

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 23, 2023**

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, January 23, 2023, in the Administration Office LGI. President Joe Frisina called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Present Directors: Justin R. Amy, Amanda J. Cox, Joseph A. Frisina, Doris P. Gernovich, Jason D. Halfast, William A. Nichols

Absent Directors: Amy L. Allen

Excused Directors: Joel A. Cook, L. Jon Maker

Also Present: Sheri L. Yetzer – Superintendent, Brenda L. Clabbatz – Business Manager, Kim Spence – Secretary to Superintendent, Bill West – Director of Secondary Education, Dan Daum – Director of Elementary Education, Melissa Nuhfer – Elementary Principal, Jordan Lander – Assistant Elementary Principal, Valerie Toplovich – Teacher/CAEA Representative, Calan Vance – Teacher, Melissa Higley – Teacher

Media: Chloe Forbes – The Corry Journal

Guests: Danielle Elchynski, John Higley Jr., Kevin Mundy, Nikki Shearer, John Styborski, Brody Howard, Kathy Howard

**MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

**APPROVED  
AGENDA**

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Gernovich to approve the agenda for January 23, 2023.

YEAS: Amy, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols, Frisina

NAYS: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chris Steele canceled in advance of the meeting.

**STAFF COMMENT**

Mr. Daum and Mrs. Nuhfer, recognized the CAIS Robotics Teams who competed at PSU Behrend. The teams were led by Keith Anthony, Guidance Counselor; Tina Flook, Art Teacher and Calan Vance, Gym Teacher. Team Vance competed against 29 teams and took first place in core values (inclusion, discovery, teamwork, innovation, impact and fun). Mr. Vance, in his second year as a coach, also congratulated the entire group of 16 students involved in LEGO League this year. The winning team consisted of John Higley, Jaxon Gambrell, Beckett Howard, Ricky Wiswell and Andon Syborski; all 5<sup>th</sup> graders at CAIS.

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

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Amy to approve checks, wire transfers, and direct deposits from January 1 through January 18, 2023, totaling \$1,887,993.53, as presented on the attached payments summaries.

YEAS: Amy, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols, Frisina

NAYS: None

MOTION by Director Halfast and seconded by Director Cox to approve Board Check No. 46301 in the amount of \$75.00, payable to KC Ice Cream.

YEAS: Amy, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols, Frisina

NAYS: None

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**APPROVED  
CHECKS, WIRE  
TRANSFERS &  
DIRECT DEPOSITS  
(CONT.)**

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Amy to approve Board Check No. 46335 in the amount of \$125.29, payable to J.H. Auto Parts Inc.  
  
YEAS: Amy, Cox, Gernovich, Nichols  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Halfast, Frisina

**APPROVED  
BUSINESS  
MANAGER’S  
REPORT**

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Cox to approve the Business Manager’s Report for December 2022.  
  
YEAS: Amy, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols, Frisina  
NAYS: None

**APPROVED  
INSURANCE  
RENEWAL  
SIGNATORY**

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Halfast to approve Board authorization for Brenda Clabatz, Business Manager, to sign insurance renewals with Rossbacher Insurance Group for the 2023-24 fiscal year, on behalf of the Corry Area School District and Board of School Directors.  
  
YEAS: Amy, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols, Frisina  
NAYS: None

**APPROVED UPMC  
SPORTS MEDICINE  
AGREEMENT FOR  
ATHLETIC  
TRAINING  
SERVICES**

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the agreement between the Sports Medicine program of UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside and Corry Area School District for the purpose of providing Athletic Training services for varsity/junior varsity home athletic events. This does not replace the current full-time athletic trainer employed by CASD, but provides an additional option for coverage if the need should arise.  
  
YEAS: Amy, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols, Frisina  
NAYS: None

**APPROVED  
SCHOLARSHIP  
COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS**

MOTION by Director Amy and seconded by Director Halfast to approve the following Community Members to the Scholarship Committees as follows:

Irene Fisher Allen Memorial Scholarship	Roger Burlingame and Marne Roche
Elizabeth Smiley Memorial Scholarship	Roger Burlingame

YEAS: Amy, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols, Frisina  
NAYS: None

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

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Gernovich to approve updates and revisions to Board Policy 006 (Meetings), 137.1 (Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students), 146.1 (Trauma-Informed Approach), 150 (Title I – Comparability of Services) and 611 (Purchases Budgeted) as presented at the Committee of the Whole on December 12, 2022 and reviewed at the Regular Board Meeting on January 9, 2023.

YEAS: Amy, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols, Frisina  
NAYS: None

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**APPROVED  
PERSONNEL  
ITEMS**

MOTION by Director Halfast and seconded by Director Cox to approve the following personnel items:

1. To accept the resignation of John Brundage, Assistant Baseball Coach, effective immediately.
2. To approve the correction of previously approved Service Personnel Substitute, Gary Fitzgerald, to correct last name of Fitzpatrick.
3. To approve Renee Berdine, employed by D&R Transportation, as an additional Bus Drivers for the 2022/23 school year.

YEAS: Amy, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols, Frisina

NAYS: None

**REVIEWED BOARD  
POLICY UPDATES  
& REVISIONS**

The following policies were presented at a Committee of the Whole on January 9, 2023, are under review currently and will be presented to the Board for consideration (vote) at the next Regular Board Meeting on February 13, 2023:

1. Board Policy No. 236.1 – Threat Assessment
2. Board Policy No. 218 – Student Discipline
3. Board Policy No. 218.1 – Weapons
4. Board Policy No. 218.2 – Terroristic Threats
5. Board Policy No. 247 – Hazing
6. Board Policy No. 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying
7. Board Policy No. 252 – Dating Violence
8. Board Policy No. 218.3 – Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault
9. Board Policy No. 220 – Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials
10. Board Policy No. 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
11. Board Policy No. 237 – Electronic Devices

**OTHER MATTERS  
BY BOARD  
MEMBERS**

Director Gernovich shared that the IU provided a book of State Mandates and she will get a copy for all Board Directors. She also shared that pension costs for tax payers are to decrease this year by 3.6%. They also did a Threat Assessment presentation on December 1, 2022 and had 90% participation.

Director Halfast thanked the district for the jar of mints presented to them at the meeting.

**OTHER MATTERS  
BY BUSINESS  
MANAGER**

None

**OTHER MATTERS  
BY  
SUPERINTENDENT**

Mrs. Yetzer took time to recognize the Directors as part of School Director Recognition Month. She thanked them for their commitment and presented them each with a jar of mints, as well as a certificate of appreciation. Among the group there is a total of 72 years of experience.

**ADJOURNAMENT**

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Cox to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:21 PM.

YEAS: Amy, Cox, Gernovich, Halfast, Nichols, Frisina

NAYS: None

  
Kimberly Spence, Board Secretary