

HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – APRIL 6, 2016

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

ROLL CALL

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

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

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

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that at 5:19 PM the Board move to Executive Session to discuss the pending tenure appointments of particular individuals.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that at 5:39 PM the Board return to Regular Session.
CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

Construction Report - (Andy Billiotte – Welliver / Chad Snowburg – Hunt):

- Provided the Board with the Construction Report and reviewed same.
- Provided the Board with design updates for the upcoming project at the High School (discussed options for improving traffic flow / buses / parent drop off)

Budget Update Report – Patrick Flaitz:

- Provided the Board with an updated budget draft for review (handouts)
- Stated the State's final budget was in (better than anticipated)
- Set a final Budget Workshop for Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 5:15 PM

Celebrating Success (Administrators):

Barbara Kramer, Principal – North Hornell:

- The Kindergarteners are reading!! They are taking turns reading to the Principal.
- School wide writing this week
- Held marking period assembly, celebrated attendance, Red Raider notes, etc.

Jennifer Sorochin, Principal – Bryant School:

- Daffodils bloomed and were picked and distributed to the rooms on Saturday so everyone could enjoy them and the snow would not kill them
- “Feeling Groovy” Reading Program was a great success, students read 2,517 in approximately five weeks, the dance had to be rescheduled because the students needed to read 400 more books to reach their goal

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- Held our “Shining Star” assembly
- Getting through assessments smoothly due to team work
- Kudos to Kim Sherburne for holding a training with the cafeteria staff and developing behavior scales and a points system which has resulted in less referrals

Sean Gaffney, Principal – Intermediate School:

- Held end of marking period assembly, students have read 7600 books and met their second marking period goal resulting in Mr. Gaffney kissing Maxwell the mini pig.. The goal for the end of the year is 9000 books.
- Very excited that author the author of the book *Our Principal Promised to Kiss a Pig*, Kallie Dakos, will be visiting the Intermediate School on Friday, May 6th.
- The annual Merry Go Round Playhouse, Echoes writing program has awarded Showcase Author to Caylin Young and Excellence in Writing to Juliette Marino; eighteen students were also awarded “Honorable Mention” status.
- On March 16th Linda Walter’s 6th grade computer classes showcased area restaurants at the Main Place for the “Taste of Hornell”. Thank you to all of the businesses that participated.

Ted Illi, Principal – Junior High School:

- Received data from the Prevention Needs Assessment Survey from Norm McCumiskey (Steuben Prevention Coalition) which shows a downward trend from the previous year’s data
- ELA testing is in full force this week, a big shout out to the students who are doing well with this disruption of their normal schedule. Kudos to the Maintenance Staff for all of their help and to the ELA Department for the great job they did developing the local assessment and assisting with the coordination of the assessments. Everyone has really stepped up!
- Parent Teacher Conferences were held on March 23rd, 57 parents attended pre-scheduled meetings

Scott Carroll, Principal – High School

- Special thanks to:
 - Alexandra Brown for applying for the AIFS Grant in the amount of \$1,000
 - Jenn Larkin and Brian Biro who produced a video for a PE Grant, everyone can help out by voting online.
 - Angie Conway and Amber Linza for their work preparing for the upcoming Special Olympics
- The recent production of *How to Succeed in Business Without Trying* was a great success
- The Hall of Fame / US Army award for Excellence was presented to Chantre Milliner at a school wide assembly, congratulations to Chantre for this prestigious award and a shout out to the students and staff for the great representation at the assembly.
- Wildwood students of the month were William Oyer / Criminal Justice and Riley Kiffer / Digital Media Arts

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- The following students were named to the Wildwood National Technical Honor Society:
 - Dayton Lewis / CISCO Networking Academy
 - Joshua Harrison / Criminal Justice
 - Colin McDaniels / Criminal Justice

 - William Oyer / Criminal Justice
 - Andrew Doran / Criminal Justice
 - Cassandra Hilligus / Culinary Arts
 - Riley Kiffer / Digital Media Arts
 - Jocelyn Brittingham / New Visions Medical
 - Anna Weyand / New Visions Medical
 - Kasey Marino / Nursing Assistant
- The following students participated in the Skills USA competition:
 - Owen Renouf – placed 1st in Digital Media Arts
 - Hunter Tingley – placed 3rd in Heavy Equipment
- We were notified this morning that Usman Chaudhry has been selected for an internship at Corning Incorporated for STEM research this summer.

Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Wyant reported:

- Made his monthly visits to all of the buildings in the last few weeks and found the staff to be working hard at connecting with our students
- Attended the hospital planning meeting earlier today
- As the Principals stated earlier, testing is underway and “opt outs” have decreased. There are testing auditors out in our area making sure that proper procedures are being followed, we have not had any in the district but we are confident that all is well
- The Community Dentistry Program that will come up in the agenda later in the evening will use space in each of our buildings and will provide free dental screening and information regarding health and nutritional information to our students
- As discussed in the budget update, the State budget came in better than expected, would like to commend our legislators for listening and addressing our concerns. There is an increase in Foundation Aid for Small City School Districts.
- Petition packets for those interested in running for School Board are available in the Superintendent's Office. The deadline for return is 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 27, 2016.
- We will have educator/speaker Marcia Tate of Developing Minds addressing our entire staff on one of our opening Conference Days. This will take the place of attendance at the Model Schools Conference this year.
- For those who are looking forward to the last week of school and anticipating a change in the calendar to half days for students again this year, it does not look like that will be happening due to state attendance requirements (possibly one or two days at the most)
- Have had discussions with EIDEX their program can provide 50 million data points to compare us with our peers.

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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 March 2 and 16, 2016.
- Acceptance of the Claims Auditor/Warrant Reports for the period ending February 29, 2016.
- Acceptance of the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending February 29, 2016
- Acceptance of the Student Activities Report for the period ending February 29, 2016.
- Acceptance of the Appropriations Report of February 29, 2016.
- Acceptance of the Revenue Report of February 29, 2016.
- Acceptance of the GF Transfer Report of February 29, 2016.
- 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 March 3, 4, 10, 14, 16, 17, 18, 22, 24, 28, and 30, 2016. The Committee on Preschool Special Education meetings of March 3, 24 and 30, 2016 and the 504 meetings of March 3, 10, 15 and 31, 2016.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

POLICY/PROCEDURE

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the proposed calendar for the 2016-17 school year.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the proposed payroll calendar for the 2016-17 school year.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the Student Support Services Plan.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

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BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the Comprehensive District Educational Plan (CDEP) effective 2015-2018.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board authorizes Patrick Flaitz to dispose of the musical instruments on the list dated March 9, 2016.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the following amendments to the 2015-16 School Calendar:

- Thursday, April 21, 2016 – will change to the Early Dismissal Day that was originally scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2016. School will be in session for AM only for students, instructional staff and support staff (who completed summer offset hours and selected Friday, April 22, 2016 as their offset day).
- Friday, April 22, 2016 – No school for students or staff who would normally benefit from a “snow day”
- Friday, May 27, 2016 – No school for students or staff who would normally benefit from a “snow day”

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

FINANCE:

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, agenda items VII C. 2. 1-f be grouped for one action.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

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

- the agreements with Management Advisory Group of NY, Inc. for the 2016-17 school year for STAC Services, Medicaid Services and Tuition Billing.
- the contract with Marcia Tate / Developing Minds to provide professional development to the staff on the September 1, 2016 Conference Day.
- the contract for Special Inspections and Structural Testing to Terracom Consultants – NY, Inc.
- the agreements with Regional Primary Care / Community Dentistry Program to provide basic preventative dental services to our students free of charge.
- the agreement with BOCES of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to participate in their Cooperative Natural Gas bid for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.
- the donation of \$2,500 from the Hornell Wind Ensemble to our Music Department.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

The Board would like to thank the Hornell Wind Ensemble for their generous donation.

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PERSONNEL:

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Gail Murphy as LPN, effective at the end of the day on May 9, 2016. (17 years of service).

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

The Board thanked Gail for her many years of dedicated service to the District.

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Judy Stevens as Teacher's Aide, effective on June 30 23, 2016. (31 years of service). **(Effective date was changed due to notification by NYSERS – an updated letter was received from Judy)**

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

The Board thanked Judy for her many years of dedicated service to the District.

BY: DELANY/DAVIS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the resignation of Kelly Rose as Senior Typist, effective at the end of the day on April 8, 2016. (19 years of service).

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

The Board thanked Kelly for her many years of dedicated service to the District.

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

Derrick Balinsky- Uncertified teacher, typist, teacher aide, laborer
(cleaner/groundsman)

Katie Cappadonia- Teacher Aide

Amanda Matteson- Laborer (cleaner/ groundsman)

21st Century Grant, Extended School Day Grant additions to be paid on a time sheet basis @ \$16/hr unless otherwise negotiated through a collective bargaining contract.

Brian Biro –instructional staff ESD Grant

Jordan Titus –instructional staff ESD Grant

Title 1-A LAP Sig 1003A Grant (FOCUS)-to be paid at on a timesheet basis at the rate of \$16.00/ hr., unless otherwise negotiated through a collective bargaining contract.

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

Informational:

The Board will hold a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 5:15 PM in the Columbian School Conference Room.

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The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 5:15 PM in the Columbian School Conference Room.

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that at 6:51 PM the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Eaton, District Clerk