

HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – DECEMBER 7, 2016

President McNelis opened the meeting at 5:15 PM and led the Board/Public in the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a moment of silence in honor of the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day and those who lost their lives in service to our Country.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: John McNelis, Kerry Davis, Joshua DeLany, Jessica Hess. James Marino, Uzma Mehr
ABSENT: Judy Rose (arrived at 5:23 PM)

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

Celebrating Success:

Julie Smith, Jr High School Asst. Principal (on behalf of grades 7-12) reported:

- Had five students of the month at Wildwood:
 - Grace Smith – New Visions
 - Zach Long – Building Construction
 - Jesse Mead – CISCO
 - Taylor Plank – Culinary Arts
 - Bethani Ormsby - Digital Media Arts
- All Fall Varsity athletic teams were named Scholar Athlete Teams, even with the increase to the criteria for this year!
- Jeremiah Cooper represented Hornell at the NYS Conference All-State Mixed Chorus. He was the first vocalist from Hornell in over 25 years to earn this achievement.
- Working with BLT this year the “Honor Pass” criteria was increased and the pass system was expanded from grades 7-8 to grades 7-12. The honor pass system recognizes academics, attendance and behaviors. Pleased to report that 53% of the students earned honor passes this marking period!
- At the recent faculty meeting the following positive data was shared:
 - First marking period behavioral referrals are down 35% this year from last year
 - Tardies to school for the first marking period are down 18% from last year, most likely due to our later start.
 - Multiple failures from first marking period are down 20% from the same period last year

Richard Dunham, Intermediate School Asst. Principal reported:

- Students reached their goal of 4,000 coins for positive actions and Math/English accomplishments by the end of the first marking period, so Mr. Gaffney will be holding a snake this Friday at 9:00 AM (Mr. Gaffney is deathly afraid of snakes!) Please join if available.

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- Teachers are making the transition to Standards Based Report Cards and are doing very well with the changes.
- Gave a shout out to the students in the upcoming musical for their commitment to after school hours rehearsals, looking forward to a great show.
- The students and staff are having a toy drive to contribute to “Santa’s Day Off”
- Collecting “Pennies for Paws” for the Humane Society – students and staff are donating their spare change to help our furry friends.

Jennifer Sorochin, Bryant School Principal reported:

- Both grade level teams (2 & 3) have worked with Angie Olkey(Curriculum Coordinator) on curriculum development and developing a scope and sequence for our core instruction.
- Parent conference had a great turnout.
- Sydney Schierer did a super job with her first Winter Showcase. There was standing room only in the HS Auditorium. Thank you to the teachers, faculty and staff for helping to manage the students.
- Friday was the “Shining STAR” Assembly where many students received awards for academics, behavior and attendance.
- The 3rd grade took a field trip to Alfred University where they worked on STEM related activities, attended and Art Force Five workshop on overcoming adversity through art and also got to eat lunch at the university.
- Currently having a giving tree and canned food drive.

Barbara Kramer, North Hornell Principal reported:

- In November donations were collected for the veterans and delivered to the Bath VA. The veterans were very appreciative.
- Thanked the Intermediate School for including North Hornell and Bryant Schools in making the human flag. It was a great success and the kids loved it.
- Grades K-1 participated in Teacher Team Curriculum days with Angie Olkey (Curriculum Coordinator) where they worked on Social Studies curriculum, sight words, writing scope and sequence and adapted modules.
- Holding a canned food drive to benefit the Salvation Army and Catholic Charities
- Staff looking to support families over the holidays, many agencies come in to offer help (ex. “Shop with a Cop”) thirty-three students will be helped this year.

Student Achievement - Erica Siebert , Curriculum Coordinator/Superintendent Wyant **Superintendent Wyant** handed out the School Report Card to the Board and

explained that the standards change each year making it more difficult to compare data from year to year; which is why we use other forms of data to better gauge where we are in our programming. Commissioner Elia also stated that we cannot compare last year to this year because last year students were given extra time and this year they will allow for “test read” provisions.

- He then directed the Board to page 29 of the report pertaining to “Graduation Rate” and reminded them that at the previous Board Meeting there was a discussion about the 2016 graduation rate being around 82/83%, yet the Report Card shows 74%. He indicated that they were trying to figure out why the percentage that was reported was not the percentage the is listed on the Report Card. Public School Review which was published prior to the report reflected our higher rate, but when we inquired of them where the number came from they said that they could not provide that information and it was therefore unsubstantiated.. After further review it was found that the information uploaded to NYSED (level 2) had a rate of 85.5%

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for the HS and 84.1 for the District as a whole. It is disappointing that the public report does not reflect the information that was supplied. We will continue to look into this and report our findings.

- He directed the Board to page 2 of the report for a better snapshot of what our seniors are doing in our HS – 121 Completion, Non-completion did not align to a specific cohort. AYP met goal for graduation rate, above average for Regents Diploma w/ Advanced Designation 37% v 32% and above average for Regents Diploma w/ CTE Endorsement 10% v 5%.

Erika Siebert reported the following:

- Multiple Regents w/ over 80% proficiency
- Economically Disadvantaged Students made AYP for secondary ELA & Math (areas of focus in PLC and Faculty meetings)
- Accelerated 8th Graders who took the CC Algebra (24 students): 100% proficiency
- Accelerated 8th Graders who took the Living Environment Exam (29 students): 100% Proficiency
- Average mean scores increased from 2015 to 2016 for grades 4th and 7th in ELA and 4th & 8th in Math
- June Global Regents and US History Regents have remained fairly constant over the last four years, but are the lowest in the region. These are areas that need improvement
- With regard to curriculum work:
 - Working on aligning scope and sequence so that all classes have similar content. K-2 have made revisions to writing and Standards Based Instruction (SBI), 3-6 modules revision and creation of common assessments for ELA and Math, 7-12 scope & sequence, goals & scales and common assessments
 - In January will begin training for iReady diagnostic assessment, will test three times per year to monitor student growth and provide a means to group students for targeted intervention. We were not prepared to roll this out at the beginning of the school year without proper training. Training will be completed before initial administration.
 - Intervention groups K-8, target students in need of intervention and provide focused standards-based instruction and remediation, as well as enrichment.
 - The ELA Committee reviewed data and agreed upon end of year benchmarks focusing on the best tools for measuring the components of reading and looking at the components of an effective, balanced ELA program.
 - Math Committee will review District data and look to create end of year benchmarks and tools to assess student growth.
- Continued work on engagement strategies and research based instructional practices for all students, but especially Economically Disadvantaged students. PLC members are reading Eric Jensen's Poor Students Rich Teaching, the admins are modeling and sharing the information in their Faculty Meetings
- The presentation of "Worksheet Don't Grow Dendrites" during our pre-opening day Conferences was very well received by faculty and staff
- We are using multiple measures to find out where students are, we do not want to miss anything.

REPORTS

Construction Report - (Mick Pavlick – Welliver): Provided the Board with the Construction Report and reviewed same. He discussed the bids being delayed until next week and said the pool is schedule to be filled on the 19th. The Board asked if they would be able to tour the updated pool and locker room area; it was determined that the January 4th meeting would be held at the Intermediate School and will include a tour.

Superintendent's Report –

Superintendent Wyant reported:

- Amextra (lease holder for our Maintenance Shop) met with Pat recently to discuss extending our lease for two additional years with no increase in rate. Thus far it has been a very good relationship, helping each other when needed. They have updated and modified our space to better fit our needs.
- Updated the Board with information regarding Verizon placing two small cell towers on our buildings (one on the HS and one on the Columbian School). They approached us a couple of year ago about placing one on the HS and we told them that we would also want one on the Columbian School to improve our poor service. There would be no cost to the District, we would receive revenue. Would like to pursue this.
- Updated the Board on the results of the lead in school water testing. In September, Gov. Cuomo mandated that the NYS schools test for lead in the water. We had done testing on our own in March and retested in K-6 buildings at the end of September and 7-12 at the end of October. "First draw" samples were sent from every water source that may have water consumed from them in every building. We have received the results back from three of the buildings which were as follows:

Columbian School – all clear, came in under 15 parts per billion (ppb)

Bryant School – had eight sources over 15 ppb

Jr/Sr HS – had 11 sources over 15 ppb

All sources that were over the allowable limits (15 ppb) were taken out of service or signage was posted which indicated not to drink the water. A letter has been prepared and will be posted on our website and sent home with students to notify parents/guardians of the results thus far. Reports will follow when the outstanding results are received. The question of whether or not additional testing will be done after the completion of the pool/locker room project at the Intermediate School was asked by Member Mehr. It was indicated although it is not required, the new sources will be tested.

- He shared some upcoming concert dates at the Intermediate School on the 8th and the HS on the 15th and indicated that the Administrators will be helping the Salvation Army by ringing bells on the 19th.
- He indicated he would be sending a letter of concern to Regent Brown regarding the change in duration of competition seasons, changing things that the NYSPHSAA has been working on for 10 years regarding 4 years of eligibility and Athletic Placement Changes.

Patrick Flaitz, Business Official gave the following 2017/18 budget updates:

- TRS rates are expected to go down approximately 1/1.5%, however we were told we should not get used to that amount for the future
- ERS will remain the same at 13.5%

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- Last year the tax cap started at zero, this year it is 1.3%
- Not as worried this year at this point as he was last year, talked with the Administrators today and we might be able to regain some of our lost positions
- Insurance revenue and expense is holding steady this year, expecting an approximate 5% increase in medical and 5-8% increase in dental
- Have receive news that the Counseling Grant will be slashed by 40% next year (last year of three year grant). Looking at ways to keep the Counselors
- Have had our first of many BOCES budget reviews

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 meeting of November 2 and 10, 2016.
- Acceptance of the Claims Auditor/Warrant Reports for the period ending October 31 and November 30, 2016.
- Acceptance of the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending October 31, 2016.
- Acceptance of the Student Activities Reports of October 31, 2016.
- Has no objection to the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and approves the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendation for the meetings of November 3, 8, 10, 15, 21 and December 1, 2016. The Committee on Preschool Special Education meetings of November 3, 7, 15 and 21, 2016 and the 504 Meetings of November 8, 21 and December 1, 2016.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

