BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 20, 2016

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, June 20, 2016, 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, Amanda J. Cox, Lonny T. Eastman, Doris P. Gernovich, Linda L. Hajec, Deborah A. Wood

Excused: Joseph A. Frisina, Christine A. Johnson, Deborah A. Wood

Also Present: William A. Nichols - Superintendent; Brenda Clabbatz – Acting Business Manager; Sheri L. Yetzer – Assistant Superintendent; William West – Director of Secondary Education; Susan Barra – Supervisor of Vocational Education; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Stacey Bromley, Herbert Bromley, Kim Caldwell, Valerie Toplovich, Melissa Sperry, Andrea Chelton, Scott Chelton, Janelle Klawuhn, James Klawuhn, Terrance Fisher, Rhonda Hopkins, Bob Hopkins

MOMENT OF SILENCE/
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Baker to approve the agenda and addendum for June 20, 2016.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stacey Bromley asked Mr. Nichols if he is affiliated with the Little Beavers League and whether he gave the Little Beavers League permission to paint over the work the Conelway League had done. Mr. Nichols replied that he has no affiliation with that League, nor did he authorize them to paint anything. He did tell them they could use the field for their games and practices.

Terrance Fisher lives across the street from the Spartansburg fields and he requested that the District put up some type of "children at play" or "playground" sign to let people know to slow down.

James Klawuhn expressed his disappointment in the way the Conelway Rec League was treated by the Board and Administration. He feels there was an agreement with the District giving their league exclusive rights to the use of the ball fields in Spartansburg. Director Allen asked Mr. Klawuhn if there is a contract giving them exclusive rights; he said he thinks there is. Dr. Gernovich asked Mr. Klawuhn when their league would be finished for the season and he responded with July 8th but originally they were to be done June 18th or 25th. Director Eastman clarified with Mr. Klawuhn that there was a list of improvements (that Director Eastman initialed) given to Mr. Andrus (former Business Manager). Director Eastman also clarified that he does not have any authority as an individual. Mr. Nichols asked to clarify that when he was at the Spartansburg ball fields he did ask Mrs. Chelton (Little Beavers League) to leave the field that evening. Mr. Nichols further clarified that he did not ask Mrs. Chelton to leave the field because the Conelway Rec League had exclusive rights; he asked them to leave to allow the District to settle the situation and share the fields so all the kids can play. At that time, he was to have a meeting with the Conelway Rec League and he would try to get the fields shared because the Conelway Rec League would be ending their season before the Little Beavers League would begin their season. The document that was signed by the District for the Conelway League is only permission to use the field; it is not a lease agreement granting exclusive rights. The Little Beavers also have a document signed for permission to use the field with different dates and times. Director Cox asked Mr. Klawuhn if he removed the improvements his league made to the fields and he said that some of them were removed. Specifically they removed the boards that were replaced on the bleachers because the other league painted them. He feels that because they are treated lumber, the paint is sticky and they removed the boards to prevent them from being destroyed. Director Cox and Mr. Klawuhn both agreed that the adults should behave as adults and do what is right for the kids.

Andrea Chelton, Treasurer of the Little Beavers League and a coach, told the Board when she was trying to have a practice on one of the fields, Mrs. Bromley was screaming at her. Mrs. Chelton feels there is no reason why both leagues can't be using the fields. Her team was simply having a practice on one of the fields which was not in use and all of their games are scheduled after the Conelway League's season is over. She also feels that the way the boards on the bleachers were ripped out presents a danger to children. She would like to see everyone cooperate because this is for the kids. Mr. Nichols clarified that he is the one who called the State Police, not on a specific person but because he received a call that there was a conflict and he did not know what he would be walking into. Director Eastman asked Mrs. Chelton if her league pulled some stakes out of the other field on that evening. Mrs. Chelton responded no.

STAFF COMMENT

None

APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT

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

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Hajec to approve the payment of bills from May 12, 2016 through June 15, 2016 as covered by Board Check Nos. 33252 – 33256, 33291 – 33337, 33355 – 33407, and 33425 - 33474 in the amount of $1,113,045.44; Wire Transfers in the amount of $1,100,925.23; Payroll Check Nos. 33151 – 33164, 33257 – 33290, 33338 – 33354, 33408 - 33424 in the amount of $22,839.63; Capital Reserve Check Nos. 1369 – 1370 in the amount of $41,458.95 and Cafeteria Check Nos. 1438 - 1442 in the amount of $127,757.53.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BOARD CHECK NO. 33373

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Eastman to approve Board Check No. 33373 in the amount of $14,676.00, payable to Rossbacher Insurance Service.

YEAS: Directors: Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Allen

APPROVED JUNE 30, 2016 CHECK RUN

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Cox to approve a June 30, 2016 check run to be reviewed by the Treasurer.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None.

APPROVED 2016-2017 FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the Final Budget Resolution for the 2016-2017 school year.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None.

APPROVED FUND BALANCE RESOLUTION

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the Fund Balance Resolution for the 2016-2017 school year.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None.

APPROVED 2016-2017 HOMESTED FRAMSTEAD RESOLUTION

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Cox to approve the 2016-2017 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

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 Arthur L. Fuller, Jr., 14461 Akam Road, Corry, PA, per letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None.

APPROVED VAN BID REQUEST

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Hajec to approve permission to go out for bids for a new van to replace the 2000 van.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PAVING PROJECT

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Hajec to approve Seal Master as the vendor to supply equipment and materials to seal the Middle High School main parking lot and bus parking area. (Note – Discussion was held regarding the paving process, how many days the project would take, and the estimated cost. The estimated cost includes equipment rental and material. School District employees will be providing the labor. Director Baker noted that the total cost exceeds the District's bid policy limit of $10,000. Mrs. Clabbatz reported that there are no other companies in the area who rent this type of equipment and that the State's bid policy is $19,400 so the State's policy is not being violated.)

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGES

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Hajec to approve date changes to the 2016-2017 Board Meeting Schedule (revised schedule attached).

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None.

APPROVED 2016 LIST OF GRADUATES

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Hajec to approve the list of graduates of the Corry Area High School Class of 2016.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

1. Approved the appointment of Erica DiLuzio as High School English Teacher effective August 24, 2016 at a salary of $46,577 (Master's Step 3).

2. Approved the appointment of Michael Daniels as Drivers Ed Classroom Teacher for Summer Academy (runs for 5 days – June 27th through July 1st from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm) at a supplemental pay rate as per the collective bargaining agreements.

3. Approved the appointment of the following supplemental positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

Roy Mitchell (nd)	Assistant Band Director	$1,620.00
Stephanie Cicero (nd)	Assistant Band Director	$1,620.00
Jeffrey Styborski (nd)	Assistant Band Director	$1,620.00
Lucas Jones (nd)	Assistant Band Director	$1,620.00
Roy Mitchell (nd)	Pep Band Director	$823.00

4. Approved the appointment of the following list of Continuous Category I Volunteers for the Youth Football Program for the 2016/17 season:

Jerry Fisher (non-district)
Charles Gates (non-district)
William Moats (non-district)
Devin Tasker (non-district)

Approved the appointment of the following list of contracted supplemental positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

Grade Level Coordinator Kindergarten	Kelly Mosher	$1,100.00
Grade Level Coordinator Grade 2	Amy Sweet	$950.00
Grade Level Coordinator Grade 3	Constance Balek	$950.00
Grade Level Coordinator Grade 4	Shellie Zaczkiewicz	$950.00
Grade Level Co-Coordinator Grade 5	Julie Brundage	$475.00
Grade Level Co-Coordinator Grade 5	Stacie Smith	$475.00
Grade Level Coordinator Grade 6	Shannon West	$950.00
Department Head – Fine Arts	Mary Beth Brown	$950.00
Department Head – Health & Phys. Ed.	Patti Brown	$950.00
Department Head – MHS Lang Arts/For. Lang.	Andrew Passinger	$1,100.00
Department Head – MHS Mathematics	Thomas Brady	$950.00
Department Head – MHS Science	Roxann Dougherty	$1,100.00
Department Head – MHS Social Studies	Michael Woods	$950.00
Department Head – MHS Special Education	Terri Fowler	$1,100.00
Department Head – Music	Kimberly Smrcka	$950.00
Department Head – Technology	Travis Carey	$950.00
Department Head – Title I	Cheryl Frisina	$1,100.00
District Wellness Coordinator	Patti Brown	$1,500.00
District Chemical Management Coordinator	Roxann Dougherty	$600.00

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None.

APPROVED AGREEMENTS

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to approve the following agreements:

1. Articulation agreement between Great Lakes Institute of Technology and Corry Area School District to provide CASD Health Occupations students with the opportunity to earn advanced placement credits.
2. Letter of Agreement with The Meadows Universal Community Behavioral Health Center for the 2016-2017 school year.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None.

ACCEPTED P. MORTON RESIGNATION

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Baker to accept the resignation of Pamela J. Morton – Special Education Secretary – effective August 4, 2016.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Nichols spoke regarding the new state funding formula, which has been approved. In this formula, if a district doesn't tax at an appropriate level, then it will lose state funding (because we have access to more money that we are not taking). In other words, if we don't tax the minimum base, we're not getting maximum money from the state. Director Hajec asked if what they're calling an appropriate level is a percentage or does it include the property values? Both Mr. Nichols and Mrs. Clabbatz stated that we don't know the answer to that yet. Director Baker asked whether property assessments for each community include non-profits, to which the answer is no – only taxpaying properties are included. Director Eastman stated that our district was previously at the top of the taxing districts but at this point we are in the middle and Mr. Nichols agreed. Because of this, our district really needs to watch how the new funding formula relates to our taxing level.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

Mrs. Clabbatz mentioned to the Board that the she forwarded an email to them containing an audit planning memo from Felix & Gloekner, our local audit firm. If there are any questions regarding the audit, Greg Reubin's email address is also included in the email or questions can be directed through Mrs. Clabbatz.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Baker asked Mr. Munsee for an update on SmartEdge and offered himself and Director Eastman to take a tour when everything is finalized.

Director Cox spoke about last year's School Board election where she was mistakenly left off the ballot. Director Cox claims that a phone call made by District Solicitor Jennifer Gornall reversed a decision by the Erie County Voter Services Office to initially correct the error and that Mr. Talarico, Solicitor for Erie County, told Mrs. Cox that Attorney Gornall called the voter services office and mounted an objection to her placement on the ballot. Director Allen expressed her disbelief that just a phone call from an attorney could reverse such a decision. Director Cox then asked the Board members and Mr. Nichols if any of them had directed Attorney Gornall to make an objection. Board members and Mr. Nichols all stated they did not. Mr. Nichols did say that he was in contact with Attorney Gornall during that time but only to clarify what was happening with the situation.

President Gernovich expressed her appreciation for the work Director Cox has been doing on behalf of the Board. Director Hajec agreed with President Gernovich and added that she supports Director Cox in her in her fight with them (the Erie County Voter Services Office); she stated that they were and are in the wrong.

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, Cox, Eastman, Gernovich, Hajec

NAYS: None

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary