

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
CORY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2024**

A Regular Board Meeting of the Cory Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, August 12, 2024, in the Administration Office LGI. President Joseph A. Frisina called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

The Board met in Executive Session on Monday, August 12, 2024, for the purpose of contractual obligations and personnel.

ROLL CALL

Present Directors: Justin R. Amy, Joel A. Cook, Kathryn DiVittorio, Joseph A. Frisina, Jason D. Halfast,

Excused Directors: Amy L. Allen, Doris P. Gernovich, William A. Nichols

Absent Directors: Amanda J. Cox

Also Present: Sheri L. Yetzer – Superintendent, Brenda L. Clabatz – Business Manager, Kimberly Spence – Board Secretary, Bill West – Director of Secondary Education, Leslie Bloomgren – Director of Special Education, Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings and Grounds, Andrew Passinger – HS Principal, Melissa Nuhfer – CAIS Principal, Teresa Pearce – CAPS Principal, Jordan Lander – Elementary Assistant Principal, Mandi Johnson – Transportation Coordinator, Mike Daniels – Athletic Director, Andy Fourspring – Teacher, Ashley Frisina – Paraprofessional, Mya Grubbs – Teacher, Anna Landers – Teacher, Shannon West – Teacher, Megan Simonsen – Teacher, Amy Hodak – Teacher, Jody Powell – Teacher

Media: Makenna Moore

Guests: Cassidy Suchar, Tiffany Williams, Makenna Williams, Hazel Fourspring

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

MOTION by Director Halfast and seconded by Director Cook to approve the Agenda for August 12, 2024.

YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Halfast

NAYS: None

**APPROVED
MINUTES FROM
6/24/24**

MOTION by Director Amy and seconded by Director Halfast to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 24, 2024.

YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Halfast

NAYS: None

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Daniels presented proposals to add three new Varsity sports teams to the winter season. Those teams include: Unified Bocce, Competitive Spirit and Girls Wrestling. He provided information which included a description of the team, level of interest expressed by students, facilities usage and an explanation of the competitive games/events. He shared information on expenses such as transportation, coaching, uniforms and equipment. He concluded by reviewing additional challenges and benefits that may arise from adding the teams. The next steps will include these teams being added to a future Board Agenda for consideration. If approved, D-10 will be notified and the new coaching positions will be posted per the CBA requirement.

**PRESENTATIONS
(cont.)**

Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Nuhfer and Mr. Lander presented information about an ELA pilot program they are implementing for the 2024/25 school year. They provided a process timeline, which started in Fall 2023 through the current time. They shared pros and cons of the various programs they have reviewed and how they narrowed their selection down to two options: Wonders and Into Reading. The next steps include pilot training during an upcoming in-service day, weekly grade level discussions of materials, monthly/quarterly meetings with providers and administration and conclude in May 2025, with a final selection to be implemented in the 2025/26 school year.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

STAFF COMMENT None

**APPROVED
CORRECTION OF
SUMMARY
LISTING FROM
6/24/2024**

MOTION by Director Amy and seconded by Director Cook to approve a correction of Cafeteria Check Nos. from 1764 – 1767 to 1768 – 1784, on the Summary Listing for Board Approval on June 24, 2024.
YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Halfast
NAYS: None

**APPROVED
CHECKS, WIRE
TRANSFERS &
DIRECT DEPOSITS**

MOTION by Director DiVittorio and seconded by Director Halfast to approve checks, wire transfers, and direct deposits from June 19 through June 30, 2024, totaling \$3,198,197.69 and from July 1 through August 7, 2024, totaling \$2,182,437.91, as presented on the attached payments summaries, as well as Board Check No. 48830 in the amount of \$49,889.00, payable to Rossbacher Insurance.
YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Halfast
NAYS: None

MOTION by Director Amy and seconded by Director Cook to approve Board Check No. 48956 in the amount of \$106.21, payable to J.H. Auto Parts Inc.
YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: Frisina, Halfast

**APPROVED
FINANCIAL
DEPOSITORIES**

MOTION by Director DiVittorio and seconded by Director Halfast to approve the following financial depositories:
1. First National Bank – Main Depository and Checking, Scholarship, Investments and Procurement Cards
2. PLGIT – Capital Construction Account and Investments
3. PSDLAF – Investments
YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Halfast
NAYS: None

**APPROVED SALE
OF PROPERTY**

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Frisina to approve request from Erie County Tax Claim Bureau to approve the sale of property commonly known as and identified in the assessment records of Erie County as Index Number 06-006-014.2-013.62 244 SHAWNEE AVE LOT 222 TRL. Offer is made by Steven W Drake for the sum of \$250.00.
YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Halfast
NAYS: None

**APPROVED
RENOVATION
CHANGE ORDERS**

MOTION by Director DiVittorio and seconded by Director Halfast to approve the following Renovation Change Orders:

1. To approve the CASD Renovations Change Order – CO #6 – with Scobell Company Inc. to add insulation to existing supply ductwork in the Cafeteria for \$6,790.52.
2. To approve the CASD Renovations Change Order - #04 Bulletin #8 – with Wm.T. Spaeder for plumbing work needed for the dishwasher installation in the Cafeteria for \$7,035.59.
3. To approve the CASD Renovation Change Order – Bulletin #8 – with A&MP Electric, Inc. for material and labor to hook up booster heater, dishwasher and disposal in the Cafeteria for \$19,775.00.
4. To approve the CASD Renovation Change Order – RFCO-30 – with Considine Biebel & Company to furnish and install a new electronic latch in the high school office, for \$1,272.00.
5. To approve the CASD Renovation Change Order – RFCO-39 – with Considine Biebel & Company to furnish and install a dedication plaque, for \$2,915.00.
6. To approve the CASD Renovation Change Order – RFCO-43 – with Considine Biebel & Company for 120 labor hours, for \$9,284.00.
7. To approve the CASD Renovation Change Order – RFCO-44 – with Considine Biebel & Company for 120 labor hours, for \$9,009.00.

YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Halfast

NAYS: None

**APPROVED
TRANSPORTATION
ROUTES AND
STOPS**

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the 2024/25 Corry Area School District student transportation routes and stops as presented.

YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Halfast

NAYS: None

**APPROVED
SURPLUS
EQUIPMENT**

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director DiVittorio to approve the sale/auction/disposal of excess or outdated equipment (list attached to Board Packet).

YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Halfast

NAYS: None

**APPROVED 2024
GRADUATES**

MOTION by Director Amy and seconded by Director DiVittorio to approve the final list of graduates of the Corry Area High School Class of 2024.

YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Halfast

NAYS: None

**APPROVED FIELD
TRIP**

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

Marching Band (7th – 12th grades, 34 students)

August 12, 2024

Kennywood Park

West Mifflin, PA

Under the Supervision of: Tristan McCray, Alyssa Britten, Carly Gilson and Janielle Cressley

YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Halfast

NAYS: None

Director Frisina asked that the administration to review Policy 121 Field Trips, for possible revision.

**APPROVED SAP
AGREEMENT**

MOTION by Director Halfast and seconded by Director Cook to approve the Student Assistance Program Liaison Agreement between the Corry Area School District and Bethesda Lutheran Services, effective August 12, 2024.
YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Halfast
NAYS: None

**APPROVED THE
ATSI NON-TITLE I
SCHOOL PLAN and
BOARD POLICY
UPDATES**

MOTION by Director DiVittorio and Halfast to approve the ATSI Non-Title I School Plan for the 2024/25 school year and the following Board Policy Updates and Revisions:

1. Updates and revisions to the Title IX Notice of Nondiscrimination to align with regulations and law effective August 1, 2024.
2. Updates and revisions to the following policies to align with regulations and law effective August 1, 2024.

Policy No.	Title
103	Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students Attachments: Discrimination Complaint Procedures and Grievance Procedures for Complaints of Title IX Sex-Based Discrimination and Harassment
104	Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff Attachments: Discrimination Complaint Procedures and Grievance Procedures for Complaints of Title IX Sex-Based Discrimination and Harassment

YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Halfast
NAYS: None

**APPROVED
PERSONNEL ITEMS**

MOTION by Director Halfast and seconded by Director DiVittorio to approve personnel items 1-20:

1. The resignation of Grace Smrcka, Assistant Band Director, effective immediately.
2. The resignation of Brenda Clabbatz, Business Manager, effective June 30, 2025 for the purpose of retirement.
3. A correction for Amanda Oesch, Grade II Paraprofessional, from a Step 1 to a Step 2 at an hourly rate of \$16.21.
4. The appointment of Michael Siverling, Temporary Lawn Care, for the 2024/25 school year at an hourly rate of \$13.50.
5. The appointment of Teri Beach, Kinder Camp Teacher, effective July 29 – August 2, 2024.
6. The appointment of Marcie Proper, Kinder Camp Teacher, effective July 29 – August 2, 2024.
7. The appointment of Jacquelyn Willis, Grade II Paraprofessional, effective August 23, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$15.87.
8. The appointment of Megan Brooks, Art Teacher, effective August 23, 2024 at a Master's, Step 6, salary of \$57,345.00.
9. The appointment of Kathryn Rose, Secondary ELA Teacher, effective August 23, 2024 at a Bachelor's +24, Step 2, salary of \$52,083.00.
10. The appointment of Jameson Sposato, Secondary Math Teacher, effective August 23, 2024 at a Bachelor's, Step 1, salary of \$49,100.00.
11. The appointment of Heather Morris, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2024 at a Master's, Step 1, salary of \$52,980.00.
12. The appointment of Ryann Brundage, Speech-Language Pathologist, effective August 23, 2024 at a Master's, Step 1, salary of \$52,980.00.
13. The appointment of Cassidy Suchar, Speech-Language Pathologist, effective August 23, 2024 at a Master's, Step 1, salary of \$52,980.00.

**APPROVED
PERSONNEL ITEMS
(cont.)**

14. The appointment of Tiandra Humes, Secondary School Counselor, effective August 23, 2024 at a Master's, Step 1, salary of \$52,980.00.
15. The appointment of Karen Dunham, Secondary School Counselor, effective August 23, 2024 at a Master's, Step 8, salary of \$60,579.00.
16. The appointment of Michael Daniels, Athletic Director, effective for the Fall and Winter sports seasons of the 2024/25 school year at a supplemental salary of \$14,017.08.
17. The appointment of Jody Fox, Head Boys & Girls Cross Country Coach, effective for the 2024/25 school year at a supplemental salary of \$5,406.81.
18. The appointment of Sarah Fox, Assistant Girls & Boys Cross Country Coach (Middle School), effective for the 2024/25 school year at a supplemental salary of \$2,696.19.
19. The following list of Volunteers for the 2024/25 school year:

Football	Steve Savitz
Football	Derek Albers
Football	Drake McCray
Football	Brad Allen
Football	Josh Dyne
Football	Paul Goodwill
Football	Eli Carey
Rec Football	Dave Schwabenbauer
Rec Football	Tyler Shafer
Rec Football	Darci Hatley
Marching Band	Christine Davis
Volleyball	Rich Gawlinski
Volleyball	Ashley Walker
Boys Basketball	Sam Vanchieri
Boys Basketball	Logan Joncas
Rec Boys Basketball	Mike Pfeil
Rec Boys Basketball	Jason Halfast
Wrestling	Brad Allen

20. The following list of contractors and drivers for the 2024/25 school year:

GB Transportation			
Blakeslee, Garry			
D&R Transportation			
Baccus, Theresa	Kent, Louise	Mraz, Stephanie	Stroup, Beth
Beason, Amy	King, Laureen	Munsee, Zela	Taydus, Dave
Beason, Carl	Kozlowski, Jed	Northrop, Nicole	Taydus, Robin
Beckerink, Joni	Lewis, David	Pondel, Diane	Theuret, Victoria
Blakeslee, Jennifer	Lindsey, Gaylord	Sandberg, Andrew	Tilford, Randi
Brown, Theresa	Lindstrom, John	Sandberg, Kirsten	Vance, Diane
Chase, Timothy	Lindstrom, Tim	Scouten, Joanne	Vance, Don
DeRose, Ralph	Lucks, Charlie	Sekerak, Michael	Volk, Tyler
Grace, William	Lucks, Derek	Shaffer, Tyler	Weed, Peggy
Haas, Angela	Lucks, Natalie	Slike, Rob	Williams, Nanonie
Hicks, Deborah	Maring, Anna	Smith, Ann	Wilson, Brad
Jaggi, Michelle	Metzinger, Barb	Smith, Cynthia	Wittmer, Lyn
Kafferlin, Larry	Miller, Cari	Spitman, Velma	Wittmer, Martha

YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Halfast

NAYS: None

**OTHER MATTERS
BY BOARD
MEMBERS** None

**OTHER MATTERS
BY BUSINESS
MANAGER** None

**OTHER MATTERS
BY
SUPERINTENDENT** Mrs. Yetzer provided each of the Board Directors with a copy of the school calendar, as well as her Welcome Back letter.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Director DiVittorio and seconded by Director Cook to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:09 PM.
YEAS: Amy, Cook, DiVittorio, Frisina, Halfast
NAYS: None


Kimberly Spence, Board Secretary