BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 1, 2016

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, February 1, 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 for contract negotiations update at 6:00 p.m. on February 1, 2016.

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; 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; Gail Swank – MS Principal; Lee Swartzfager – MHS Assistant Principal; Sue Barra – Supervisor of CTC

Media: Erin Passinger – Corry Journal

Guests: Dan Mather, Brenda Clabbatz, Carrie Bloeser, Carrie Canchola, Laura Beckman, Anna Landers, Gregory Luther, Carrie Luther, Sandy Henderson, Andy Kuzma, Jess Calabrese, Tracie Braswell, Karen Mays, Tom Brady, Mike Lesher, Kyle Jewell, Kevin Fallon, David Buona, Jen Dow, Jeff Goodwill, Holly Bailey, Andy Fourspring, Adam Walstrom, Craig Jaquith, Bonnie Catalfu, Amy Arnink, Marcie Proper, Ryan McBriar, Travis Carey, Jeff Kerr, Ann Kerr, Brenda Carey, Mike McGinnity, Andy Potocki, Josh Daniels, Meghan Sisson, Mike Woods, Della Gentile, Mike Daniels, Melissa Sperry, Heather Hixson, Paula Foster, Nicole Strychalski, Afton Hinsdale, Jody Powell, Nancy Dunlap, Paula Royo, Angela Granat, Mary E. Brown, Patti Brown, Tyler Bailey, Gary Hogue, Diane White, Amy McQuiston, Melody Perrin, Amanda Cook, Kelly Mosher, Missy Turben, Eric Brumagin, Eric McCray, Jeff Brasington, Kate Reed, Julie Munsee, Ryan Kelly Gary Johnston, Skip Laird, David D. Dean, Megan Simmonsen, Gregg Simmonsen, Ann Clark, Laura Barbarini, Lisa Peterson, Peg Gates, Chris Johnson, Dina Wadding, Debbie Marti, Teri Beach, Debbie Webber, Andrea Simpson, Jim Sekerak, Tiffani Proper, Amy Sweet, Chelsea Messinger, Lisa Weis, Linda Brown, Mary Jo Sekerak, Carmen Wetherbee, Pamela Spitman, Katie DeSanto, Katie Goodwill, Olivia Wojccjcehowski, Tiffany DePaul, Joanne Thomas, Amy Albers, Char Meerhoff, Stacey Reynolds, Terri Fowler, Barbara A. Beebe, Jill Slocum, Valerie Toplovich, Sherry Eastman, Susan Forrest, Julie Bourgoine, Christel Jackman, Diane Clark, Becky Donovan, Monica Marsh, Mary Owens

MOMENT OF SILENCE/
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Hajec and seconded by Director Wood to approve the agenda for February 1, 2016.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED MINUTES

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Baker to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 4, 2016; and the Regular Meeting on January 19, 2016.

(Discussion - Director Cox asked about email addresses for Directors. A member from the public recently assumed all directors had district email addresses, which is not the case. As it is stated on our website, the public is encouraged to contact the School Board Secretary to obtain contact information for the members of the Corry Area School District Board of Directors. This will ensure information is properly delivered to each Board Member.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Marti, district resident and former teacher of the Corry School District, expressed to the Board her concern over the lack of a finalized contract with the teachers' union. She feels that the board and administration do not appreciate the teachers and what they do.

Peg Gates, district resident and school bus driver, thanked the teachers for all they do for our district and the kids. Mrs. Gates also complimented the students who participated in the recent trip to Florida which included a marching band performance at Disney World.

Mr. Nichols addressed the audience regarding contract negotiations and stated that the process has nothing to do with the district's respect for the teachers and what they do. He further stated that negotiations did not start anywhere near on time and there have been some significant time lapses between meetings, but at no time has the district cancelled or delayed any of the agreed upon meeting dates. He will provide the teachers with a negotiations timeline. He also stated that progress is being made and he is hopeful that a contract will be agreed upon in the near future.

Director Allen spoke about the ongoing negotiations. Although she is not directly involved in negotiations meetings, she encouraged union members to ask their representatives for a copy of what the union is asking for.

Director Cox also addressed the audience about negotiations and encouraged the teachers to look very closely at what they are asking for, especially in regards to health insurance.

STAFF COMMENT

None

APPROVED AGREEMENTS

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

PENN STATE BEHREND

1. Affiliation agreement between Corry Area School District and Penn State Behrend for Spring Semester of the 2015-2016 school year to provide an educational experience to the University's students in the area of Education.

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

2. Five-year Articulation Agreement between Edinboro University and the Corry Area Career & Technical Center for students to receive advanced standing credit in the area of Early Childhood Education.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING LITIGATION

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Wood to approve a resolution to support funding litigation that provides for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education to serve the needs of the Commonwealth.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

Bryan Rutsky (nd)

1. Appointment of Bryan Rutsky (non-district) as Girls' Softball Assistant Co-Coach for the 2015-2016 school year at a supplemental pay rate of $1,139.00.

Nicole Weaver

2. Appointment of Nicole Weaver as a Long Term Substitute Teacher - Middle School Mathematics at a pro-rated salary of $42,831 – Bachelor's Step 1- beginning January 25, 2016 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year (Kathryn Kuttenkuler – LOA).

Dawn Miller

3. Appointment of Dawn Miller as Grade I Cafeteria worker at Corry Area Primary School (due to the bidding process from a resignation) at a pay rate of $11.75/hour, 3 hours/day effective January 19, 2016.

Marcelle Dyne

4. Appointment of Marcelle Dyne as Grade I Cafeteria worker at Corry Area Intermediate School (due to the bidding process from a resignation) at a pay rate of $11.75/hour, 2.5 hours/day effective January 19, 2016.

Peggy Swan

5. Appointment of Peggy Swan as Grade I Cafeteria worker at Corry Area Intermediate School (new position) at a pay rate of $11.75/hour, 2.5 hours/day effective February 1, 2016.

Janet Kurtz (nd)

6. Appointment of Janet Kurtz (non-district) as Varsity Football Cheerleading Advisor for the 2016-2017 season at a supplemental pay rate of $1,773.00

Sherri Suchar (nd)

7. Appointment of Sherri Suchar (non-district) as JV Football Cheerleading Advisor for the 2016-2017 season at a supplemental pay rate of $1,042.00

Angela Pizer

8. Addition of Angela Pizer to the Substitute List (Café/Clerical/Aide) for the 2015-2016 school year.

Gary Johnston

9. Resignation of Gary Johnston as Summer Rec Band Director, effective immediately.

Michael McGinnity

10. Resignation of Michael McGinnity as Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, effective immediately.

Shawn Wiler (nd)

11. Appointment of Shawn Wiler (non-district) as a Category I Volunteer for the Track & Field program for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED POLICY UPDATES

MOTION by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Hajec to approve the following policy updates/additions/revisions:

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

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:

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

Mr. Nichols complimented the Marching Band on their performance at Disney World. The Corry Marching Band was joined by the Union City Marching Band and the two bands did a great job of performing together and representing our area.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

Governor Wolf is scheduled to deliver his 2016-17 budget proposal on February 9th.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Eastman handed out a letter from a local T-ball group asking for clarification on use of district ball fields. Mr. Andrus will follow up.

President Gernovich reported on IU5 contract negotiations and the completion of their recent audit.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Baker and seconded by Director Eastman to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary