BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2021

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, March 8, 2021, in the Middle-High School Cafeteria. President Doris Gernovich called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors: Amy L. Allen, Joel A. Cook, Amanda J. Cox, Joseph A. Frisina, Doris P. Gernovich, Jason D. Halfast, L. Jon Maker, William A. Nichols

Excused: Deborah A. Wood

Also Present: Sheri L. Yetzer - Superintendent; Brenda L. Clabbatz – Business Manager; William West – Director of Secondary Education; Daniel Daum – Director of Elementary Education

Media: Jordan Schrecengost – Corry Journal

Guests: Andy Passinger, Mike Munsee, Kelly Cragg, Teresa Pearce, Melissa Nuhfer, Sue Bogert, Michele Miller, Jason Biondi, Danielle Elchynski

MOMENT OF SILENCE/
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the agenda and addendum for March 8, 2021.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED MINUTES 2/15/2021

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cook to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 15, 2021.

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Danielle Elchynski expressed concern over the following issues; students being marked "tardy" if they have an excused absence first thing in the morning, live streaming the Board meetings, curriculum issues, and board committees. Mrs. Yetzer will follow up with Mrs. Elchynski regarding her concerns.

STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Daum thanked the Corry Journal for their outstanding coverage of our recent events, particularly Read Across America.

APPROVED SALE OF PARCEL

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the request from Erie County Tax Claim Bureau to approve the sale of property commonly known as and identified in the assessment records of Erie County as Index Number 07-014-035.0-009.01 Elk St 60X303 IRR. Offer is made by the City of Corry for the sum of $250.00.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED 2021/22 IU5 BUDGET

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the 2021/22 Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Budget in the total amount of $62,555,592 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 2021/22 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, Halfast, Maker, Nichols

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT AGREEMENTS

MOTION by Director Halfast and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the following Concurrent Enrollment Agreements

1. Between Corry Area School District and the University of Pittsburgh, effective August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
2. Between Corry Area School District and Gannon University, effective August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CHARTER SCHOOL LEGISLATION REFORM

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the resolution calling for charter school legislation reform.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Cook to approve the following Personnel Items:

1. The appointment of Lacey Merrill as Assistant Girls Soccer Coach (Middle School) for the 2020/21 season at a supplemental pay of $1,772.00 (step 1).
2. The resignation of C. Alexandra (Sandy) Henderson – Elementary Teacher – for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2020/21 school year.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEM

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Maker to approve the appointment of Rachel Cragg as Assistant Girls Track Coach for the 2020/21 school year at a supplemental pay of $2,211.00 (step 1).

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

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Cox recommended sub-committees of Committee of the Whole be included in a schedule (1/4ly, or semi-annually) so each subject is brought forth on a regular basis for updates and questions. She also inquired about the availability of the Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccine to our staff, to which Mrs. Yetzer reported that the IU is providing a full day vaccination site. This is available to any staff member or contracted service provider of CASD who wants to receive the vaccine.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

Mrs. Clabbatz will be providing information for the 2021/22 budget at upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Yetzer, along with Dan Daum and Bill West, shared information on community-wide and county-wide metrics of COVID19 numbers. The District has been tracking COVID cases since July and there has been a significant decrease in local numbers. Mrs. Yetzer recommends that we bring students back to campus for face-to-face learning beginning with 7th and 8th grade students on March 15th and the remaining grades (9-12) beginning March 22nd. With precautions in place, the Administration believes we are in a position to make this move safely, while at the same time being mindful that we need to be prepared for possible changes if cases increase. Parents who have chosen remote learning for their children will still have that option. Board members expressed their support in bringing students back full-time. The Admin team will be updating the Health and Safety Plan and while looking at that, a review of possibly easing some of the restrictions.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cox to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary