BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 24, 2021

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, May 24, 2021, in the Middle-High School Cafeteria. President Doris Gernovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Board met in Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2021, for confidential personnel evaluation.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: L. Jon Maker

Also Present: Sheri L. Yetzer - Superintendent; Brenda L. Clabbatz – Business Manager; William West – Director of Secondary Education; Kelly Cragg – High School Principal, Andy Passinger – Assistant High School Principal; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds; Teresa Pearce – Elementary Principal; Melissa Nuhfer – Elementary Assistant Principal; Andrew Passinger – MHS Assistant Principal

Media: Jordan Schrecengost – Corry Journal

Guests: Danielle Elchynski, Sunny Keener, Julie Tasker, Meghan Heil, Allison Williams, Erica DiLuzio, Andrew Schmidt, Mandi Johnson, Gregg Simmonsen, Megan Simmonsen

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA & ADDENDUM

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the agenda and addendum for May 24, 2021.

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

NAYS: None.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT GERNOVICH

President Gernovich stated it is not the Board's custom to comment publicly about personnel issues, but because there were allegations of bullying and harassment aired in public, the Board felt it necessary to respond. After a parent made allegations of a coach/coaches bullying and harassing a student athlete, the information was forwarded to the District's solicitor for review. The District and School Board take such allegations very seriously and after review of the information received, it was determined that there was no evidence of misconduct by our coach/coaches.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

STAFF COMMENT

Mr. West presented information on the 2021/2022 ATSI School Improvement Plan. He provided a handout of his PowerPoint presentation and answered questions. He will ask for the Board's consideration of the plan at the next regular Board meeting.

Mr. Daum shared information on the process of selecting new math curriculum at the Intermediate level. Several different options have been reviewed with Elementary teachers and at this point, the selection has been narrowed down to two different companies.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Cook to approve the payment of bills from April 11, 2021 through May 19, 2021 as covered by Board Check Nos. 43388 – 43537 in the amount of $632,240.86; Wire Transfers in the amount of $681,912.56; Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of $408,381.14 and $366,782.74; Payroll Check Nos. 43389- 43392 in the amount of $4,985.30 and 43451 – 43453 in the amount of $916.53, and Payroll Check No. 43468 in the amount of $575.56; and Cafeteria Check Nos. 1610 - 1611 in the amount of $67,951.23.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECK NOs. 43409, 43435 & 43497

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Cook to approve Board Check No. 43409 in the amount of $104.70, Board Check No. 43435 in the amount of $37.96, and Board Check No. 43497 in the amount of $101.26, payable to J.H. Auto Parts Inc.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Frisina, Halfast

APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS

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

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cook to approve a request for exemption from real estate property taxes for Thomas J. Eccles, 125 Mott Street, Corry, PA, per letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Frisina to approve a District-Wide Phone System Upgrade as follows:

1. The agreement with Velocity Network to install and provide district-wide SIP Trunk Voice Service.
2. The agreement with Velocity Network to provide district-wide Switchvox IP Phone System, including software, handsets, user licenses, paging adapters, etc.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED VENDOR

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the addition of National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance to our list of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Vendors.

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

NAYS: None.

ELECTED TREASURER

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Wood to nominate Joel Cook as Board Treasurer for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2021, at a salary of $1,800.00.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED 2021 LIST OF GRADUATES

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Cook to approve the proposed Corry Area School District graduating class of 2021. This approval for each graduating senior is conditioned upon his or her successful completion of all graduation requirements.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BOARD SECRETARY

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the reappointment of Victoria Anderson as Board Secretary for a four-year term, effective July 1, 2021, at a salary of $3,500.00/year.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BOARD POLICY SECTION 800 REVISIONS

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cox to approve updates and revisions to Board Policy Section 800 (Operations) as presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on May 10, 2021, with the exception of Policy 816 (District Use of Social Media) and Policy 824 (Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries) which need further review and are on hold.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED UPMC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGREEMENT

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Wood to approve the Nonexclusive Referral Affiliation Agreement with UPMC Western Behavioral Health to facilitate continuity of care, aftercare, follow up and timely transfer of clients and their records. This serves as a non-financial, cooperative agreement during the 2021/22 school year.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED FIELD TRIP REQUEST

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Cook to approve the following Field Trip Request:

Boys Basketball (18-21 students)	Mondays, June 28 – July 19, 2021
Jamestown Middle School	Jamestown, NY
Under the supervision of:	Tyler Bailey + 2

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED FIELD TRIP REQUEST

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the following Field Trip Request with the stipulation that the Football Cheerleaders Booster Club be reimbursed by the District in the amount of $800.00 towards the cost of their transportation costs.

Varsity Football Cheerleaders (25 students)	July 23-26, 2021
Bowling Green University	Bowling Green, OH
Under the supervision of:	Julie Tasker + 2

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

1. To approve the request for Leave of Absence for Meghan C. Heil – Elementary Special Education Teacher – beginning October 6, 2021 through January 7, 2022 (anticipated 58 days).
2. To approve the appointment of Leah Walls as CCES Special Education Teacher for Summer Programs (programs approved on 4/12/21).
3. To approve the appointment of Travis Carey as Summer Weight Room Coordinator effective June 2021 through August 2021, at a supplemental pay of $600.00.
4. To accept the resignation of Malea Lyon - Grade II Special Education Paraprofessional – effective June 3, 2021.
5. To accept the resignation of Jody Powell as Elementary Drama Club Co-Director, effective immediately.
6. To accept the resignation of Shannon West as Elementary Drama Club Co-Director, effective immediately.
7. To approve the following Category I Volunteers as listed:

Dan Clark	2021/22 Football
Steve Savitz	2021/22 Football
Liam Cragg	2021/22 Football
W. Reese James	2021/22 Boys Basketball

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED RESIGNATIONS

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the following resignations:

1. The resignation of Daniel Scutella - Secondary Math Teacher - effective at the end of the 2020/21 school year.
2. The resignation of Daniel Scutella as Assistant Boys Track Coach (Middle School), effective immediately.

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

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Halfast asked about parents attending Academic Honors ceremonies. Mr. West explained that due to COVID mitigation restrictions, guests will be limited to only the parents of senior students. Mr. Halfast further asked if district employees will be invited to participate in the 2021 graduation. Mrs. Yetzer advised him that an email was sent out earlier in the day inviting employees to contact Mrs. Britten if they are interested in participating.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

None.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Yetzer shared Graduation 2021 details. The ceremony will be held outside (weather permitting) on Thursday, June 3rd at 6:00 PM.

Congratulations to Mr. Daum and Mrs. Clabbatz on the success of their Federal Programs / Title I, II, and IV monitoring, which occurs every four years. In the closing remarks, the monitor stated that what was presented to them is a model program and they intend to share it with surrounding districts. Mrs. Yetzer also thanked Megan Simmonsen, our Title I Coordinator, for the fantastic job she and our Title I Teachers do for our students and families.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cook to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary