

HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – DECEMBER 2, 2015

President McNelis opened the meeting at 5:15 PM and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: John McNelis, Kerry Davis, Joshua DeLany, Judith Rose, Jessica Hess

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

Transportation Update (Patrick Flaitz) – presented the Board with an update on the Transportation Department. He indicated that the District is currently transporting:

- 550 students in the AM w/ 207 stops
- 620 students in the PM w/ 217 stops
- Regularly using 10 busses and 1 van
- Transporting K-6 students outside of .7 miles from their school building (State mandate is 2 miles)
- Transporting 7-12 students outside 1.5 miles from their school building (State mandates 3 miles)
- We receive no aid for transporting anyone who lives within 1.5 miles from school
- To be more efficient we have reduced and consolidated the number of stops

Celebrating Success (Building Administrators):

Intermediate School (Supt. Wyant for Principal Sean Gaffney):

- The students surpassed their goal of reading 3,000 books during the first trimester, Mr. Gaffney will be kissing Quincy the guinea pig at an assembly on December 11th.
- Annual coat drive ends this Friday – coats can be dropped off at the office.

North Hornell School (Principal Barbara Kramer):

- The school held their musical last night in the HS Auditorium, they performed for a packed house and it was a huge success.

High School (Dean of Students Adam Porter):

- Students of the Month at Wildwood:
 - Angelina Clifford – Auto Body Repair\
 - Dayton Lewis – CISCO Networking
 - Brandon Seamon – Criminal Justice
 - Cassandra Hilligus – Culinary Arts
 - Owen Renouf - Digital Media Arts
- Very pleased that for the first marking period 279 of 550 students (50%) of the student population made either “Honor” or “High Honor” status

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(19% Honor and 31% High Honor). Mr. Carroll made phone calls home to congratulate each student and their families on their accomplishment.

Junior High School (Principal Ted Illi and Dean of Students Julie Smith):

- Have started the extended school day 10th period and the Honor Pass system. They have received positive feedback, students and staff are onboard!
- They are holding their Celebration Assembly tomorrow at 2:00PM to recognize hard work and success during the first marking period.

Fall Athletics (Athletic Coordinator Erik Werner):

- Thanked the Board for his appointment as Athletic Coordinator
- Seven of the eight Fall teams were recognized by New York State as “Scholar Athlete Teams” with the eighth narrowly missing the mark.
- Provided the Board with a handout listing all of the Fall Season team and individual achievements.

REPORTS

Superintendent’s Report (Superintendent Wyant) reported:

- that Erica Siebert, Curriculum Coordinator and Angie Olkey, Curriculum Mentor are putting the finishing touches on the District’s Professional Development Plan. It should be ready for Board review and approval at the January meeting.
- the Vision, Mission and Belief Survey is active on our website. A committee will be meeting after December 14th to review the results.
- we have had some interest from community members on being part of our District Leadership Team (DLT). Supt. Wyant will be working on the structure of the group to begin meeting in January.
- there have been a number of new proposed policies and updates that have come to us from Erie 1 BOCES since our Policy Manual was approved. The Board will receive them electronically for review prior to the first reading at a meeting. One of the new policies that is getting a lot of press is the Transgender Policy – Supt Wyant and our Olweus Coordinator, Nancy Shedlock will be participating in an informational webinar on this topic in the near future.
- he will be continuing to make regular scheduled monthly visits to each of the buildings. It was great to see the development of “Goals and Scales” evident from building to building. He was able to sit in on an IST Meeting which was a very positive experience for all involved.
- he had received a letter from Neil Bryson of the NYS Music Association which he shared thanking the District and Music Department for hosting the Area All State performance.
- that we are entering into the budget development season. Beginning with meeting with BOCES Departments with pre-budgets due on Friday. The Executive Budget from Albany should be out in January, there are indications that the budget will be very tight. The District will be enacting a spending freeze in the near future. We are in a very good financial position and it is our goal to stay that way and preserve programs.

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ROUTINE ITEMS

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

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 November 12, 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 October 31, 2015
- Acceptance of the Student Activities Report for the period ending October 31, 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 November 9, 10, 13, 16 and 19, 2015 and the 504 meetings of November 10 and 13, 2015.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

POLICY/PROCEDURE

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board revokes the approval given on May 5, 2015 for the History Club to travel to Europe on April 21 – 30, 2016.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

FINANCE:

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the donation in the amount of \$3,414.50 from Regina Gambino (Cheerleading Boosters) towards the purchase of new cheerleading uniforms.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the donation in the amount of \$950. from the Hornell Football Boosters Club towards the purchase of new football uniforms.

CARRIED – 5 AYES- ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the donation of the property located at 5 State Street, Hornell, NY from Welliver

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

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BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the Letter of Agreement with the Richard J. Caron Foundation (CARON – Comprehensive Addiction Treatment Recovery for Life) to provide K-12 SAP (Student Assistance Program) Training
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

PERSONNEL:

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the resignation of Michelle McCarthy as Teacher Aide, effective November 30, 2015.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the 26-week probationary appointment of Linda Burchard as Food Service Helper, 10 months, 2.5 hours per day at the hourly rate specified in the HESSA contract, effective December 3, 2015.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the resignation of Kari Kiffer as Senior Class Co-Advisor (Class of 2016) effective October 31, 2015.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the appointment of the following advisor for the 2015-16 school year (stipends as specified in the HEA Contract) :

Dawn Burritt – Senior Class Co-Advisor (Class of 2016)

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the following Winter Sports volunteers (pending fingerprint clearance and completion of First Aid/CPR requirements):

Luke Morgan – Indoor Track

Issac Spike – Indoor Track

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the four-year probationary appointment of Kristen M. Zylka in the tenure area of Elementary Education, effective December 7, 2015. (BS in Childhood Education from St. John Fisher, MSED in Literacy Education B-Gr 6 from SUNY Oswego – Initial Certs: SWD B- Grade 2, Early Childhood Education B – Grade 2, Childhood Education Grades 1-6, SWD Grades 1 – 6)
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

Kristen was unable to attend the meeting; however the Board publically welcomed her to the District.

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BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the four-year probationary appointment of Sean A. Rasmussen in the tenure area of Special Education, effective December 3, 2015. (BS in Adolescence English Inclusive Generalist from SUNY Brockport, – Initial Certs: SWD Grades 7-12 English, English Language Arts 5-6. English Language Arts 7-12)

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

Sean was in attendance at the meeting and the Board welcomed him to the District.

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, at 5:44 PM the Board move to Executive Session to review the tenure appointments and to discuss negotiations of an individual's contract.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, at 6:23 PM the Board return to Regular Session.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board grants tenure to Jordan (Brungard) Hahn, Special Education Teacher, effective January 27, 2016.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

The Board congratulated Jordan on receiving tenure.

BY: DAVIS/ROSE

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board grants tenure to Ashley Saurbaugh, Elementary Teacher, effective January 27, 2016.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

The Board congratulated Ashley on receiving tenure.

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board grants tenure to Kristen Hazard, Elementary Teacher, effective February 3, 2016.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board 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:

James Anderson- Certified Teacher (Special Education)

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Taylor Clark-Clerical, Teacher Aide, Cleaner, Bus Driver, Bus Attendant,
Food Service Helper, Laborer
William Drake-Laborer, Uncertified Teacher, Clerical, Teacher Aide,
Cleaner, Bus Driver, Bus Attendant, Food Service Helper
Jennifer Griffith-Uncertified Teacher, Teacher Aide, Clerical, Cleaner, Food
Service Helper, Bus Attendant, Bus Driver
David Haynes-Teacher Aide, Cleaner, Laborer, Bus Driver, Bus Monitor,
Food Service
Elizabeth Harris-Uncertified Teacher, Clerical, Teacher Aide,
Albert “Chip” Hugar-Clerical, Uncertified Teacher, Teacher Aide, Cleaner,
Laborer, Bus Attendant
Nadine Ismail-uncertified teacher, teacher aide
Daryl Smith- Certified Teacher (art)
Sean Rasmussen – Certified Special Education (effective November 19,
2015)

Changes to the Substitute Roster

Dustin Peterson- add as bus attendant

**21st Century Grant, Extended School Day Grant additions to be paid on a time
sheet basis @ \$16.00/hr**

Robert Hirsch- 21st Century Grant teacher

Eileen Marino- Substitute teacher for ESD Grant

CARRIED – 5 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, January 6, 2016.

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that at 6:25 PM the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

Before everyone dismissed, President McNelis requested a moment of silence for the young child from Hornell who tragically lost his life recently.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Eaton, District Clerk