POLICY/PROCEDURE

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board authorizes Patrick Flaitz to dispose of the surplus food service items included on the list dated November 15, 2016.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board authorizes Patrick Flaitz to dispose of the following district vehicles:

2000 Chevy Silverado –	VIN 1GCEK14V1YE307073
2000 Dodge Truck -	VIN 2B4GP25R2YR748860
1996 Ford Ranger -	VIN 1FTCR10A6TPB04358

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

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Mr. Flaitz indicated that the above items as well as several other items that the Board has recently authorized for disposal will be put out for sale via bids in the future.

FINANCE:

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the generous donation/grant from the Buffalo Bills in the amount of \$1,000 to be used for the football program. This grant is being awarded to Coach Erik Werner on December 18th for his selection as Buffalo Bills and ADRPO Sports Section V Coach of the Week. It was noted that he is also in the running for Coach of the Year.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

The Board congratulated Coach Werner on receiving this honor.

PERSONNEL:

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the resignation of Susan Thompson, Food Service Helper, effective November 25, 2016.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the resignation of Samuel Jackson, School Bus Driver, effective December 2, 2016.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the amendment of the effective date of the resignation of Karen Welch, Secretary to the Business Official / Payroll Clerk to December 4, 2016

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the request of Mary Wolf for a leave of absence for a period of up to one year from her position as Teacher Aide to accept the provisional appointment to the position of Sr. Typist contingent upon her being reachable on the Civil Service list provided by Steuben County after taking the Senior Typist Exam.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the probationary appointment of Richard Kelleher as School Bus Driver, 10 months, 4 hours per day at the rate specified in the HESSA Contract., effective December 8, 2016.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

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BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the 26 week probationary appointment of Jennifer Griffith as Food Service Helper, 10 months, 3 hours per day at the rate specified in the HESSA Contract., effective December 8, 2016.
CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the provisional appointment of Mary Wolf as Senior Typist, 11 months, 7.5 hours per day (7 hours per day when school is not in session) at her current hourly rate, effective December 8, 2016. This appointment is conditional upon her being reachable on the Steuben County Civil Service Senior Typist list after taking the exam. Furthermore it is recommended that the Board approve the payment to Mary for her additional hours worked between November 29 and December 7, 2016 on a time sheet basis while training and working in this position prior to her official appointment.
CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the change in appointment of Samantha Sirianni from Teacher Aide to a 26-week probationary appointment as Swimming Pool Aide, 10 months, 6.5 hours per day at her current hourly rate, effective December 8, 2016.
CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the change in appointment of Deborah Bacon, Food Service Helper from 3.25 hours per day to 3.75 hours per day at her current hourly rate, effective December 8, 2016.
CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the appointment of Peggy Nankivell as Deputy Claims Auditor for the remainder of the 2016/17 school year. To be used on an as needed / time sheet basis at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, effective December 8, 2016.
CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the permanent appointment of Alan Allen as Custodian effective September 2, 2016
CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the permanent appointment of Steven Sleight as Transportation Supervisor effective July 1, 2016.
CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

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BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the appointment of Carl Kossow as Chess Club advisor for the remainder of the 2016/17 school year, effective December 8, 2016. Stipend as specified in the HEA Contract (prorated for the remainder of the year).

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the appointment of Angela DeLany as Assistant Indoor Track Coach for the remainder of the 2016/17 season, effective December 8, 2016. Stipend as specified in the HEA Contract (prorated for the remainder of the season).

CARRIED – 6 AYES – 1 OBSTENTION: DELANY

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the following appointments as Consortium Designated Delegates:

Health Consortium –	Superintendent Business Official (in Supt's absence)
Worker's Comp. Consortium –	Business Official Superintendent (in BO's absence)

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

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:

Nicole Allen-Typist, Teacher Aide, Laborer, Bus Monitor, Food Service Helper

Ann Brungard- Typist, Teacher Aide

John Calhoun- Certified Teacher (Social Studies)

Ashley Dunning-Uncertified Teacher

Derek Labarron-Teacher Aide, Uncertified Teacher

Lance Trudell- Teacher Aide

21st Century Grant- FOCUS, to be paid on a time sheet basis @ \$16/hr unless otherwise negotiated through a Hornell collective bargaining contract.

21st Century staff

Katie Cleveland- \$16/ hr

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the resignation of Jessaflor Pratt, Food Service Helper, effective December 16, 2016.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

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INFORMATIONAL:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held at 5:15 PM in the Intermediate School Cafeteria on Wednesday, January 4, 2017

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that at 6:12 PM the Board move to Executive Session to discuss the search for a successor to the Superintendent, they invited GST BOCES Superintendent James Frame and Patrick Flaitz to join them.

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that at 8:38 PM the Board return to Regular Session and the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED –7 AYES – ALL

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Eaton, District Clerk