

HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2015

President McNelis opened the meeting at 5:18 PM and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: John McNelis, Joshua DeLany, Judith Rose, Jessica Hess
ABSENT: Kerry Davis (excused)

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, the agenda be revised to correct the dates shown in item IV E 1 c as February 14-18, 2016.
CARRIED – 4 AYES - ALL

BY: HESS/ROSE

RESOLVED: that the agenda be approved as revised.
CARRIED – 4 AYES - ALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

LAP Presentation / Sean Gaffney – Presented the Board with the Local Assistance Plan (LAP) for the Intermediate School.

Celebrating Success - The Building Administrators shared their successes:
Sean Gaffney (Intermediate School):

- “Kiss a Pig” reading program is going great. The goal for each semester is 3000 books per semester and he will kiss a pig after each semester.
- Veteran’s Day production honoring Korean War Veterans was a huge success and very well attended. Kudos to Linda Walter and the 6th grade students.
- Working recess back into the school day – last 10 minutes of lunch
- Lion King, Jr. tryouts were held and 100 students auditioned – kudos to the music program.

Julie Smith and Ted Illi (Jr. High School):

- As an extension of the novel “A Long Walk to Water” English 7 had a visit from Sebastian Maroundit, a lost boy survivor and co-founder of Building Minds in Southern Sudan, INC. (BMISS). The students have raised over \$300 to support this great cause.
- Beginning November 23rd students will be assigned to 10th period and an Honor Pass system will begin to honor high achievement. (sample Honor Pass handout)
- At the 5 week mark 75% of the students were passing all subjects, have set a goal for 80% for the marking period.
- Have started a school-wide positive behavior system using “Red Raider Tickets” similar to what has been used in the Primary Schools (sample Red Raider Ticket handout). In September there was an average of 28 tickets per week given out in October the average grew to 66 per week. Teachers and students are buying into the program!
- They will be holding a Marking Period Celebration on December 3rd. They will recognize high achievement, attendance and character during the first marking period.
- Nine students from the Jr/Sr High recently attended the Youth Action Forum, which was a motivational conference on leadership and making positive changes.

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Jennifer Sorochin (Bryant School):

- Bryant School's Facebook page is up and running to showcase what is going on at Bryant school, please log on.
- A new tulip bed was planted by the 2nd graders tying into their Super Kids curriculum regarding "Miss Bloom". Very excited to see the tulips in the Spring.
- The 2nd grade recently traveled to Alfred University and participated in the Art Force Five workshop. The 3rd grade will be going in December.
- System 44 is up and running, 60 of the highest needs students will be involved, thank you to Lisa Fischer for taking this on!

Barbara Kramer (North Hornell School):

- Benchmark testing and intervention has been completed, Students have been placed in groups for intervention or enrichment.
- The students are busy learning all of the Super Kids Program characters that will help them learn reading skills.
- The teachers are loving STEM! (hand out of a student notebook example)
- Olweus Bully Prevention lessons are taught weekly by the teachers and counselors.
- Promoting good behavior through Red Raider Notes, good notes to the office, lunch with the Principal, red raider drawings and All-star student of the week.
- The new Parent Resource Center opened, it has been well received – 50 + attended the Open House.
- The new Standards Based Report Cards will be used this year, they will be discussed with parents at conferences next week.
- Working on special things for the upcoming holidays; Operation Shoebox – for soldiers and a Can Food Drive.
- Many successes every day – working hard and having lots of fun!

Scott Carroll and Adam Porter (Sr. High School):

- In conjunction with Veteran's Day, they wanted to recognize, thanks, celebrate and honor all former and current students who have made the sacrifice to defend our Country. Members of the 2016 Senior Class who will be joining the service are:
 - Zack Day – Navy
 - Mike Mickoljck – Navy
 - Aiden Libordi – Navy
 - Dominic Guarglia – Navy
 - Hannah Boone – Air Force
 - Rocco Hurlburt – Marines
 - Jake Teeters – Marines
- Recognized students of the month at Wildwood:
 - Andrew Hurlburt
 - Anna Weyand (New Visions Medical)
- Congratulated Austin Miller who will be representing Hornell at the Cross Country State Championships at Monroe-Woodbury. Good luck Austin!
- Recognized the following Athletic Honors:
 - Wegman's Athlete of the Month – Trenton Smith
 - Section V Class B Defensive Player of the Year – Tyler Crouch
- Recognized the Marching Red Raiders for their best ever finish at the State Championships in Syracuse, placing 8th out of 12.
- Recognized the Music Department for hosting Area All State which showcased our facilities and music departments with over 48 schools in attendance. Congratulated the following Hornell students who represented the Jr. High:
 - Kaleigh Burritt

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- Mitchell Freeland
- Susannah Lang
- Margaret Shepherd

As well as those who represented the Sr. High:

- Richard Beam
- Brandon Burritt
- Vincent Capluzzi
- Jermiah Cooper
- Alexis Haynes
- Ciara Margarum
- Natalie Marino

Vision, Mission and Belief Survey / Amy Feeley – presented the Board with a copy of a survey that will be available on the District Website beginning on December 1, 2015 and will be available for two weeks. It is the District’s objective to promote student achievement and a positive culture. The survey is open to the public so that the community, staff, students, parents, etc. will all have an active role in determining the District’s Vision Statement for the future .

REPORTS

Superintendent Wyant – Reported to the Board on his recent attendance (along with Patrick Flaiz) at the NYSSBA Annual Conference in NYC., noting particular areas of interest discussed at the conference:

- Promoting a positive culture
- Developing mindsets for academic success
- Getting students to believe that school is worth doing – connecting to their interests
- Brains do change with effort
- Developing learning behaviors
- Climate for productive struggle

He noted that the conference would be held in Rochester next year, which should make it easier for more members to attend.

He reported on his at the District Administrators Institute’s Superintendent’s Summit, noting that they held many consecutive 45 minute sessions covering a broad variety of ideas. It was attended by 70 Superintendent’s from around the country, he found that regardless of where they were from they were all facing similar problems.

He discussed Small City School legislation – “Small City Successful School Act” and had letters to various state representatives for the Board to sign backing this legislation.

He reported that at the recent K -12 Team Meeting he discussed with the administrators the need for each building to utilize their BLT to discuss managing student behaviors and have them communicate the information to HEA members.

Mick Pavlick / Welliver – presented the Construction Report to the Board

Chad Snowburg / Hunt – presented the Board with the plans for the pool renovation project.

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ROUTINE ITEMS

BY: HESS/ROSE

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves /accepts the following consent agenda items:

- Approval of the minutes for the meetings of October 7 and 26, 2015.
- Acceptance of the Claims Auditor/Warrant Reports for the period ending September 30, 2015.
- Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Reports for the period ending September 30, 2015
- Acceptance of the Student Activities Report for the period ending September 30, 2015..
- Has no objections to the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education and approves the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations for the meetings of September 30, October 5, 6, 7, 13, 15, 20, 27, 28, 29, November 3 and 5, 2015. The Committee on Preschool Special Education meeting of October 28, 2015 and the 504 meetings of October 5, 13, 15, 20, 27, 29, November 2, 3, and 5, 2015.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

POLICY/PROCEDURE

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the request of Kathy Dinwoodie to attend the “Transitioning to Unified English Braille” Conference in Watertown, MA on November 14 and 15, 2015 plus necessary travel time. (Due to the date of this conference and the next scheduled Board meeting at the time of the request the Board was polled prior to the conference – the polled vote was 4 AYES 1 No Response - this is the “official” vote.)

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the request of Amber Linza, DPT to attend the “Therapies in School” Conference in Framingham, MA on November 19 and 20, 2015 plus necessary travel time.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

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BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves his request to attend (via scholarship) the 33rd Annual Effective Schools Conference in Scottsdale, AZ on February 14 -18. 2016, plus any necessary travel time.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the requests from the following schools for students to participate as a “team of one/incomplete team” with the Indoor Track team for the 2015-16 school year, pending the approval of Section V:

Alfred-Almond Central School – 6 students

Canaseraga Central School – 2 students

Canisteo-Greenwood Central School – 4 students

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/ROSE

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the abolishment of the Art Club and furthermore direct that the club’s balance of \$53.95 be transferred to the Student Council.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the Parent’s Bill of Rights.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board authorizes Patrick Flaitz to dispose of the old Football/Soccer, Baseball and Softball scoreboards.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approve the following new resolutions pursuant to the Affordable Care Act (ACA):

- Ongoing Employees
- New Variable Hours Employees, New Part-time Employees, New Seasonal Employees

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/ROSE

RESOLVED: that, agenda items IV E 2 a – h and items IV E 3 a – j together for one action.

CARRIED – 4 AYES ALL

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BY: DELANY/ROSE

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves / authorizes / accepts the following:

FINANCE:

- accepts the donation in the amount of \$6,540 from the Hornell Wrestling Sports Boosters towards the purchase of new wrestling mats.
- approve the MOU with R/E/D Group to provide evaluation services for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant for the 2015-16 school year.
- approves the MOU with R/E/D Group to provide evaluation services for the Elementary and Secondary Counseling Grant for the 2015-16 school year.
- accepts the Walmart Community Grant in the amount of \$500 for the purchase of Camera Equipment.
- approves the Memorandum of Agreement with ProAction to provide a Universal Prekindergarten Program for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
- approves the Lease Agreement with ProAction for the use of five classrooms for Headstart/UPK classes, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
- approves the MOA with the HPDG to achieve the necessary licensure for Medicaid Oversight and Billing Certification.
- approves the Portrait Booking Agreement between Interstate Studio and the Hornell Intermediate School for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years.

PERSONNEL:

- accepts the resignation of April Lehman as School Monitor, effective November 13, 2015.
- accepts the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Sharon Wilkins as School Bus Driver, effective November 13, 2015. (13 years of service).
- approves the permanent appointment of Robert Mullen III as Cleaner, effective May 6, 2014.
- approves the appointment of the following advisor for the 2015-16 school year (stipends as specified in the HEA Contract) :
Tanya Ross - 7th Grade Class Advisor
- approves the appointment of the following coaches:
Winter Sports – Lisa Rosica – Indoor Track Asst. Coach – Step 24
Spring Sports – Nicole Carey – Varsity Softball - Step 3
- approves the following Winter Sports volunteers (pending fingerprint clearance and completion of First Aid/CPR requirements):
Danielle Carbone – Varsity Cheer
Don Schwartz – Girls Basketball
Sean Hall – Boys Basketball
Robert Hirsch – Wrestling
Aaron Parks – Wrestling
Andrew Wrang – Wrestling
Zack Bacon – Wrestling
- accepts the resignation of Tina Frechette as Elementary Teacher, effective December 19, 2015).

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- accepts the resignation of Jennifer Jones as Special Education Teacher for the purpose of accepting a position as Elementary Education Teacher (recalled from PEL), effective December 19, 2015.
- recalls Jennifer Jones as Elementary Teacher from the Preferred Eligible List (PEL), effective December 19, 2015. No change in salary.
- approves the following changes to the substitute roster and other assignments, **pending successful fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department and approval through DMV and or Civil Service if applicable:**
Substitute Additions:
Brittany Ellis- Clerical, Teacher Aide
Brittany Guarglia- Uncertified Teacher
Samuel Jackson- Bus Monitor (effective date 10/19/15)
Judith Lamb- Teacher Aide
Diane Lisi- uncertified teacher (effective 10/14/15)
Tom Marts- School Monitor
Garrett McGowen- uncertified teacher (effective 9/28/15)
Kaitlyn O'Rourke- Uncertified Teacher, Teacher Aide
Dustin Peterson- Cleaner, Food Service Helper, Laborer
Roxanne Sanford- clerical (effective 10/1/15)
Valerie Smith- uncertified teacher, teacher aide
Changes to the Substitute Roster:
21st Century Grant, Extended School Day Grant additions to be paid on a time sheet basis @ \$16.00/hr
Sally Norton – Bryant School afterschool program substitute instructor by the Extended School Day Grant
AJ Norton - Bryant School afterschool program substitute instructor
Extended School Day Grant

CARRIED – 4 AYES - ALL

INFORMATIONAL

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held at 5:15 PM in the Columbian School Conference Room on Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that at 6:22 PM the Board move to Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the appointment of particular individuals.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

Member Rose was dismissed at 6:45 PM.

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that at 6:58 PM the Board return to Regular Session.

CARRIED – 3 AYES - ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that at 7:01 PM the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED – 3 AYES – ALL

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Eaton, District Clerk