BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2025

A Regular Board Meeting of the Corry Area Board of School Directors was held on Monday, August 11, 2025, 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, Joel A. Cook, Amanda J. Cox, Kathryn DiVittorio, Richard K. Farver, Joseph A. Frisina, Doris P. Gernovich, Jason D. Halfast

Excused Directors: Justin R. Amy

Also Present: Sheri L. Yetzer – Superintendent, Jennifer Cullers – Business Manager, Kimberly Spence – Board Secretary, 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, Andy Passinger – HS Principal, Melissa Nuhfer – CAPS Principal

Media: Erin Passinger (The Corry Journal)

Guests: Brandon Lewis, Andrea Chelton, Scott Chelton

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED AGENDA

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director Halfast to approve the Agenda for August 11, 2025 with the understanding that Board Check No. 50885 has been voided on the check summary.
YEAS: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED MINUTES FROM 6/23/25

MOTION by Director Farver and seconded by Director DiVittorio to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 23, 2025.
YEAS: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF COMMENT

Mr. West welcomed Brandon Lewis, whose name appeared on the Agenda for consideration as a Secondary ELA Teacher.

APPROVED CHECKS, WIRE TRANSFERS & DIRECT DEPOSITS

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Farver to approve checks, wire transfers, and direct deposits from June 19 through 30, 2025, totaling $2,230,569.21 and from July 1 through 31, 2025, totaling $1,582,472.67, as presented on the attached payments summaries with the voiding of Check No. 50885.
YEAS: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED CHECKS, WIRE TRANSFERS & DIRECT DEPOSITS (cont.)

MOTION by Director Cook and seconded by Director DiVittorio to approve Board Check Nos. 50883 in the amount of $29.22, 50937 in the amount of $20,311.90 and 51016 in the amount of $102.91, payable to J.H. Auto Parts Inc.
YEAS: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: Halfast, Frisina

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Cox to approve Board Check No. 50925 in the amount of $49,962.00, payable to Rossbacher Insurance Service.
YEAS: Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: Allen

APPROVED FINANCIAL DEPOSITORIES

MOTION by Director DiVittorio and seconded by Director Frisina 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: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Farver to approve requests for exemption from real estate property taxes for Richard E. Oswalt, 4266 Oil Creek Rd, Spartansburg, PA 16434, per letter from Warren County Assessment Office, also to include Timothy H. Miller, 30 W Congress St, Corry, PA 16407 and Gerald D. Price, Jr., 23512 Patcheon Rd, Spartansburg, PA 16434, per letter from Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.
YEAS: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED SALE OF PARCELS FROM REPOSITORY OF UNSOLD PROPERTIES

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Gernovich to approve requests 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 07-025-067.0-025.00 SHEA ALLEY TR 51 41x100 IRR and 07-025-067.0-026.00 SHEA ALLEY TR 51 100x100. Both offers are made by Jaylene Baran for the sum of $250.00/property.
YEAS: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED ABATEMENT & CHANGE ORDER

MOTION by Director DiVittorio and seconded by Director Cook to approve a change order #9755 from O Cross Paving, LLC., for the parking lot paving project at the Middle-High School, for a cost of $4,703.27 and the removal of asbestos pipe insulation from Amark Environmental for $9,300.00, to be paid from the Construction Fund.
YEAS: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED DISPOSAL/SALE OF ITEMS

MOTION by Director Farver and seconded by Director Halfast to approve the disposal/sale of textbooks and miscellaneous items, with a public auction to be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 4:00 PM.
YEAS: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED TRANSPORTATION ROUTES & STOPS

MOTION by Director Farver and seconded by Director Cook to approve the 2025/26 Corry Area School District student transportation routes and stops as presented.
YEAS: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED BOARD VACANCY

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Cook to accept a letter of resignation from Justin Amy from the Board of School Directors of the Corry Area School District, effective August 1, 2025, and to further declare a vacant seat on the Corry Area School District Board of School Directors.
YEAS: Allen, Amy, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD VACANCY

President Frisina opened nominations:
1. Andrea Chelton nominated by Amanda Cox

President Frisina closed nominations.

The first candidate to receive five affirmative votes will be the new appointee.
1. Andrea Chelton

YEAS: Allen, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: Cook

APPOINTED NEW BOARD MEMBER

APPOINTED Andrea Chelton, by seven affirmative votes, as a Member of the Corry Area School District Board of School Directors to fill the Board vacancy created by the resignation of Justin Amy.

APPROVED 2025 GRADUATES

MOTION by Director DiVittorio and seconded by Director Cox to approve the final list of graduates of the Corry Area High School Class of 2025.
YEAS: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED TSI & ATSI NON-TITLE I SCHOOL PLAN

MOTION by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Farver to approve the TSI Non-Title I School Plan for the Corry Area Middle School and the ATSI Non-Title I School Plan for the Corry Area High School for the 2025/26 school year.
YEAS: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED FIELD TRIPS

MOTION by Director Farver and seconded by Director Gernovich to approve the following field trip requests:

1. Marching Band (8th–12th grades, 27 students) — August 11, 2025
   Kennywood Park — West Mifflin, PA
   Under the Supervision of: Tristan McCray, Alyssa Britten, and Elizabeth Muchesko
2. Honors Choir and High School Band (9th–12th grades, 26 students) — March 11-16,2026
   Disney World Complex — Kissimme, FL
   Under the Supervision of: Kim Smrcka, Tristan McCray, Alyssa Britten, Carley Gilson and Janielle Cressley

YEAS: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED SAP LIAISON AGREEMENT

MOTION by Director Cox and seconded by Director Allen to approve the Student Assistance Program Liaison Agreement between the Corry Area School District and Bethesda Lutheran Services, effective for the 2025/26 school year.
YEAS: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

APPROVED PERSONNEL

MOTION by Director Divitorrio and seconded by Director Farver to approve personnel items 1-16:

1. The resignation of Sheri Lindstrom, Paraprofessional, effective July 8, 2025.
2. The resignation of Christin Terrill, Cafeteria, effective July 30, 2025.
3. The resignation of Michael McGinnity, Elementary School Counselor, effective August 19, 2025.
4. The resignation of Brandi Cornell, Paraprofessional, effective August 24, 2025.
5. The resignation of Cassidy Suchar, Assistant Boys Track and Field Coach, effective for the 2025/26 school year.
6. The appointment of Kimberly Spence, Secretary to the Superintendent and School Board, effective, July 1, 2025, at a salary of $54,113.86.
7. The appointment of Lori Hickernell, Secondary School Counselor, effective August 25, 2025 at a Master's +30, Step 15 salary of $77,034.00.
8. The appointment of Brandon Lewis, Secondary ELA Teacher, effective August 25, 2025 at a Master's, Step 1 salary of $54,485.00.
9. The appointment of Maria Rose, Middle School Math Teacher, effective August 25, 2025 at a Bachelor's, Step 1 salary of $50,605.00.
10. The appointment of Kelsey Martin, Long Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher, effective August 25 through November 26, 2025 (anticipated 66 days), at a Bachelor's, Step 1 salary of $50,605.00 pro-rated.
11. The appointment of Kelly Way, Grade II Paraprofessional, effective August 25, 2025, at a Step 1 hourly rate of $16.68.
12. The appointment of Kaitlyn Haestier, Grade II Paraprofessional, effective August 25, 2025, at a Step 1 hourly rate of $16.68.
13. The appointment of Russell Herrick, School Police Officer, effective August 27, 2025 through June 4, 2026, in accordance with the School Police Officer Agreement.
14. The appointment of Carter Linden, Assistant Boys & Girls Cross Country Coach (Middle School), effective for the 2025/26 school year at a supplemental salary of $2,736.63.
15. The following the list of Volunteers for the 2025/26 school year:

Varsity Football	Dan Clark
Varsity Football	Eli Carey
Varsity Football	Steve Savitz
Rec Football	Darci Hatley
Rec Football	Jeff Cullers
Rec Football	Delbert Liller
Rec Football	Jared Malczewski
Boys Basketball	Matt Kellogg
Rec Boys Basketball	James Ditzler, Jr.
Wrestling	Steve Savitz

APPROVED PERSONNEL (cont.)

16. To approve the following list of contractors and drivers for the 2025/26 school year:

GB Transportation	
Blakeslee, Garry	

D&R Transportation			
Baccus, Theresa	Kozlowski, Jedidiah	Munsee, Zela	Stroup, Beth
Beason, Amy	Lewis, David	Northrop, Nicole	Taydus, Dave
Beason, Carl	Lindsey, Gaylord	Pondel, Diane	Taydus, Robin
Beckerink, Joni	Lindstrom, John	Sandberg, Andrew	Theuret, Victoria
Beckerink, Neal	Lindstrom, Timothy	Sandberg, Kirsten	Tilford, Randi
Blakeslee, Jennifer	Lucks, Charles	Scouten, Joanne	Vance, Diane
Brown, Theresa	Lucks, Derek	Sekerak, Michael	Vance, Don
Chase, Timothy	Lucks, Elizabeth	Shaffer, Tyler	Volk, Tyler
Driscoll, Julie	Lucks, Natalie	Skiba, Tammy	Walberg, Christopher
Dunmire, Teresa	Maring, Anna	Slike, Robert	Weed, Peggy
Grace, William	Metzinger, Barbara	Smith, Anne	Williams, Nanonie
Hicks, Deborah	Miller, Cari	Sorenson, James	Wilson, Bradley
Jaggi, Michelle	Miller, Crist	Spitman, Velma	Wittmer, Lyn
Kafferlin, Larry	Mraz, Stephanie	Stover, Martha	Wittmer, Martha
Kent, Louise			

YEAS: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

OTHER MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Cox provided an update from IU5, sharing that a grievance against them had been dropped and there are ongoing discussions of budget cuts.

Director Gernovich thanked the district for a pleasant experience during the renovations and appreciated the open communication through the last three years. Director Frisina also stated that he has had very positive feedback on the improvements of adding air conditioning and sound systems in the gymnasiums and auditorium.

OTHER MATTERS BY BUSINESS MANAGER

Ms. Cullers shared that the renovations of the science labs and lockers at the Middle-High School have been completed, along with paving of all district parking lots. She also reminded everyone of the auction set for Wednesday, August 13th at 4:00 PM near the Maintenance building.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Yetzer reported that the paving project allowed for additional handicap accessible parking spaces close to the gymnasium and football field entrance. She is happy to provide a tour of the renovations for the Board and community before the next Regular Board Meeting on August 25th at 6:15 PM. A district calendar and a review of important dates was provided to all Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Director Gernovich and seconded by Director Farver to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:41 PM.
YEAS: Allen, Cook, Cox, DiVittorio, Farver, Gernovich, Halfast, Frisina
NAYS: None

Kimberly Spence

Kimberly Spence, Board Secretary