive support.)

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

1. The resignation of Connie Balek – Elementary Teacher - for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
2. The resignation of Kimberly B. Rowland – Middle School Special Education Teacher – effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
3. The resignation of Debbie L. Bliss - Grade I Custodian – effective February 28, 2018.
4. The appointment of Amy Clabbatz (non-district) as a Category I Volunteer for the Student Mentoring program for the 2017-2018 school year.
5. The resignation of Sarah Thompson (non-district) as Middle School Girls Track & Field Coach effective immediately.
6. The appointment of John Styborski (non-district) as the Middle School Girls Track & Field Coach for the 2017-2018 season at a pay rate of $600.
7. The appointment of Terry Holthouse as a Temporary Summer Employee at a base pay rate of $10.00/hour.

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

NAYS: None.

DISCUSSION

Andrew Schmidt answered questions and explained the previously deleted agenda item regarding the agreements with Network Technologies to provide fiber optic cabling/installation and network equipment. Andrew explained that these agreements are contingent on E-Rate Funding and that the District will pay no more than 20% of the total, with the Federal Government covering the other 80%. Director Baker had several questions regarding equipment, energy costs, and heating and cooling issues that could arise. Andrew explained that the equipment being installed will be much more energy efficient than what is being replaced. Additionally, the equipment being replaced is over 15 years old. Several contractors bid on the project with Network Technologies coming in with the best bid.

APPROVED ITEM FOR VOTING

MOTION BY Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cox to place the Network Technologies item back on the agenda for voting purposes.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED NETWORKING TECHNOLOGIES CONTRACTS

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to approve the agreements with Networking Technologies to provide fiber optic cabling/installation and network equipment (copies mailed with Board Packet). Agreements are contingent on E-Rate Funding, with District cost not to exceed 20% of contract total.

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

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

President Gernovich asked the Board members to review the IU Executive Summary prior to the next meeting when we will vote on that item. She complimented the staff, administration, and local police department for working together during the recent school threat. She also expressed her appreciation for the Beauty & The Beast play presented by the 3rd through 5th grade students and thanked the staff, students, parents, and grandparents for their hard work and dedication.

Director Allen thanked the students in attendance at the Board Meeting. Many senior students were there as part of their graduation projects.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

Mrs. Clabbatz will be scheduling a Finance Committee Meeting to include a budget presentation with time for questions and answers.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Nichols asked for one or two Board Members to attend an expulsion hearing on Thursday, March 15th at 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Eastman to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:29 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary