

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
CORY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 13, 2024**

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, May 13, 2024, in the Administration Office LGI. President Joseph A. Frisina called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Present Directors: Amy L. Allen, Justin R. Amy, Joel A. Cook, Kathryn DiVittorio, Joseph A. Frisina, Doris P. Gernovich, Jason D. Halfast William A. Nichols (arrived 7:11 PM)

Excused Directors: Amanda J. Cox

Also Present: Sheri L. Yetzer – Superintendent, Brenda L. Clabatz – Business Manager, Bill West – Director of Secondary Education, Dan Daum – Director of Elementary Education, Leslie Bloomgren – Director of Special Education, Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings and Grounds, Andrew Passinger – HS Principal, Teresa Pearce – CAPS Principal

Media: MaKenna Moore– The Corry Journal

Guests: None

**MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVED  
AGENDA**

MOTION by Director Halfast and seconded by Director DiVittorio to approve the Agenda for May 13, 2024.

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast

NAYS: None

**APPROVED  
MINUTES FROM  
4/22/24**

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Amy to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 22, 2024.

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast

NAYS: None

**PRESENTATIONS**

Marcie Proper's and Kaylyn Whiteley's Pre-K class came with 11 participants who performed the Pledge of Allegiance in American Sign Language for the Board and their parents, then answered a series of questions about "old glory".

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

None

**STAFF COMMENT**

Andy Passinger provided several updates on events happening at the Middle High School:

- The Beauty and the Beast Musical was an excellent display of talents by the students in the high school. The event was well attended and patrons enjoyed the updates to the air conditioning, lighting and sound system.
- Last week the students in Safeline, led by Danielle Audet, created a video and then performed in a mock accident in the front of the high school. The focus was on the dangers of drinking and driving and the impact of the choices being made.
- Prom was held on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Peek'n Peak and was attended by nearly 300 students.
- Keystones have started this week and will continue into next week – all testing is online and we have had minimal technical difficulties.

**STAFF COMMENT  
(cont.)**

- Academic Recognition ceremonies will be held for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, as well as for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.
- We have 3 students following Act 158 evidence-based pathways for graduation. These students have completed certifications or received other forms of evidence, proving a successful transition into a career.
- Activity Day for all Middle High School students will be held on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**APPROVED  
PROPOSED FINAL  
BUDGET 2024/25  
SCHOOL YEAR**

MOTION by Director DiVittorio and seconded by Director Cook to approve the Proposed Final Budget for the 2024/25 school year.

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols

NAYS: None

**APPROVED SALE  
OF EQUIPMENT**

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Amy to approve the sale of a 2006 John Deere 1445 lawn tractor with mower deck.

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols

NAYS: None

**APPROVED  
EXONERATION OF  
TAXES**

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Gernovich to approve the Exoneration of Delinquent Property Taxes on the following requests from the Erie County Land Bank:

1. The outstanding 2020 taxes and penalties for 503 Euclid Street, Corry, PA, Erie County Tax Parcel No. (08)-037-127.0-008.00.
2. The outstanding 2023 taxes and penalties for 124 Lemon Street, Corry, PA, Erie County Tax Parcel No. (08)-0034-138.0-010.00.
3. The outstanding 2022 and 2023 taxes and penalties for 363 S Center Street, Corry, PA, Erie County Tax Parcel No. (08)-033-156.0-016.00.

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols

NAYS: None

**APPROVED  
UPDATES &  
REVISIONS TO  
POLICIES**

MOTION by Director DiVittorio and seconded by Director Gernovich to approve updates and revisions to the following policies which were presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting and reviewed at the Regular Board Meeting on April 22, 2024 AND to approve the repeal of policy 255 – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care, because the provisions for students in foster care are now contained in the revised policy 251 – Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability.

Policy No.	Title
002	Authority and Powers
006	Meetings
202	Eligibility of Nonresident Students
205	Postgraduate Students
204	Attendance
216.1	Supplemental Discipline Records
217	Graduation
233	Suspension and Expulsion
251	Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability
254	Educational Opportunity for Military Children

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols

NAYS: None

**APPROVED  
CONTRACT FOR  
LIEP SERVICES  
WITH IU5**

MOTION by Director Amy and seconded by Director Cook to approve the contract for Language Instructional Education Program (LIEP) services with IU5 for the 2024/25 school year.  
YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols  
NAYS: None

**APPROVED DUAL  
ENROLLMENT  
AGREEMENTS**

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director DiVittorio to approve the following dual enrollment agreements between:

1. Robert Morris University and Corry Area School District effective for the 2024/25 school year.
2. Erie County Community College and Corry Area School District effective for the 2024/25 school year.

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

**APPROVED  
ARTICULATION  
AGREEMENTS**

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Amy to approve the following articulation agreements between:

1. Northern Pennsylvania Regional College (NPRC) and Corry Area High School Child Care & Support Services Management program, whereby it's students may receive prior learning credit for college education for the 2024/25 school year.
2. Mercyhurst University and Corry Area School District effective for the 2024/25 through 2026/27 school years.

Mrs. Yetzer clarified that Dual Enrollment agreements allow credits to be earned and those credits may transfer to other institutions, while articulation agreements allow credits to be earned and accepted at the named institution only.  
YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols  
NAYS: None

**APPROVED FIELD  
TRIP REQUEST**

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

Gifted Program (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grades, 31 students)	May 23, 2024
Kennywood Park	West Mifflin, PA

Under the Supervision of: Beth Brady and Summer Maas  
YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols  
NAYS: None

**APPROVED  
PERSONNEL  
ITEMS**

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Frisina to approve personnel items 1-3:

1. A Leave of Absence for Sarah Kirchhofer, effective August 23, 2024 through January 2, 2025 (anticipated 83 days).
2. A Leave of Absence for Nicole Menjivar, effective September 11, 2024 through January 3, 2025 (anticipated 73 days).

**APPROVED  
PERSONNEL  
ITEMS (cont.)**

3. The appointment of the following Teachers and Paraprofessionals for the 2024 Summer Programs previously approved on March 25, 2024:

Diane Clark	Elementary Teacher – Kindergarten
Becky Donovan	Elementary Teacher – Kindergarten
Autumn Sproveri (ESS)	Elementary Teacher – 1 <sup>st</sup> grade
Kelly Mosher	Elementary Teacher – 1 <sup>st</sup> grade
Heather Morris (ESS)	Elementary Teacher – 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade
Kelsey Martin (ESS)	Elementary Teacher – 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade
Sherry Eastman	Elementary Teacher – 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
Melody Perrin	Elementary Teacher – 4 <sup>th</sup> grade
Kurtis Fox	Elementary Teacher – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
Carmen Wetherbee	Elementary Teacher – 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grades
Michael Daniels	Driver's Education Teacher

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols

NAYS: None

**OTHER MATTERS  
BY BOARD  
MEMBERS**

None

**OTHER MATTERS  
BY BUSINESS  
MANAGER**

Mrs. Clabatz will continue to work on any budget updates.

**OTHER MATTERS  
BY  
SUPERINTENDENT**

Mrs. Yetzer shared that last week was employee appreciation week, which culminated on Friday, May 10th with an employee breakfast where we celebrated 60 employees, 18 of which were retirees. Dan Daum then shared that each employee received a charcutier board with the district emblem on it. Each Director was presented with one as well.

Mrs. Yetzer also shared that this Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, all students in the district have been invited to participate in the Mental Health Awareness Day being held on the Union City School District campus. During the school day students will travel to Union City, with a completed permission slip on file. While there, the students will walk around the track (similar to Relay for Life), meet students from other schools, and participate in activities designed to build awareness around mental health. The community event starts at 5:00 PM on the campus of Union City Schools. During the evening, families will be encouraged to visit vendors, participate in a variety of activities and stop by the food trucks. Entertainment will be provided, including special performances from Corry's very own Tyler McClain and featured artist Chris Higbee. The evening will conclude with an eco-friendly lantern release, followed by a fireworks display. She passed out a copy of the flyer for the event and showed a sample of the t-shirt that every student and staff will be given to wear that day.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Cook to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:25 PM.

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols

NAYS: None

  
Kimberly Spence, Board Secretary