BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 16, 2016

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, May 16, 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, May 16, 2016 for confidential personnel discussion.

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, Christine A. Johnson, Deborah A. Wood

Excused: None

Also Present: William A. Nichols - Superintendent; Brenda Clabbatz – Acting Business Manager; Sheri L. Yetzer – Assistant Superintendent; William West – Director of Secondary Education; Matthew Patterson – Director of Elementary Education; Kelly Cragg – High School Principal; Dan Daum – Elementary Principal; Teresa Pearce – Elementary Principal; Lee Swartzfager – MHS Assistant Principal; Michele Miller – MHS Assistant Principal; Susan Barra – Supervisor of Vocational Education; Gail Swank – MS Principal

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Valerie Toplovich, Rachel Cragg, Brenda Whitaker, Melissa Sperry, Dawn Peterson, Lucas Peterson, Travis Proctor, Aundrea Proctor, Tyler Proctor, Shawn Proctor, Pam Martin, Kurtis Martin, Amber Jaquith, Thrish Hurd, Duey Hurd, Kyle Hurd, Derek Hurd, Brenda Boucher, John Boucher, Will Boucher, Rich Kimmy, Noah Smith, Nick Whitaker, Nate Bailey, Mark Brady, Liam Cragg, Robin Smith, Emma Smith, Terrance Fisher, Kara Chludzinski, Craig Jaquith, Jim Troyer, Heather Troyer, Stacey Bromley, Tiffany Proper, Jen Yatsko, Derek Yatsko, Tyler Yatsko, Adrianna Scouten, Elizabeth Rhodes, Russ Williamson, Peggy Gates

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the agenda and addendum for May 16, 2016.

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

NAYS: None.

STAFF COMMENT

Staff and students from the Intermediate School (Dan Daum, Nathan Bailey, Stacie Smith, Will Boucher, Emma Smith, Jeremy Saurwein) presented on the Challenge 24 game. The group had 40 4th and 5th grade students who met after school on Mondays throughout the school year. Four students participated in a competition at the IU where three of the four received medals.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tiffany Proper addressed the Board with concerns over the use of the Spartansburg baseball fields. Mrs. Proper represents the Little Beavers Baseball League and is concerned over the fair use of the fields with the Conelway League. Janelle Klawuhn, representing the Conelway League, also addressed the Board about the Spartansburg fields. Mrs. Klawuhn feels that because her group made all of the improvements to the fields that her league should have exclusive rights to them. Terrance Fisher, a resident of Spartansburg, spoke on behalf of the Conelway League and feels that the extensive work they have done should allow them to have priority use of the fields. President Gernovich noted that the Board will review the situation and be in contact with both leagues.

Lucy Cook asked the Board to consider adding a space on their agenda to include "old business" as a follow up to allow the Board to track ongoing topics or projects. She provided a copy of several Corry Journal articles from the previous year and questioned the District's process for senior class rankings. (Note from Administration: Changes to this procedure have been implemented for the Class of 2016 after consulting members of the District's department heads, as well as surrounding school districts. Going forward, the District will wait until every senior grade is calculated before announcing the valedictorian and salutatorian.)

The following guests spoke to the Board with concerns about the behavior of Mark Chludzinski as a coach for the District: Rich Kimmy, Mark Leofsky, Russ Williamson

The following guests spoke to the Board in support of Mark Chludzinski as a football coach for the District: Mark Brady, Lucas Peterson, Noah Smith, Kyle Hurd, Dawn Peterson, Liam Cragg, Tyler Yatsko, Nick Whitaker, Bryce Higley, Peg Gates, Robin Smith

APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT

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

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the payment of bills from April 14, 2016 through May 11, 2016 as covered by Board Check Nos. 33115 – 33251 in the amount of $852,179.63; Wire Transfers in the amount of $456,122.12; Payroll Check Nos. 33001 – 33012 and 33100 – 33114 in the amount of $11,752.39; and Cafeteria Check Nos. 1436 - 1437 in the amount of $6,945.51.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BOARD CHECK NO. 33241

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Wood to approve Board Check No. 33241 in the amount of $368.56, payable to J H Auto Parts, Inc.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Frisina

APPROVED PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the proposed budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BOARD TREASURER

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Eastman to elect Linda Hajec as Board Treasurer for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2016 ($1,200.00/year).

