

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

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, March 13, 2023, in the Administration Office LGI. President Joe Frisina called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused Directors: Doris P. Gernovich

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, Amy Helsley – Director of Special Education, Sue Bogert – Supervisor of Vocational Education

Media: Chloe Forbes – The Corry Journal

Guests: Danielle Elchynski, Roderick Whitehead

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

MOTION by Director Maker and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the agenda for March 13, 2023.

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

NAYS: None

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF
2/13/23 & 2/27/23**

MOTION BY Director Cook and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings on February 13, 2023 and February 27, 2023.

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

NAYS: None

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Danielle Elchynski shared concerns about questions she proposed to the Board that she felt were still unanswered. She also expressed concern over the use of IXL and distributed a packet of information to the Board Directors.

Roderick Whitehead shared comments about an article on the front page of the paper regarding distribution of drugs, the interaction with the police department and the school policy around such events.

STAFF COMMENT

Mrs. Bogert gave an update on events happening in the CTC. During March and April, they will be hosting the Spring Occupational Advisory meetings, the seniors are preparing for the post-program NOCTI testing and there are several field trips planned. She shared some success stories about students completing certificate requirements and participating in dual enrollment courses. They are also gaining experience by practicing taking blood pressures, providing a spa day and participating in events with Pre-K Counts.

Mrs. Pearce provided an update on Dr. Suess's birthday celebration at CAPS and Mr. Lander shared a slideshow of photos from the activities. Mrs. Pearce shared planned activities for the upcoming Pi Day as well. She informed the Board that she will be working on the Pre-K Counts grant, which will provide 60 full-time seats for the program.

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STAFF COMMENT Mrs. Nuhfer also shared an update on events at CAIS, including Dr. Suess’s birthday celebrations, Trooper Schick’s visit with students during lunch, finishing “One School, One Book” project and plans for Pi Day. She also provided an update on “How Cool Is Your School” contest and shared that Channel 12 recently shot video footage with the City of Corry Police Department to release the commercial and advertisements for the K-9 Unit to start their fundraising efforts.

APPROVED IU5 BUDGET MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Cook to approve the 2023/24 Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Budget in the total amount of \$66,989,275.00, and further approve the total member districts’ contributions to the General Operating (Fund 010) and School Improvement Services (Fund 020) budgets of the Intermediate Unit for the 2023/24 fiscal year in the amount of \$1,012,663.00, with individual member district contributions as determined by PDE.
YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED FELIC & GLOEKLER, P.C. AUDIT AGREEMENT MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Amy to approve Felix & Gloekler, P.C. as the School District’s auditors for a five-year agreement at an annual fee including expenses not to exceed \$17,200.00/year.
YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED BEACON LIGHT SERVICE AGREEMENT MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Amy to approve the Education Services Agreement between Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems and Corry Area School District for the 2022/23 school year.
YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED RENOVATION CHANGE ORDERS MOTION by Director Maker and seconded by Director Cook to approve CASD Renovation Change Orders:
1. RFCO-8 with Considine Biebel & Company - Replace painted wood window sills to plastic-laminate window sills for \$20,004.00.
2. RFCO-2 with A&MP Electric, Inc. - Add light guards to West Gym lights for \$1,193.00.
3. RFCO-12 with Considine Biebel & Company - 60 hours T&M Labor for \$4,533.00.
YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED FIELD TRIPS MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Cox to approve the following Field Trip Requests:
1. Newspaper/Global Media class – 10th/11th/12th grade (27 students) April 21, 2023
CommDay at St. Bonaventure University St. Bonaventure, NY
Under the Supervision of: Ryan McBriar and Mike Woods
2. CAIS 5th grade (145 students) June 2, 2023
Darren Lake Six Flags Corfu, NY
Under the Supervision of: Shannon West, Katie DeSanto & 26 chaperones
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APPROVED DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Cook to approve the following dual enrollment program agreements with the Corry Area School District for the 2023/34 school year:

1. University of Pittsburgh
2. Northern Pennsylvania Regional College (NPRC)

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

APPROVED CARING FOUNDATION AGREEMENT MOTION by Director Cox and Director Amy to approve the 24-month agreement with the Caring Foundation to provide School-Based Peer Support for Grieving Children and Adolescents in the Corry Area School District, at no cost.

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

APPROVED PERSONNEL ITEMS MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Cook to approve the following personnel items:

1. To approve Joanne Scouten, employed by D&R Transportation, as an additional Van Driver for the 2022/23 school year.
2. To accept the following resignations for the purpose of retirement:

Dana Kruse	CTC Machining Teacher	June 9, 2023
Mary Owens	Elementary Music Teacher	June 9, 2023
Mary Beth Brown	High School Art Teacher	June 9, 2023
Julie Bourgoine	High School Business Education Teacher	June 9, 2023
Rose Slava	Custodian	June 30, 2023
Amy Helsley	Director of Special Education	July 28, 2023

3. To approve the Extended Leave of Absence for Chelsea Smith, Elementary Teacher, effective August 25, 2023 – January 2, 2024. Anticipated 81 days.
4. To accept the following resignations, effective immediately:

Brad Swanson	Rec Football Director
Sara Harrington	Girls Rec Basketball Director

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

REVIEWD BOARD POLICY UPDATES & REVISIONS The following policies were presented at a Committee of the Whole on February 27, 2023, are under review currently and will be presented to the Board for consideration (vote) at the next Regular Board Meeting on March 27, 2023:

Policy No.	Title
103	Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students; Attachment 2 & 3
111	Lesson Plans
113.1	Discipline of Students with Disabilities
113.2	Behavior Support
113.4	Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
122	Extracurricular Activities
123	Interscholastic Athletics
123.2	Sudden Cardiac Arrest

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS None

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OTHER MATTERS Mrs. Clabatz requested a Committee of the Whole Meeting for Monday, March 27, 2023 at 6
BY BUSINESS PM to give a presentation of the proposed budget. There is pre-closing signing scheduled for
MANAGER the bond issue for 2023 on March 23, 2023 here at the Administration Office. She also clarified that the two options presented to the Board during the Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding the Per Capita Tax will be on the next Board Agenda for a vote.

OTHER MATTERS Mrs. Yetzer shared that the winter sports season has ended and the spring sports season has
BY begun. She recognized student athletes from wrestling, swimming and diving that are traveling
SUPERINTENDENT onto the state level of competition.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Amy to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:41 PM.
YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, Halfast, Maker, Nichols, Frisina
NAYS: None


Kimberly Spence, Board Secretary