BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2020

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, via tele/video conference. President Doris Gernovich called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Dr. Gernovich announced that the Board met in Executive Session on March 26, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. for discussion of confidential legal issues.

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors: Amy L. Allen, Joel A. Cook, Amanda J. Cox, Joseph A. Frisina, Doris P. Gernovich, Mandi F. Johnson, L. Jon Maker, Deborah A. Wood (all virtually)

Excused: William A. Nichols

Also Present: Sheri L. Yetzer - Superintendent; Brenda L. Clabbatz – Business Manager; William West – Director of Secondary Education; Daniel Daum – Director of Elementary Education. Virtual attendees - Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds; S. Kelly Cragg – High School Principal; Gail Swank – Intermediate School Principal; Andrew Schmidt – Director of Technology

Media: Jordan Schrecengost – Corry Journal (virtually)

Guests: Megan Simmonsen, Ann Clark, Rob Elchynsik (all virtually)

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED RESOLUTION RE: TELECONFERENCING

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Cox to approve a Resolution Amending Board Policy 006.1 "Use of Teleconferencing".

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the agenda for April 14, 2020, with corrections (remove Personnel items 3 & 4).

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED MINUTES 3-9-2020

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Cook to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 9, 2020.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Wood

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

STAFF COMMENT

None.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Maker to approve the payment of bills from February 20, 2020 through March 19, 2020 as covered by Board Check Nos. 41557-41743 in the amount of $1,322,240.71; Wire Transfers in the amount of $328,264.62; Payroll Check Nos. 41557- 41561 in the amount of $502.48, Payroll Check Nos. 41609-41617 in the amount of $7,509.41 and Payroll Check Nos. 41664-41617 in the amount of $11,624.84; Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of $379,604.92, Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of $366,921.17, and Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of $366,981.17; and Cafeteria Check Nos. 1560 - 1561 in the amount of $66,409.46; and Capital Reserve Check No. 1552 in the amount of $53,300.00.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECK NO. 41599 and CHECK NO. 41732

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Cox to approve Board Check No. 41599 in the amount of $105.53 and Board Check No. 41732 in the amount of $27.58, payable to JH Auto Parts Inc.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Wood

ABSTAIN: Frisina

NAYS: None.

APPROVED IU5 BUDGET

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Wood to approve the 2020/21 Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Budget in the total amount of $61,886,803 and further approve the total member districts' contributions to the General Operating (Fund 010) and School Improvement Services (Fund 020) budgets of the Intermediate Unit for the 2020/21 fiscal year in the amount of $1,012,663 with individual member district contributions as determined by PDE.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERMISSION TO GO OUT FOR BIDS (WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICE)

MOTION by Director Maker and seconded by Director Frisina to approve a request for permission to go out for bids for waste disposal services.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED TAX EXEMPTION

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Cox to approve a request for exemption from real estate property taxes for Gerald W. Butcher, 22744 Obert Rd., Spartansburg, PA, per letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOTION by Director Allen and seconded by Director Maker to approve the following Personnel Items:

1. The resignation of Rhonda Lindsey – Grade III Head Cook – for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2020.
2. The resignation of Kevin Williams as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, effective immediately.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Wood

NAYS: None.

(At this time, Director Allen presented a question about a timeline for the approval of supplemental coaching positions - by season Fall, Winter, Spring. Mrs. Yetzer responded that we do not have a defined timeline but given the fact that we do not know when school properties will reopen, it is her recommendation that we hold on filling these positions until we are able to give direction on when practices can start.)

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Cox asked about the cancellation of the NOCTI and MIMS State Assessments. Mrs. Yetzer advised that students are able to graduate without that credential. Per the request of Director Cox, Mrs. Yetzer will check with Mrs. Bogert to see if not having taken those assessments will have a negative effect on students wishing to enter the workforce immediately out of high school.

Director Frisina expressed concern over the new format of the check run. Mrs. Clabbatz recognizes that with the new software, the report is not ideal. She will work with Mrs. Krone to make adjustments and include more information, etc.

Director Allen requested a list of savings by the District as a result of the closure. Director Cox further asked Mrs. Clabbatz to include expenditures as well.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

The February close will be presented at the next Board meeting. The March close, if not available at the next meeting, will be presented at the May 11th meeting. This will bring us up to date with the presentation of the April reports at the May 26th meeting.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Yetzer shared information which was shared by PDE regarding graduation requirements, etc. She is recommending that the Board suspend the Board policy regarding graduation requirements to align with PDE's guidelines and to waive the requirement of a graduation project for the Class of 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cox to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting 7:31 p.m.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Johnson, Maker, Wood

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary