BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 25, 2021

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, January 25, 2021, in the Middle-High School Cafeteria. President Doris Gernovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Amanda J. Cox, L. Jon Maker, 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; Andy Passinger – Assistant High School Principal; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds

Media: Jordan Schrecengost – Corry Journal

Guests: Mandi Johnson

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA & ADDENDUM

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the agenda and addendum for January 25, 2021.

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Daum reported that earlier this evening the PTO conducted its first virtual meeting with 14 people in attendance. On Friday, January 29th, the district will be the site for local first responders to meet to review and discuss collaborative efforts regarding safety and security. Mr. Daum will give an update to the Board at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting covering threat assessment and family reunification.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cook to approve the payment of bills from December 17, 2020 through January 20, 2021 as covered by Board Check Nos. 42904 – 43034 in the amount of $1,162,478.74; Wire Transfers in the amount of $1,178,089.66; Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of $379,357.44, $364,083.47, and $363,865.59; Payroll Check Nos. 42898 – 42903 in the amount of $5,276.79; 42933 – 42934 in the amount of $237.67, and 42981 – 42983 in the amount of $458.66; and Cafeteria Check Nos. 1604 - 1605 in the amount of $40,547.02.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECK NOs. 42917, 42974 & 43006

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Nichols to approve Board Check No. 42917 in the amount of $9.10, and Board Check No. 42974 in the amount of $1,096.63, and Board Check No. 43006 in the amount of $11.55, payable to J.H. Auto Parts, Inc.

YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cook, Gernovich, Nichols

ABSTAIN: Frisina, Halfast

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Allen to approve the Business Manager's Reports.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cook to approve a request for exemption from real estate property taxes for Gerald D. Price, Jr., 23512 Patcheon Rd., Spartansburg, PA 16434, per letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

1. The resignation of Julie Driscoll – Grade I Cafeteria – effective February 1, 2021.
2. Rescinded the approval of Joseph Dunn as Long-Term Substitute Health & Physical Education Teacher. (Previously Board approved on January 11, 2021 to begin employment January 18, 2021. Mr. Dunn accepted a full-time position with another district prior to beginning employment at CASD.)
3. The appointment of Calan M. Vance as Long-Term Substitute Health & Physical Education Teacher, beginning January 26, 2021 through June 4, 2021 (anticipated 87 days) at a prorated salary of $44,444.00 – Bachelors Step 1.
4. The addition of Elizabeth Lucks as a bus driver (employed by D&R Transportation) for the 2020/21 school year.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN REVISIONS

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Frisina to approve revisions to the Health and Safety Plan, as presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 25, 2021.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED SCHOOL CALENDAR ADJUSTMENT 2020/2021

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the adjustment to the 2020/2021 School Calendar as follows: March 15, 2021, originally scheduled as an Act 80 day, will be a regular school day for students (to make up for the Act 80 day utilized on November 23, 2020).

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

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Halfast asked if staff would still have access to the 10 Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) days are still available to staff. Mrs. Yetzer explained that access to those days expired December 31, 2020.

Director Frisina asked if Mr. Munsee had any information from Chris Caughlin (HRLC Architects, LLC) regarding the district-wide feasibility study. Mr. Caughlin had originally said he would have the information available in January but has moved that to the end of February. Director Frisina expressed concern about having enough time to secure financing for any projects we would like to complete this summer. President Gernovich asked Directors Frisina and Nichols to work on a special projects/ad-hoc committee with Mr. Munsee, Mrs. Clabbatz and Mrs. Yetzer to help move the process along.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

None.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Yetzer confirmed that we will have a Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:00 PM on February 8th with a presentation from Dr. Miller (cyber/VLN/remote learners, as requested by Director Allen at the Committee of the Whole Meeting earlier this evening) and Mr. Daum (threat assessment).

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary