

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2023**

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, January 9, 2023, in the Administration Office LGI. President Joe Frisina called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM.

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

Also Present: Sheri L. Yetzer – Superintendent, Brenda L. Clabatz – Business Manager, Kim Spence – Secretary to Superintendent, Bill West – Director of Secondary Education, Dan Daum – Director of Elementary Education, Teresa Pearce – Elementary Principal, Melissa Nuhfer – Elementary Principal, Sue Bogert – Director of CTC

Media: Chloe Forbes – The Corry Journal

Guests: Danielle Elchynski

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Cook to approve the agenda for January 9, 2023.

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

**APPROVED
MINUTES 11/14/22 &
12/8/22**

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Amy to approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on November 14, 2022 and the Reorganization Meeting on December 8, 2022.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Danielle Elchynski asked questions regarding students needing emotional support. She had questions about the services, rewards and discipline. Director Frisina asked Mrs. Elchynski to reach out to Mrs. Yetzer for follow up on her questions. Mrs. Yetzer invited her in for a meeting to better understand her questions and provide clarification.

STAFF COMMENT

None

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

MOTION by Director Allen and seconded by Director Cox to approve checks, wire transfers, and direct deposits from October 20 through December 31, 2022, totaling \$10,349,687.82, as presented on the attached payments summaries.

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

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Cook to approve Board Check No. 45981 in the amount of \$153.00, payable to Rossbacher Insurance Service.

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

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

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Maker to approve Board Check No. 46002 in the amount of \$317.74 and No. 46155 in the amount of \$211.80, payable to J.H. Auto Parts Inc.

YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, Gernovich, Maker, 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 months ending October 31 and November 30, 2022.

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

**APPROVED
2023-2024 BUDGET
RESOLUTION**

MOTION by Director Maker and seconded by Director Amy to approve the 2023-2024 Budget Resolution not to exceed the State Index of 6.1% for any local tax rates.

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

**APPROVED
DISPOSAL OF
ITEMS**

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Nichols to approval the disposal/sale of equipment (list attached to Board Packet). The time is to be determined once the new/replacement items have arrived.

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

**APPROVED
RENOVATION
CHANGE ORDER**

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Amy to approve the CASD Renovations– RFCO-3- Replacing the old transformer with a new transformer with the combined total of \$11,007.00.

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

**APPROVED 2023
BOARD MEETING
SCHEDULE
CORRECTION**

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the correction of the August dates to August 14 and August 28, 2023.

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

**APPROVED
BUTLER COUNTY
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE
ARTICULATION
AGREEMENT**

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Gernovich to approve the articulation agreement with Butler County Community College, effective immediately for the 2022/23 school year and to be reviewed annually.

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

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**APPROVED
PEEK’N PEAK
FIELD TRIP**

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Nichols to approve the following Field Trip Request:

1. 2nd quarter reward – 6th grade (120 students) February 10, 2023 - AM
Peek’N Peak Tubing or Swimming Clymer, NY
Under the Supervision of: 10 chaperones
2. 2nd quarter reward – 7th/8th grade (220 students) February 10, 2023 - PM
Peek’N Peak Tubing or Swimming Clymer, NY
Under the Supervision of: 15 chaperones

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

**APPROVED
PERSONNEL
ITEMS**

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Gernovich to approve the following personnel items:

1. The Extended Leave of Absence for Doreen Weber, Instructional Support Aide, effective November 4, 2022 – March 19, 2023 (anticipated 64 days).
2. The appointment of Destiny Matson-Warner, Long Term Substitute Spanish Teacher, effective January 3 through June 9, 2023 (anticipated 106 days) at a Master’s Step 2 pro-rated salary of \$49,905.00.
3. The appointment of Dawn Wesolowski, Secondary Special Education Teacher, effective January 10, 2023 at a Master’s Step 1 pro-rated salary of \$49,440.00.
4. The resignation of Sara Balogh, Secondary Science Teacher, effective January 20, 2023.
5. The appointment of Tyler Silka, Secondary Science Teacher, effective January 17, 2023 at a Master’s Step 2 pro-rated salary of \$49,905.00
6. The following list of teachers for after school tutoring/learning loss remediation, effective January 9, 2023:

Megan Simonsen	Sherry Eastman
Tina Flook	Kim Crum
Rebecca Donovan	Diane Clark
Melody Perrin	Jacque Hill
Anna Landers	Teri Beach
Elizabeth Anderson	Heather Morris – ESS substitute

7. The appointment of the following teachers as Teacher Mentors for the remainder of the 2022/23 school year, at a supplemental pay rate of \$260.00:

New Teacher Participant	Mentor
Taylor Hewitt	Kaitlyn Reynolds
Dawn Wesolowski	Leah Walls
Tyler Silka	Eric Brumagin

8. The appointment of Kimberly Chelton, Cafeteria Grade I, effective November 29, 2022 at a Step 1 hourly rate of \$13.38.
9. The following list of Service Personnel Substitutes for the 2022/23 school year at a salary of \$12.50/hour:

Patricia Bowen	Cafeteria
Caitlin Bahl	Custodian
Gary Fitzgerald	Custodian
Alicia Froess-Austin	Cafeteria, Custodian, Secretary & Teacher Aide
Madyson Rivera	Teacher Aide

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PERSONNEL
ITEMS (CONT.)**

10. The following list, employed by D&R Transportation, as an additional Van Drivers for the 2022/23 school year:

William Grace
Timothy Chase

11. The resignation of Skip Laird, Rec Golf Director, effective immediately.
 12. The resignation of Delbert Liller, Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective immediately.
 13. The resignation of Nick Krasa, Middle School Boys Assistant Track Coach, effective immediately.
 14. The resignation of Jody Fox, Middle School Assistant Boys and Girls Cross Country Coach, effective immediately.
 15. The resignation of Skip Laird, Head Golf Coach, effective immediately.
 16. To approve the following Category I Volunteers for the 2022/23 school year:

Boys Basketball	John Hartman
Track	John Hartman
Pep Band	Carley Gilson
Wrestling	Delbert Liller
Wrestling	Larry Harrington
Volleyball	Karalee Kemp
Volleyball	Valerie Watrous
Girls Basketball	William Saborsky
Swimming & Diving	Danielle Wood

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

NAYS: None

**REVIEWED BOARD
POLICY UPDATES
& REVISIONS**

The following policies were presented at a Committee of the Whole on December 12, 2022, are under review currently and will be presented to the Board for consideration (vote) at the next Regular Board Meeting on January 23, 2023:

1. Board Policy 006 (Meetings)
2. Board Policy 137.1 (Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students)
3. Board Policy 150 (Title I – Comparability of Services)
4. Board Policy 611 (Purchases Budgeted)
 *Bid threshold increased to \$22,500 per the state on January 1, 2023.
5. Board Policy 146.1 (Trauma-Informed Approach)

**OTHER MATTERS
BY BOARD
MEMBERS**

Director Gernovich shared that her term is up in June 2023 for the IU Board and encouraged others to consider the position. She also praised the Pre-k program, sharing that the learning opportunity provided and staff are outstanding. She also commended the level of security at the Pre-k program as she has been a witness to their attention to detail and protection of the students during pick up times.

Director Cox said she may consider the Board position at the IU, if she chooses to run again.

Director Halfast asked for information/statistics on graduation rates for students that receive Title I services. Mrs. Yetzer and Mrs. Nuhfer shared that students within our district do not have to qualify to receive Title I services, because our program is school wide. Also, the Title I services are for elementary level students only. As they move into middle and high school, they would receive services through other programs.

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**OTHER MATTERS
BY BOARD
MEMBERS (CONT.)**

Director Allen asked if there is any update on ensuring there is athletic trainer coverage at sporting events, following an injury during a home wrestling match. Mrs. Yetzer shared that we do not have a policy for having an athletic trainer, but there are recommendations from PIAA. Our district has always found value in having a full-time athletic trainer, even though that is not the norm in many areas. The school district has put together a calendar of dates and events for upcoming JV/Varsity home athletic events. After review with our school nurses and health assistant, the dates are all covered with at least one medical professional on the grounds. The nurses will receive a stipend for their time. Mr. West shared that in addition to our internal resources, the district has reached out to LECOM, Allegheny Health Network St. Vincent and UPMC Hamot. There may be some availability through UPMC and this will be reviewed again when we know more. They are also looking at providing additional training to our coaches for first aid and CPR. Director Frisina shared that he met with Mrs. Yetzer at length about this matter and he feels satisfied that this topic is being addressed and coverage will be provided.

**OTHER MATTERS
BY BUSINESS
MANAGER**

Mrs. Clabatz provided a copy of the audit report to each Board Director. She also shared that she had spoken to Director Allen and she has agreed to be the Wellness Committee Board Member representative.

**OTHER MATTERS
BY
SUPERINTENDENT**

Mrs. Yetzer pointed out the laminated posters on the wall in the LGI. These posters include the students nominated each month for the C.L.A.S.S. Act Emerging Leader. Our nominations so far have been Cooper Yatsko (September), Brilie Tasker (October), Tayler Elchynski (November) and Gwen Adams (December).

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Halfast to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:52 PM.

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


Kimberly Spence, Board Secretary