**BOARD OF EDUCATION**
**CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
**October 26, 2020**

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, October 26, 2020, in the Middle-High School Cafeteria. President Doris Gernovich called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Board met in Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2020, for confidential personnel discussion.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Directors: Amy L. Allen, 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 L. Clabbatz – Business Manager; Andrew Schmidt – Director of Technology; William West – Director of Secondary Education; Daniel Daum – Director of Elementary Education; Teresa Pearce – Primary School Principal; Kelly Cragg – High School Principal; Andy Passinger – Assistant High School Principal; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds; Melissa Nuhfer – Elementary Assistant Principal

Media: Jordan Schrecengost – Corry Journal

Guests: Jeff Myers

**MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVED AGENDA**

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cook to approve the agenda for October 26, 2020.

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

NAYS: None.

**STAFF COMMENT**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPROVED CHECKS**

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Cook to approve the payment of bills from September 24, 2020 through October 21, 2020 as covered by Board Check Nos. 42498 – 42615 in the amount of $999,692.15; Wire Transfers in the amount of $351,811.82; Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of $375,257.64 and $372,690.76; Payroll Check Nos. 42495 – 42497 in the amount of $807.91 and 42540 – 42541 in the amount of $259.94; Capital Reserve Check No. 1557 in the amount of $63,904.50; and Cafeteria Check Nos. 1594 - 1599 in the amount of $60,745.04.

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

NAYS: None.

**APPROVED CHECK NOs. 42510, 42547, & 42580**

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Nichols to approve Board Check No. 42510 in the amount of $40.46, Board Check No. 42547 in the amount of $934.38, and Board Check No. 42580 in the amount of $35.37, payable to J.H. Auto Parts Inc.

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

ABSTAIN: Frisina, Halfast

NAYS: None.

**APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS**

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

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

NAYS: None.

**APPROVED REQUEST TO GO OUT FOR BIDS – TIMBER REMOVAL**

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the request to go out for bids on the removal of timber behind the Middle-High School.

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

NAYS: None.

**APPROVED SALE OF PROPERTY**

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Wood 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 08-037-127.0-015.00 532 W 2nd Street. Offer is made by Jeffrey D. Myers for the sum of $250.00.

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

NAYS: None.

**APPROVED BOARD POLICY REVISIONS**

MOTION by Director Maker and seconded by Director Wood to approve the updates and revisions to the following Board Policies:

1. Board Policy 103 ((Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students).
2. Board Policy 104 (Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff).

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

NAYS: None.

**APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS**

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

1. The resignation of Dale Morgenstern as Head Boys Track & Field Coach, effective immediately.
2. The appointment of Loretta L. Murphy as Long-Term Substitute Middle School Special Education Teacher, beginning October 21, 2020 through February 1, 2021 (anticipated 62 days) at a prorated salary of $47,859.00 - Masters Step 1.
3. The following Category I Volunteers for the 2020/21 school year:

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| Jason Halfast – Boys Rec Basketball | Adam Pillar – Boys Rec Basketball |
| David McCray – Boys Rec Basketball | John Styborski – Boys Rec Basketball |
| Patrick Trotter – Boys Rec Basketball | Sam Vanchieri – Boys Rec Basketball |
| Austin Gillihan - Wrestling | |

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

NAYS: None.

**OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Director Frisina inquired about the lights around the football field. Mr. Munsee has an electrician coming to identify the problem.

Director Allen asked if we have disciplinary measures in place for remote learners who are leaving their computers for extended periods of time. Mrs. Yetzer said the student handbook speaks to remote learners and the procedure is the same in that an administrator notifies the family should the need arise.

President Gernovich, on behalf of the Board, thanked the entire district staff for all of the efforts put forth in handling the many issues brought about by the pandemic. The many decisions and long hours everyone has been putting in are appreciated and have not gone unnoticed.

**OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER**

Mrs. Clabbatz updated the Board on the possibility of adding a 175-gallon diesel fuel tank for the purpose of efficiency. All safety and insurance concerns are being analyzed before a final decision is made. At the November 9th meeting, the 2019/20 district audit will be up for final consideration.

**OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT**

Mrs. Yetzer recognized that the District will soon reach the end of the 1st quarter and thanked the entire school community for their mitigation efforts, which allowed schools to remain open for 45 consecutive days and to continue uninterrupted in-person teaching and learning.

Mrs. Yetzer had handouts for Board members with regard to the PSBA Board Training, as well as a copy of the recent letter and COVID referral form sent home by our nurses, which reinforces necessary health and safety protocols should their child present with COVID symptoms. An additional handout with recommendations from PDE and the PA DOH was discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cox to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:37 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary