BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 2, 2015

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, November 2, 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 6:30 PM on Monday, November 2, 2015 for personnel discussion.

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors: Amy L. Allen, Michael E. Baker, Steven W. Drake, Joseph A. Frisina (via phone), Doris P. Gernovich, Linda L. Hajec, Delbert I. Liller, Deborah A. Wood

Excused: Lonny T. Eastman

Also Present: William A. Nichols - Superintendent; Mike Andrus – Business Manager; Sheri L. Yetzer – Assistant Superintendent; Matthew Patterson – Director of Elementary Education; Bill West – Director of Secondary Education; Kelly Cragg – High School Principal; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds; Andrew Schmidt – Network Administrator

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Valerie Toplovich, Brenda Clabbatz, Michael Woods, Peggy Gates, Chris Johnson

MOMENT OF SILENCE/
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the agenda for November 2, 2015.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED MINUTES

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Wood to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 5, 2015 and the Regular Meeting on October 19, 2015.

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lucy Cook began by saying she is pleased that the District has been videotaping the Board meetings. She expressed her concern about the level of collusion between the School Board and the local paper, saying she feels the Board uses the newspaper as their own public relations arm. She continued on about the Corry Journal, their deadlines for political articles and letters to the editor. Ms. Cook gave a typed handout to the Board members where she refers to the District as Corry "City" School District instead of Corry "Area" School District (see Other Matters by Board Members on page 4 for Board Member response to this reference).

STAFF COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

Bill West updated the Board with a PowerPoint presentation on the SIG Grant, which has now come to an end. Bill talked about the different goals and their outcomes as well as the many systematic changes which were applied and will allow the District to move forward with these initiatives.

APPROVED 2014-2015 SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Wood to approve the 2014-2015 School District Audit as presented by Felix & Gloekler, P.C.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED TAX EXONERATION

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Wood to approve exoneration of delinquent property taxes on parcel number 49-016-032.1-003.57. (This parcel was recently removed from the Assessment records based on the determination of no value or existence of each trailer per a field review.)

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED STUDENT EXPULSION

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Wood to approve the expulsion of a Middle School student as recommended by the Board's Hearing Committee due to violations of District policies. A Hearing was held at 11:00 AM on October 26, 2015.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Baker to approve the following personnel items:

Jessica Calabrese

ACCEPTED the resignation of Jessica Calabrese as Assistant Academic Team Coach, effective immediately.

SUPPLEMENTAL & ATHLETIC PROGRAM COACHES

APPROVED the appointment of the following Supplemental / Athletic Program Coaches for the 2015-2016 school year:

Stage Crew Advisor	Victoria Britten	$1,721.00
7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach (rec)	Bill Saborsky (non-district)	$600.00
7th Grade Volleyball Coach (rec)	Kelsey Beichner (non-district)	$600.00

VOLUNTEERS

APPROVED the following Category I Volunteers for the 2015-2016 season:

Robotics	Kyle Adams (non-district)
Wrestling	Timothy Suydan (non-district) pending receipt of clearances
Basketball (rec)	Tim Joncas (non-district)
Band	Valeri Raymond (non-district)

SERVICE PERSONNEL

APPROVED the appointment of the following Service Personnel Substitutes for the 2015-2016 school year pending submission of all clearances to the District:

Café / Custodial	Kyle Adams
Café / Clerical / Aide	Erin Hartman

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

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Nichols will be attending a meeting with representatives from the Amish Community and from PDE to discuss some issues regarding attendance and required number of instructional hours. The Titusville School District is also included in this meeting.

Mr. Nichols passed along congratulations to Andrew Schmidt and his team for the positive recognition our district is receiving from Google.

He also recognized Bill West and his team of teachers for their work with the SIG Grant and noted that the State also sees our positive impact, as they have requested Bill to present at the State level on more than one occasion.

OTHER MATTERS BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER

None

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Hajec referred to the handout from Lucy Cook where Ms. Cook refers to all the current school board members as living "within Corry" with the exception of Mrs. Allen, who resides in Columbus. Director Hajec's response to this was that not all of the Board Members live within the confines of the city limits. (Four of the nine directors currently seated on the board do not live within the Corry city limits.)

Dr. Gernovich thanked Mr. Woods for videotaping our meetings.

Dr. Gernovich attended a public meeting where she was approached by several area Superintendents who congratulated our district on the recognition we are receiving from Google, as well as our work with the SIG Grant. They believe part of our success is the high level of college courses we offer to our students.

Director Liller inquired about the need to go out for quotes from banks due to the State Budget Impasse. Mr. Andrus responded that we have not needed to do that as of yet and he is keeping a close eye on the situation. Director Liller also asked if we have looked further into allowing the public to pay their 2016 taxes early at a discount (to generate more cash flow). Mr. Nichols responded that he will confirm with our Solicitor and that is something that will need to be placed on a future agenda for Board approval.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Frisina to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary