

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2023**

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, February 13, 2023, in the Administration Office LGI. President Joe Frisina called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. He announced the Board had met in Executive Session at 6:30 PM this evening to discuss privileged legal advice. He also announced an updated rate for D. Personnel, Item 1.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused Directors: None

Also Present: Sheri L. Yetzer – Superintendent, Brenda L. Clabatz – Business Manager, Kim Spence – Secretary to Superintendent, Dan Daum – Director of Elementary Education, Melissa Nuhfer – Elementary Principal, Teresa Pearce – Elementary Principal, Jordan Lander – Assistant Elementary Principal, Andy Passinger – HS Principal, Allison Williams – Teacher/Coach

Media: Chloe Forbes – The Corry Journal

Guests: None

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Gernovich to approve the agenda for February 13, 2023, with the corrected rate for D. Personnel, Item 1.

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Frisina
NAYS: None

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF
1/9/23 & 1/23/23**

MOTION BY Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Cook to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings on January 9, 2023 and January 23, 2023.

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Frisina
NAYS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT None

STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Passinger shared that Business Week was held February 6 – 10, for all juniors. He shared a video that was created by the Mr. Woods' Globia Media class. Some events of the week included creation and running of a business, marketing and advertising their brand, presentations by community leaders, a trade show and an awards ceremony where the winning team took home \$100 each.

Mr. Passinger also shared a few additional updates from the high school. The chorus will be performing Les Miserables in May. The Pep Band, under the guidance of Tristan McCray, has been consistently showing up to support the athletic teams and help promote school pride. The eSports program, advisors Mr. McBriar and Mr. McGinnity, continue to have about 20 – 25 students participating in their meetings twice a month and are hoping to participate in a competition this spring.

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STAFF COMMENT (cont.) Mrs. Pearce gave an update on NWEA Benchmark Assessments and how they work at CAPS. The students use headsets with microphones that they speak into and are recorded while they are reading. The computer gathers the information and can help to flag those that may not reach grade level without intervention. The data from NWEA also works with IXL to extract data for individual students, to help create individualized learning plans for each child.

Mrs. Nuhfer spoke about recent events at CAIS. The 5th grade just completed its second “Fun Friday” with a Hawaiian theme which raised \$1,800. In addition, they partnered with KC’s Ice Cream to have a fundraiser with great success. For Valentine’s Day, 3rd grade partnered with the Corry City Police, 4th grade with the Corry Fire Department and 5th grade with the Pennsylvania State Police in Corry to thank them for their service to the community. The Title I teachers pushed into classes to help students write personal notes to those organizations. A representative then came to the school from each organization, where they were presented with sweet treats and the notes.

**APPROVED
RENOVATION
CHANGE ORDERS**

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Cook to approve the CASD Renovation Change Orders:

1. RFCO-5- Lowering of classroom ceilings for \$21,415.00
2. RFCO-6- Demolish and rebuild two existing block walls in restrooms 46B & 46C for \$16,082.00
3. RFCO-10- Demolish and rebuild the third block wall in restroom 46C for \$2,584.00

Director Amy asked if the RFCO-5 is inclusive of the just this phase or the entire project, while Mr. Munsee shared it is for the entire project. They had to lower the ceilings by approximately 6 inches and had to build a well around the windows.

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Frisina
NAYS: None

**APPROVED REAL
ESTATE TAX
EXEMPTION**

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the request for exemption from real estate property taxes for Rexford Nichols, 12970 Lovell Rd., Corry, PA 16407, per letter from Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Frisina
NAYS: None

**APPROVED
2023-2024 DISTRICT
CALENDAR**

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Amy to approve the 2023-2024 District Calendar.

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Frisina
NAYS: None

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**APPROVED
 UPDATES &
 REVISIONS TO
 BOARD POLICY
 FOR ADOPTION**

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Amy to approve updates and revisions to the following policies which were presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 9, 2023 and reviewed at the Regular Board Meeting on January 23, 2023:

Policy No.	Title
236.1	Threat Assessment
218	Student Discipline
218.1	Weapons
218.2	Terroristic Threats
247	Hazing
249	Bullying/Cyberbullying
252	Dating Violence
218.3	Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault
220	Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials
227	Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
237	Electronic Devices

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Frisina
 NAYS: None

**APPROVED
 SOFTBALL SPRING
 TRAINING FIELD
 TRIP REQUEST TO
 MYRTLE BEACH,
 SC**

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Cook to approve the Field Trip Request for the Varsity and Junior Varsity Softball Team (24 students), from March 14-19, 2023, for Softball Spring Training 2023 – Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, SC and under the supervision of: Allison Williams, Erica DiLuzio, Roger (Chip) Hasbrouck, Kevin Williams.

Director Maker asked for clarification on transportation. Mrs. Yetzer said the plan is to take a Coach Bus. Director Cox asked for clarification on the cost to the district. Mrs. Yetzer shared that the district will pay for substitutes; the softball booster group is responsible for the remaining balance of the trip. Allison Williams added that the trip was yearly, but she is now planning for the trip to occur every four years.

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Frisina
 NAYS: None

**APPROVED
 PERSONNEL
 ITEMS**

MOTION by Director Amy and seconded by Director Maker to approve the following personnel items:

1. The appointment of Lucas Munsee, Assistant Wrestling Coach (Middle School), effective January 26, 2023, at a pro-rated supplemental salary of \$2,422.00 (Step 1).
2. To approve the appointment of the following Athletic Supplemental Positions for the 2022/23 school year:

Assistant Boys Track Coach (Middle School)	Donald Einhouse	\$1,772.00 (Step 1)
Assistant Baseball Coach	Jimmy Donaldson	\$2,211.00 (Step 1)
Assistant Boys Soccer Coach (Middle School)	Gary Whiteley	\$1,772.00 (Step 1)

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Frisina
 NAYS: None

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REVIEWED BOARD POLICY UPDATES & REVISIONS

The following policies were presented at a Committee of the Whole on January 23, 2023, are under review currently and will be presented to the Board for consideration (vote) at the next Regular Board Meeting on February 27, 2023:

Policy No.	Title
610	Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
626	Federal Fiscal Compliance and attachment
805	Emergency Preparedness and Response
805.2	School Security Personnel
808	Food Services
818	Contracted Services Personnel
824	Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries
903	Public Participation in Board Meetings
913	Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Gernovich shared that the IU currently has 25 openings. The budget presentation will be happening and there is a virtual option to attend. If you are interested, you may see Dr. Gernovich.

Director Frisina congratulated Director Cox on bringing the SMILES – Mobile Dentist Program to Corry years ago, stating he had seen an article in the newspaper indicating the mobile dentist had been in the district recently. Mrs. Yetzer shared that approximately 120 students have utilized the service this year.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

Mrs. Clabatz explained that the PA system at CAIS is in immediate need of replacement. The system Mr. Munsee is recommending would be part of the integrated phone system that currently exists at the building. The estimated cost is approximately \$29,000 which would come from the building and grounds budget. This does not have to go out for bid, as it is part of the COSTARS (Cooperative Purchasing).

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Yetzer took time to recognize the Career and Technical Center (CTC), since February is CTC Month. She highlighted the 8 programs offered here at Corry and the multiple certificates students can earn.

She also gave an update from the mid-year review with Education Staffing Solutions (ESS). The district currently has 34 substitutes on the list with an 80% fill rate.

She also requested a Committee of the Whole Meeting be held on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Allen to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:46 PM.

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Frisina

NAYS: None


Kimberly Spence, Board Secretary