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Hajec

APPROVED TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Wood to approve a request for exemption from real property taxes for Thomas J. Eccles, 125 Mott Street, Corry, PA, per letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

MHS SUMMER ACADEMY

D10 ATHLETICS AT GENEVA OH

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

1. Special Education Extended School Year to be held on Tuesdays from 9:00 am to noon, beginning June 14, 2016 through August 9, 2016.
2. Middle-High School Summer Academy to be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm, beginning July 11, 2016 through August 11, 2016.
3. Permission for student athletes to attend D10 competitions and playoffs at the Spire Athletic Complex in Geneva, OH.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

Stacey Endicott

1. Accepted a letter of resignation from Stacey Endicott – Middle High School Guidance Counselor – effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Megan Guntrum

2. Accepted a letter of resignation from Megan Guntrum – Middle High School Special Education Teacher – effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Tiffany DePaul

3. Approved a request for Extended Leave of Absence from Tiffany DePaul – Middle School English Teacher – beginning August 24, 2016 through December 2, 2016 (anticipated 69 days).

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

NAYS: None.

SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Johnson to approve Adam Walstrom as Head Football Coach for the 2016-2017 season at a supplemental pay rate of $5,656.00.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Baker, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Hajec, Johnson, Wood

NAYS: Eastman.

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Wood to approve Jeff Goodwill as Assistant Football Coach for the 2016-2017 season at a supplemental pay rate of $3,510.00.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Eastman to approve Travis Carey as Assistant Football Coach for the 2016-2017 season at a supplemental pay rate of $3,510.00.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Eastman to approve Nathan Bailey as Assistant Football Coach for the 2016-2017 season at a supplemental pay rate of $3,510.00.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION by Director Allen and seconded by Director Wood to approve Mark Chludzinski as Assistant Football Coach for the 2016-2017 season at a supplemental pay rate of $3,510.00.

(Note - before the roll call vote was taken, Director Cox stated that while her vote will be based on the majority and what the student athletes had to say, she takes all concerns expressed very seriously and she would encourage anyone to continue to bring their concerns to the administration because these items are voted on annually.)

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cox, Hajec, Johnson, Wood

NAYS: Baker, Eastman, Frisina, Gernovich.

SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Eastman to approve Paul Carney III (non-district) as Assistant Football Coach for the 2016-2017 season at a supplemental pay rate of $3,510.00.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the following supplemental coaching positions for the 2016-2017 season:

Michael Artise (nd)	Assistant Football Coach	$2,979.00
Ryan Kelly	Cross Country Coach	$4,357.00
Skip Laird	Golf Coach	$2,160.00
Kelly Goodsel (nd)	Head Volleyball Coach	$4,357.00
Adam Lamber	Head Boys' Soccer Coach	$4,357.00
Gary Whiteley (nd)	Head Girls' Soccer Coach	$4,357.00
Kaylyn Nichols (nd)	Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach	$2,700.00
Meghan Sisson	Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach (MS)	$3,510.00
Kurtis Fox	Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach	$2,979.00
Bradley Swanson (nd)	Youth Football Co-Director	$300.00
Kyle Gates (nd)	Youth Football Co-Director	$300.00
Chad Wiler (nd)	MS Cross Country Coach	$600.00

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

1. To approve the appointment of Jill Webb as a Step I, Grade II Secretary at a pay rate of $13.89 per hour effective August 12, 2016.

2. To approve the appointment of Brenda Moon to the Service Personnel Substitute List (Clerical/Aide) for the 2015-16 school year.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED UNIV OF PITT DUAL ENROLLMENT

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the Dual Enrollment agreement between the University of Pittsburgh and Corry Area School District for the term August 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED COSMETOLOGY TEACHER

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Wood to approve the appointment of Melissa Carpenter as Vocational I Cosmetology Teacher effective August 24, 2016 at a Step 6 salary of $40,551.00.

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

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Nichols asked the Board to review a Resolution supported by PARSS (PA Association of Rural and Small Schools) for fair and equitable funding of Basic Education and Special Education. The resolution will be on the June 6, 2016 agenda.

Mr. Nichols addressed the concern brought forth by Mrs. Cook during public comment regarding Class Rank; at the end of the 2014-15 school year, a team of administrators and department heads investigated the procedure followed for determining class rank and changes to this procedure have been implemented beginning with the Class of 2016.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

Mrs. Clabbatz gave the Board a list of the 2016 CASD summer projects.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Gernovich asked the Board to stay after the meeting for an Executive Session to discuss confidential contracts. She thanked the Challenge 24 teachers, students, and parents for their presentation and reminded everyone that graduation is June 4th at 10:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary

The Board met in Executive Session immediately following the Regular Meeting for contract discussion.