BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 24, 2020

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, August 24, 2020, via tele/video conference. President Doris Gernovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors: Amy L. Allen, Joel A. Cook, Amanda J. Cox, Joseph A. Frisina, Doris P. Gernovich, Mandi F. Johnson, L. Jon Maker, William A. Nichols, Deborah A. Wood

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; Virtual attendees: Andy Passinger – Assistant High School Principal Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds; Teresa Pearce – Primary School Principal; Melissa Nuehfer – Elementary Assistant Principal; Gail Swank – Intermediate School Principal.

Media: Sara Jukes – Corry Journal (virtually)

Guests: Virtually - Megan Simmonsen, Danielle Elchynski, Ryan Kelly, Amy Helmer, Julie Tasker, Holly Volant, John Yatsko, Keri Mulvey, Jen Yatsko, Craig Jaquith, Emily Greer, John Lydic (Erie News), Marigrace Hood, Kevin Webb, Steve Wellman, Trisha Moats, Jodi Halfast, L. Chase, David McCray, Jared Johnson, Josh Dyne, Brad Allen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the agenda for August 24, 2020.

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

NAYS: None.

STAFF COMMENT

Bill West outlined the recent recommendations resulting from PIAA's meeting on August 21, 2020. PIAA is recommending that districts proceed with Fall Sports, as early as August 24, 2020. Revisions were made to the Athletic Health & Safety Plan which were recently discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 10, 2020. Additionally, language with regard to spectators and the inclusion of Band and Cheerleaders was inserted following information shared by Governor Wolf. We are still limited to indoor gatherings of 25 and outdoor gatherings of 250. These numbers include all athletes, coaches, game workers, etc. and all must adhere to social distancing measures. It is the recommendation of the District to return to competition while closely monitoring the health and safety procedures already in place, making changes as needed going forward.

STAFF COMMENT (cont'd)

Director Cox stated that the Board is going out on a limb by allowing Fall Sports to continue and she would like the community to know it is very important that all athletes, coaches and parents take the guidelines seriously to enable athletics to continue safely.

Mr. Daum extended a thank you on behalf of the Elementary PTO with regard to donations made by the community on Erie Gives Day. He also reported that Meet the Teacher went extremely well. Only one parent could attend in person but several chose to set up Google Meet sessions so a second parent could attend. All K-2 students have been issued Samsung Tablets, including those students who are remote learners. Mr. Daum introduced three new elementary staff members; Emily Greer - Health Assistant, Sarah Bisbee – 1st Grade Teacher, and Kerianne Mulvey – Learning Support Teacher at the Intermediate building.

Mr. West introduced new staff members Marigrace Hood – Emotional Support Teacher at the Middle School and Samantha Butler – Middle School ELA Teacher.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVED MINUTES OF 8-3-2020

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Wood to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting on August 3, 2020.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the payment of bills from June 29, 2020 through June 30, 2020 as covered by Board Check Nos. 42128-42131 and 42176 - 42194 in the amount of $157,030.72; Wire Transfers in the amount of $216,869.58; and Capital Reserve Check No. 1555 in the amount of $130,493.00.

AND the payment of bills from July 16, 2020 through August 20, 2020 as covered by Board Check Nos. 42132 – 43175 and 42195 – 42319 in the amount of $1,924,740.37; Wire Transfers in the amount of $185,534.26; Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of $106,992.14, $83,358.20, and $82,815.44; and Cafeteria Check No. 1590 in the amount of $11,681.47; and Capital Reserve Check No. 1556 in the amount of $6,880.40.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECK NOs. 42165 & 42241

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Maker to approve Board Check No. 42165 in the amount of $20.55, and Board Check No. 42241 in the amount of $48.90, payable to J. H. Auto Parts, Inc.

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

ABSTAIN: Frisina

NAYS: None.

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, Johnson, Maker, Nichols, Wood

NAYS: None.

APPROVED ERIE COUNTY TAX SALE RESOLUTION

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the compensation and cost advances set forth in Article 5 of the agreement between the County of Erie and the law firm of MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton, LLP, with respect to conduct of judicial, "lien free" tax sales during the years 2020, 2021, and 2022 of properties against which delinquent taxes are due and owing.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED DONATION OF USED TURF

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Wood to approve the declaration of used turf to be unutilized and unnecessary to the District, no longer of any use to the District and having no market value. The Board resolves to allow the Corry YMCA to remove the surplus property from the District pursuant to the YMCA's request that the used turf would be useful to a program the YMCA offers to the Corry community.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED 2020/21 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Nichols to approve 2020/21 Corry Area School District student transportation, contractors, drivers, routes and stops as presented.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED 2020 LIST OF GRADUATES

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Wood to the final list of graduates of the Corry Area High School Class of 2020.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED LEASE AGREEMENTS

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the following lease agreements for classroom space at Corry Area Primary School:

1. Child Development Centers, Inc.
2. Barber National Institute.

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

NAYS: None

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

1. The appointment of Emily M. Greer as Health Assistant Nurse II at a pay rate of $19.16 per hour, effective at the beginning of the 2020/21 school year.
2. The appointment of Sarah Bisbee as an Elementary Teacher at a salary of $44,444.00 – Bachelors Step 1 – effective at the beginning of the 2020/21 school year.
3. The appointment of Samantha Butler as a Secondary ELA Teacher at a salary of $44,444.00 – Bachelors Step 1 - effective at the beginning of the 2020/21 school year.
4. The appointment of Marigrace Hood as a Secondary Special Education Teacher at a salary of $47,859.00 – Masters Step 1 – effective at the beginning of the 2020/21 school year.
5. The appointment of Kerianne Mulvey as an Elementary Special Education Teacher at a salary of $44,444.00 – Bachelors Step 1 – effective at the beginning of the 2020/21 school year.
6. The appointment of the following teachers as New Teacher Mentors for the 2020/21 school year at a supplemental pay rate of $260.00:

Mentor	New Teacher
Lisa Weis	Sarah Bisbee
Dana Meredith	Kerianne Mulvey
Amy Dietz	Stephanie Donoghue
Andy Kuzma	Marigrace Hood
Rachel Cragg	Shannon Kuritz
Tiffany DePaul	Samantha Butler

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS (cont'd)

7. The following employees as having satisfactorily completed tenure (three years of service) with the Corry Area School District.

Educator	Board Approved Date	Start Date	Tenure Date
Sarah Bull	9/11/2017	9/1/2017	9/1/2020
Stephanie Bennett	5/8/2017	8/23/2017	8/23/2020
Paul Carney, III	8/14/2017	8/23/2017	8/23/2020
Dale Morgenstern	8/14/2017	8/23/2017	8/23/2020
Daniel Scutella	9/11/2017	9/5/2017	9/5/2020
Julie McCray	5/2/2016	8/24/2016	8/24/2020
Tiffany Egli (Jaggi)	9/19/2016	8/24/2016	8/24/2020

8. The appointment of Alice Anderson as Grade I Cafeteria at a pay rate of $12.86 per hour (Step 1), effective August 26, 2020.
9. The appointment of Valerie Yoder as Grade I Cafeteria at a pay rate of $12.86 per hour (Step 1), effective August 26, 2020.
10. The following list of Support Personnel Substitutes for the 2020/21 school year.

Linda Blaede	Brooke Mather
Jeri Elmquist	Valerie Tomcho
Shannon Eshelman	Catherine Whitehill
Zarik Grow	Matthew Winans
Sara Harrington	

11. The following Category I Volunteers for the 2020/21 school year:

Amy Allen - Student Mentor
Josh Dyne - Student Mentor
Brad Allen – Student Mentor
Bob Mineo – Student Mentor
Josh Dyne – Football

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED REVISIONS TO ACADEMIC HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN

MOTION by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Nichols to approve revisions to the District Academic Health and Safety Plan.

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

NAYS: None.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Gernovich revisited the issue of Return to Competition/Fall Sports and after a period of discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that it was unnecessary for the Board to vote on Fall Sports and to follow the already approved Athletic Health & Safety Plan.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

Mrs. Clabbatz, Mrs. Yetzer, and Mr. Munsee recently met with Chris Coughlin to review the feasibility study as well as the progress of the roofing project. That information will be compiled and presented to the Board in the near future. Mr. Munsee will also report on the tree study done with DCNR. The cafeteria flooring and bleacher projects are both complete and Board members are welcome to take a look at those anytime. We also have the new cafeteria furniture but it is in storage because of social distancing requirements.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Yetzer shared that the district is excited to be opening with kids back on campus. Meet the Teacher events went very smoothly and there were no reports of people being disrespectful about wearing facemasks. For those who are uncomfortable wearing a mask, we offer different options such as face shields. The goal is to continue to work with the community to bring the kids back to campus in the safest way possible. She thanked the Board for approving our Health and Safety Plan, enabling us to open and reminded everyone that this is all new and we are here to lean on each other when we run into unforeseen issues. She further reinforced that the district will be diligent in enforcing the Health and Safety Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Frisina to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:01p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary