BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 9, 2020

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, November 9, 2020, in the Middle-High School Cafeteria. President Doris Gernovich called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors: Amy L. Allen (via phone), Joel A. Cook, Amanda J. Cox, Joseph A. Frisina, Doris P. Gernovich, Jason Halfast, L. Jon Maker, William A. Nichols, Deborah A. Wood (via phone)

Excused: None.

Also Present: Sheri L. Yetzer - Superintendent; Brenda Clabbatz – Business Manager (via phone); William West – Director of Secondary Education; Daniel Daum – Director of Elementary Education; Andy Passinger – Assistant High School Principal; Teresa Pearce – Primary School Principal; Susan Bogert – Supervisor of Vocational Education; Melissa Nuhfer – Elementary Assistant Principal

Media: Jordan Schrecengost (Corry Journal)

Guests: Megan Simmonsen

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the agenda for November 9, 2020.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED MINUTES OF 10/12/2020 & 10/26/2020

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Wood to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 12, 2020 and the Regular Meeting on October 26, 2020.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Wood

NAYS: None.

STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Daum reported that the recognition ceremony to recognize CAPS for successfully completing all of the steps required to become Blue Zones Project took place on November 5th. Recently, IU5 hosted a showcase of remote teaching and learning with our area districts. Three of our employees participated; Amanda Dahlkamper (Kindergarten), Megan Simmonsen (Title 1), and Liz Anderson (Grade 3).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVED 2019/2020 SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Cook to approve the 2019/2020 School District Audit as presented by Felix & Gloekler, P.C. at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 12, 2020.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Frisina to approve a request for exemption from real estate property taxes for Randy W. Gray, 21280 Spartansburg Highway, Corry, PA, per letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONAL TIME TEMPLATE

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the Emergency Instructional Time Template as required by PDE.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

1. The resignation of Ann E. Clark – Elementary Teacher - for the purpose of retirement, effective December 4, 2020.
2. The request for Leave of Absence from Danielle K. Audet – Secondary School Counselor – beginning January 11, 2021 through April 30, 2021 (anticipated 76 days).
3. The request for Leave of Absence from Sharon Crandall – Grade II Paraprofessional – beginning November 10, 2020 through February 26, 2021 (anticipated 67 days).
4. The appointment of Eric Gates as a Category I Volunteer (Rec Boys Basketball) for the 2020/21 school year.
5. The appointment of Kyle Jewell as a Category I Volunteer (Rec Boys Basketball) for the 2020/21 school year.
6. The addition of Erin Marsh to the Substitute List for the 2020/21 school year.
7. The addition of Mary Matteson to the Substitute List for the 2020/21 school year.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Wood

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Frisina requested an update on where we are with the list of summer projects as well as what is happening with the outdoor lighting (Keystone Electric will be here on 11/11/20; more information will be available after that date). Director Frisina also inquired whether there will be a cost to the District to remain active with Blue Zones once they have finished their 3-year commitment to Corry (Mrs. Yetzer believes that it is a process of best practices and that no cost would be involved, but she will inquire).

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

None.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Yetzer will form a committee of teachers and service personnel to review the hybrid instructional model discussed earlier. She reinforced that the transmission rates among the three counties and advisement from the ECDOH may determine our instructional model.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cox to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:28 p.m.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Cox, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Wood

NAYS: None.

The Board went into Executive Session immediately following adjournment for confidential personnel discussion.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary