

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 2022**

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, October 24, 2022, in the Administration Office LGI. President Doris Gernovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Board met in Executive Session at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 24, 2022 for the purpose of personnel and safety and security.

ROLL CALL

Present Directors: Justin R. Amy, Joel A. Cook, Joseph A. Frisina, Doris P. Gernovich, Jason D. Halfast, L. Jon Maker, William A. Nichols

Excused: Amy L. Allen, Amanda J. Cox

Also Present: Sheri L. Yetzer – Superintendent, Brenda L. Clabatz – Business Manager, Kim Spence – Secretary to Superintendent, Dan Daum – Director of Elementary Education, Mike Munsee – Director of Buildings and Grounds, Teresa Pearce – Elementary Principal, Melissa Nuhfer – Elementary Principal, Jordan Lander – Assistant Elementary Principal, Andrew Passinger – High School Principal

Media: Chloe Forbes – The Corry Journal

Guests: Danielle Elchynski

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Cook to approve the agenda for October 24, 2022.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT None

STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Daum shared events from the elementary schools, including: Beebee the Clown, a 1979 Corry graduate, performed 2 free shows at CAPS; Family Involvement Night at CAIS, featuring a penguin theme, hosted 300 guests; Family Involvement Night at CAPS, focused on animals and their author of the year Eric Carle, hosted 450 guests. Some of the upcoming events include Red Ribbon Week and “How Cool is Your School” contest on WICU - Erie News Now.

**APPROVED
RECEIPT AND
FILING OF THE
2021/22 SCHOOL
DISTRICT AUDIT**

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Frisina to approve the receipt and filing of the 2021/22 School District Audit as presented by Felix & Gloekler, P.C. at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 24, 2022.

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

**APPROVED
REAL ESTATE TAX
EXEMPTION**

MOTION by Director Amy and seconded by Director Nichols to approve a request for exemption from real estate property taxes for James D Shindledecker, 18444 Hare Creek Rd, Corry, PA, per letter from Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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

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**APPROVED
CHECKS**

MOTION by Director Maker and seconded by Director Amy to approve checks, wire transfers, and direct deposits from September 22, 2022 through October 19, 2022, totaling \$5,491,208.29, as presented on the attached payments summaries.

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

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Cook to approve Board Check No. 45795 in the amount of \$124.25, payable to Joe Frisina. Mrs. Yetzer explained that this was a reimbursement for school supplies for the elementary schools. She thanked Mr. Frisina for checking in with Mr. Daum when he saw a sale.

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

MOTION by Director Maker and seconded by Director Cook to approve Board Check No. 45796 in the amount of \$154.46 and No. 45823 in the amount of \$47.16, payable to J.H. Auto Parts Inc.

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

**APPROVED
BUSINESS
MANAGER'S
REPORT**

MOTION by Director Nichols and seconded by Director Frisina to approve Business Manager's Report for month ending September 30, 2022.

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

**APPROVED
PERSONNEL
ITEMS**

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

1. To approve the appointment of Kim Steuart, Service Personnel Substitute, for the 2022/23 school year in the Cafeteria.
2. To accept the resignation of Loretta McCammon, Secondary Special Education Emotional Support Teacher, effective October 13, 2022.
3. To approve the Extended Leave of Absence for Emily Conroy, Special Education Teacher, effective January 3 – March 31, 2023. Anticipated 61 days.
4. To accept the resignation of Beth Kuzma, as Elementary Girls Basketball Co-Director, effective immediately.
5. To accept the appointment of Sara Harrington as Elementary Girls Basketball Director, at a salary of \$600 for the 2022/23 school year.
6. To approve Arlene Blakeslee, employed by D&R Transportation, as an additional van driver for the 2022/23 school year.
7. To approve the following Supplemental Positions for the 2022/23 school year:

Assistant Wrestling Coach (Middle School)	Delbert Liller	\$2,876.00 (Step 2)
Assistant Wrestling Coach (Middle School)	Austin Gillihan	\$2,422.00 (Step 1)

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**APPROVED
PERSONNEL
ITEMS (cont.)**

8. To approve the following Category I Volunteers for the 2022/23 school year:

Wrestling	Brad Allen
Wrestling	Jacob Kondrlik
Wrestling	Lucas Munsee
Boy’s Rec Basketball	Brody Howard
e-Sports	Thomas Ruth

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

**OTHER MATTERS
BY BOARD
MEMBERS**

Due to timing and the holidays, Mr. Frisina recommended the School Board only have one Board meeting in November, on November 14th, and cancel the second meeting on November 29th. The next meeting will then be a reorganization meeting on December 5th and an additional meeting could be added in December if needed. All Board Members agreed.

Dr. Gernovich shared that it was nice to read the school newspaper online and that the students are excited to have air conditioning in the building.

**OTHER MATTERS
BY BUSINESS
MANAGER**

Mrs. Clabatz shared that the Building Committee would be having a meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

Mr. Frisina asked about the building inspector fees and why they were nearly \$80,000. It was explained by Mrs. Clabatz and Mr. Munsee that this was actually much lower than expected. The inspector was out of Franklin and only charged for the items he inspected, not a percentage of the overall project budget.

**OTHER MATTERS
BY
SUPERINTENDENT**

Mrs. Yetzer congratulated the Girls Cross Country Team on being the region winners for the 2nd year in a row. She shared news about recent activities at the schools. CAIS held an Activity Night on Friday, October 21, 2022 and raised \$1,800 in donations towards field trips, while the Middle School Student Council’s Haunted Hike held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 raised \$1,500 and will be used towards several activities for those grades.

Mrs. Yetzer also shared news from an IU5 press release: “Seventeen school districts in Crawford, Erie, and Warren counties, the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit, Tendto Credit Union, Orthopedic Associates of Meadville, Velocity Network, and Lilly Broadcasting joined together to establish the Northwest PA C.L.A.S.S. Act Emerging Leader Award. Each of the 17 school districts submits one student nominee each month. A credentialed committee will objectively select a student to be honored with the Emerging Leader Award Scholarship, monthly. C.L.A.S.S. stands for: C=Character, L=Leadership, A=Attitude, S=Service, S=Selfless or strive for excellence or self-awareness or self-reliance”. The CASD October nominee is Cooper Yatsko and the November nominee is Brilee Tasker.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Frisina and seconded by Director Maker to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:22 PM.

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


Kimberly Spence, Board Secretary