BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 4, 2016

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, January 4, 2016, 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, January 4, 2016 for personnel/contract discussions.

ROLL CALL

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

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; Dan Daum – Elementary Principal; Teresa Pearce – Elementary Principal; Gail Swank – Middle School Principal; Denise Otteni-Jones – Director of Special Education; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Brenda Clabbatz, Ann Clark, Bob Williams, Peg Gates, Chris Johnson,

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the agenda for January 4, 2016.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED MINUTES

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 2, 2015; the Regular Meeting on November 16, 2015; the Reorganization Meeting on December 7, 2015; and the Regular Meeting on December 7, 2015, with a correction to the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting (Director Frisina abstained from voting on the nomination/roll call vote of Joseph A. Frisina as Vice President for a one-year term (2016).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lucy Cook read a portion of the Corry Journal dated December 31, 2015, quoting Mr. Nichols's New Year's resolutions. Ms. Cook stated that she sent an email to all Board Members on December 8, 2015. (Several of the email addresses Ms. Cook used were incorrect, thus not everyone received it. The board secretary mailed copies of the email directly to each Board Member.) Ms. Cook handed out copies of her email along with a copy of a Corry Journal article relating to the February 2, 2015, Board Meeting which was held on a day that school was cancelled due to weather.

Director Frisina responded that there was an item on the February 2, 2015, Board agenda that, by law, required a vote no later than the February 2, 2015 Board Meeting. Therefore, the meeting was held even though school was canceled.

STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Patterson congratulated Miss Amanda Cook's class of kindergarten students on their recent selection as a national finalist in the 2015 Studentreasures National Block Challenge.

APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Hajec to approve the Business Manager's Reports.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Hajec to approve the payment of bills from November 12, 2015 through December 16, 2015 as covered by Board Check Nos. 32263 – 32451 in the amount of $2,403,899.55; Procure Card Purchases and Wire Transfers in the amount of $308,043.70 (including Board Check Nos. 32238-32262); Capital Reserve Check Nos. 1364 – 1355 in the amount of 734,679.18; and Cafeteria Check Nos. 1420 - 1424 in the amount of $97,445.53.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BOARD CHECK NO. 32440

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Wood to approve Board Check No. 32440 in the amount of $219.91, payable to J H Auto Parts, Inc.

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

ABSTAIN: Frisina

NAYS: None.

APPROVED 2016-2017 BUDGET RESOLUTION

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the 2016-2017 Budget Resolution not to exceed the State Index of 3.6% for any local tax rates.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED FILING OF INTERVENTION TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Baker to approve the filing of a notice of intervention in the tax assessment appeals proceeding for the following parcels with a cap of $12,000 for expenses related to the appeals:

1. 671 Spring St., Corry PA – Parcel Number 08-037-127.0-027.00
2. 303 Chord St., Corry PA – Parcel Number 08-037-127.0-027.02

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS FOOTBALL JERSEYS

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Wood to approve the surplus of football jersey inventory as excess property, to be disposed of through either donation to students or trash.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED SALE OF PROPERTY

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Hajec to approve (under the condition that the property is properly inspected for occupancy) the sale of property commonly known as and identified in the assessment records of Erie County as Index 49-020-044.0-020.94 – 12250 Route 6 Lot 7 TRL. Offer is made by Dustin Haworth in the amount of $250.00.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED STUDENT EXPULSION

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Eastman 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 9:00 AM on November 18, 2015.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED UNIVERSITY AFFILIATIONS

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the following affiliation agreements

Slippery Rock

1. Between Corry Area School District and Slippery Rock University for the 2015-2016 school year to provide an educational experience to the University's students enrolled in the School Nurse Certificate Program.

Edinboro

2. Between Corry Area School District and Edinboro University to provide an educational experience to the University's students in the area of Social Work. This agreement is effective December 15, 2015 through December 15, 2020.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

Lisa M. Weis

1. Approved a request for Leave of Absence from Lisa M. Weis (Elementary Grade 1 Teacher at Corry Primary). Anticipated leave dates from March 30, 2016 through June 1, 2016 (46 days).

Kimberly Rowland

2. Approved a request from Kimberly Rowland – Middle School Special Education Learning Support Teacher – for a Medical Sabbatical for the second semester of the 2015-2016 school year.

Frank Snyder (nd)

3. Approved the appointment of Frank Snyder (non-district) as Girls' Softball Assistant Co-Coach for the 2015-2016 school year at a supplemental pay rate of $1,139.00.

Chad Wiler

4. Approved the addition of Chad Wiler to the Substitute List for the 2015-2016 school year (Custodial/Clerical/Aide).

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

NAYS: None.

REVIEW ITEMS

Policy Updates - To review the following policy updates/additions/revisions:

30-day review (February 1)

1. Policy 004 – Membership
2. Policy 119 – Current Events
3. Policy 210 – Use of Medications - Attachments 1 & 2
4. Policy 309 – Assignment and Transfer
5. Policy 916 – Volunteer Assistants and Coaches

60-day review (March 7)

1. Policy 102 – Academic Standards
2. Policy 108 – Adoption of Textbooks
3. Policy 109 – Resource Materials
4. Policy 203.1 – HIV Infection
5. Policy 235.1 – Surveys

OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

A Curriculum Meeting will be held on January 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm. and an Executive Session will be held immediately following tonight's meeting regarding confidential student information.

Mr. Nichols commented on the shortage of teachers and the ability to find long-term substitutes to fill open positions for teachers on leave. Additionally, enrollment in teaching programs at universities and colleges is down.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Andrus shared further information on the budget process for the 2016-2017 school year.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Frisina suggested that the District look into alternating Martin Luther King Day and Veterans Day as a day off each year.

Director Hajec mentioned that according to an associate of hers from the Harborcreek School Board, their district is exploring the issues brought forth with naming valedictorian and salutatorian, similar to some parents in our district expressing that they feel the process is not fair.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Eastman to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary

The Board met in Executive Session immediately following adjournment.