BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 28, 2020

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, September 28, 2020, via tele/video conference. President Doris Gernovich called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors: Amy L. Allen, Joel A. Cook, Amanda J. Cox, Joseph A. Frisina, Doris P. Gernovich, 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; Teresa Pearce – Primary School Principal; Virtual attendees: Kelly Cragg – High School Principal; Andy Passinger – Assistant High School Principal; Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings & Grounds; Melissa Nuhfer – Elementary Assistant Principal; Amy Helsley – Director of Special Education.

Media: Jordan Schrecengost – Corry Journal (virtually)

Guests: Virtually - Megan Simmonsen, Jodi Halfast, Ann Clark, YMCA of Corry, 814-392-1499, 814-964-0153.

MOMENT OF SILENCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA & ADDENDUM

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Cox to approve the agenda and addendum for September 28, 2020.

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

NAYS: None.

STAFF COMMENT

Mr. West gave an overview of the changes and updates to the District's Athletic Health and Safety Plan as well as ticket distribution for families and Homecoming plans/activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVED CHECKS

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Cox to approve the payment of bills from August 21, 2020 through September 23, 2020 as covered by Board Check Nos. 42320 – 42494 in the amount of $1,175,079.81; Wire Transfers in the amount of $2,354,835.10; Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of $368,415.81 and $381,124.83; and Cafeteria Check Nos. 1591 - 1593 in the amount of $639.66.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECK NOs. 1592 & 42439

MOTION by Director Maker and seconded by Director Cook to approve Cafeteria Check No. 1592 in the amount of $59.51, and Board Check No. 42439 in the amount of $18.48, payable to J. H. Auto Parts, Inc.

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

ABSTAIN: Frisina

NAYS: None.

APPROVED CHECK NOs. 42374 & 42468

MOTION by Director Maker and seconded by Director Cook to approve Board Check No. 42374 in the amount of $153.00 and Board Check No. 42468 in the amount of $153.00, payable to Rossbacher Insurance Service.

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

ABSTAIN: Allen

NAYS: None.

APPROVED BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS

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

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

1. The request for Leave of Absence from Ann E. Clark – Elementary Technology/ITS/Gifted/STEM Teacher, effective September 9, 2020 through December 4, 2020 (anticipated 60 days).
2. The appointment of Kylie J. Host as a Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher (temporary reassignment of Katherine Reed) for the 2020/21 school year, effective September 8, 2020, at a pro-rated salary of $44,444.00 Bachelors Step 1.
3. The appointment of Erica DiLuzio as Academic Sports League/USAD Team Coach for the 2020/21 school year at a supplemental salary of $600.00.
4. The correction to previously approved supplemental contract of Mark Brenner (Assistant Volleyball Coach). Correct amount of supplemental pay is Step 2 - $3,536.00.
5. The correction to previously approved supplemental contract of Heather Yeager (Band Director). Correct amount of supplemental pay is Step 3 - $6,314.00.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED TITLE IX RESOLUTION

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Wood to approve the Resolution declaring that the new regulations found at 34 C.F.R. Part 106, preempt any and all existing District policies, administrative procedures or practices which are inconsistent with the provisions of 34 C.F.R. Part 106, as of the effective date of the new Title IX regulations (either August 14, 2020 or a later date if established by a federal court) and to designate William P. West as the District's Title IX Coordinator.

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

NAYS: None.

REVIEW ITEM

REVIEWED updates and revisions to Board Policy Section 200 (Pupils), and Board Policy Section 000 (Local Board Procedures).

APPROVED HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN REVISIONS

MOTION by Director Wood and seconded by Director Cox to approve the changes to the Athletic Health and Safety Plan which increased spectator capacity while adhering to the universal face coverings order and social distancing.

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

NAYS: None.

APPROVED 200 POLICY SECTION REVISIONS

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Wood to approve the 200 Section of the Board Policy Manual as presented, deleting policies 211, 214, 241, 245, 248, and 252. And to further put on hold policy numbers 213 and 216.1, currently under PSBA legal review.

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

NAYS: None.

BOARD VACANCY INTERVIEWS

Interviews were conducted with the following residents of Corry, to fill the vacant board seat:

1. Joseph Marrs
2. Nathan Gressel
3. Christopher Smith
4. Jason Halfast

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD VACANCY

President Gernovich opened nominations:

1. Director Cox nominated Nathan Gressel
2. Director Nichols nominated Jason Halfast
3. Director Allen nominated Christopher Smith

President Gernovich closed nominations. The first candidate to receive five affirmative votes will be the new appointee.

1. NOMINATION by Director Cox to appoint Nathan Gressel:

   YEAS: Directors: Cox, Gernovich

   NAYS: Allen, Cook, Frisina, Maker, Nichols, Wood

2. NOMINATION by Director Nichols to appoint Jason Halfast:

   YEAS: Directors: Cook, Frisina, Maker, Nichols

   NAYS: Allen, Cox, Gernovich, Wood

3. NOMINATIONS by Director Allen to appoint Christopher Smith:

   YEAS: Directors: Allen, Cox, Gernovich, Wood

   NAYS: Cook, Frisina, Maker, Nichols

No candidate received five affirmative votes thereby initiating a second round of voting.

1. NOMINATION by Director Cox to appoint Nathan Gressel:

   YEAS: Directors: Cox, Gernovich

   NAYS: Allen, Cook, Frisina, Maker, Nichols, Wood

2. NOMINATION by Director Nichols to appoint Jason Halfast:

   YEAS: Directors: Cook, Frisina, Maker, Nichols, Wood

   NAYS: Allen, Cox, Gernovich

APPOINTED NEW BOARD MEMBER

APPOINTED Jason Halfast, by majority vote, as a Member of the Corry Area School District Board of School Directors to fill the Board vacancy created by the resignation of Mandi F. Johnson.

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Allen expressed concern about remote learners who may not be adjusting and learning as they would with face-to-face instruction and asked at what point do we tell a parent that remote learning is not working for their child. Mrs. Yetzer, Mr. Daum, and Mrs. Pearce explained that teachers contact parents as needed, just as they do with face-to-face learners, and when further support is needed, guidance counselors and building principals become involved. Overall, remote learning/teaching is becoming better each day as students, teachers, and parents work through the problems presented on a daily basis, whether it be internet connectivity or keeping children focused. Different levels of support are available to parents and students whether they are remote or face-to-face learners.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

None.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Nichols to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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

NAYS: None.

Victoria L. Anderson

Victoria L. Anderson, Board Secretary