

## **HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – DECEMBER 6, 2017**

President Davis opened the meeting at 5:31 PM and led the Board/Public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Kerry Davis, Jessica Hess, Joshua DeLany, John McNelis, James Marino

**ABSENT:** Judith Rose (excused), Uzma Mehr (arrived at 5:40)

**RESOLVED:** BY: DELANY/HESS  
that, Patrick Flaitz be appointed as Clerk Pro Tem.  
CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

**RESOLVED:** BY: DELANY/HESS  
that, the agenda be approved as presented.  
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**HCSD Music Department:** Various groups from the HCSD Music Department performed holiday selections much to the delight of the Board and Public.

Board Member Mehr arrived at 5:40 PM

**Erica Siebert & Angela Olkey:** Presented the Board with the Professional Development Plan

### **REPORTS**

**Construction Report - Mick Pavlick (Welliver)** – provided the Board with the Construction Report and reviewed same.

#### **Celebrating Success:**

**Superintendent Palotti on behalf of Barbara Kramer, North Hornell School Principal** reported:

- Students and staff collected items for our Veterans. Items ranged from socks and soaps to puzzle books. These were delivered to the VA center in Bath and greatly appreciated.
- Grade level teams have been assessing report card data and reading levels to make changes to student academic groupings and interventions. More targeted instruction is taking place and we are seeing better results.
- Report cards will be distributed, and explained to parents, this week during parent teacher conferences.
- Our school counselor, Jen Smith, has been partnering with local organizations who have offered to provide holiday meals and gifts to our students this holiday season. She has contacted families and many will be receiving generous assistance from our community. We will report out on this more in the future.

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**Superintendent Palotti of behalf of Jennifer Sorochin, Bryant School Principal** reported:

- The 3rd grade Fall Showcase was a big hit. Thank you to Mrs. Schierer for her direction and the Intermediate School for hosting. We look forward to the Winter Showcase for the 2nd grade coming up on January 9th.
- We made it through our first round of BAS testing this year, and saw growth across the board. There is still need for improvement, but we're moving in the right direction.
- We'd like to thank the Jordan Titus and his class for providing Thanksgiving dinner to one of our families. They really enjoyed it and truly appreciated the donation.
- We're adopting a family this season to donate gifts to all the family members.
- Our students are participating in a canned food drive to support our community.
- We've been writing letters to servicemen overseas to make their holidays a little brighter. Kelley Argentieri, a teacher at the high school, will mail them to her son who will pass them out to soldiers who don't get a lot of mail.
- Earlier this month Jen Carretto's class hosted an audio chat with Gregory Addison, a Sergeant in the US Army. His son, Anthony is in her class. They interviewed him via satellite phone from somewhere overseas. Their making a care package of a few of his favorite things for Christmas.

**Adam Porter, Sr High School Assistant Principal** on behalf of the Jr/Sr High School, reported:

- Wildwood BOCES November Students of the Month:  
Austin Strickland- Criminal Justice  
Amanda Merring- Culinary Arts  
Rebecca Bacon- Digital Media Arts
- 121 Students in grades 10-12 earned High Honor Roll, 84 students in grades 10-12 earned Honor Roll. That's 52% of Grades 10-12 students.
- Out of 131 of our enrolled students in Wildwood BOCES CTE Programs, 51 students (38%) earned High Honor Roll and 26 students (19%) earned Honor Roll.
- 183 students in grades 7-9 earned the honor pass, which is 47% of our student population.
- 140 students in grades 7-9 earned High Honor Roll, 70 earned Honor Roll. 210 earned Honor Roll or High Honor Roll, which is 54% of our student population.
- All 8 of our Fall sports teams earned NYSHSPAA Scholar Athlete Status.
- Congratulations to Kuryn Newark- Kuryn was selected among thousands of students who auditioned across the state, representing each county in New York State. She represented us at the New York State School Music Association Winter Conference All-State Mixed Chorus. These students rehearsed 30+ hours over four days and had the opportunity to work with Dr. David N. Fryling, Director of Choral activities at Hofstra University on Long Island, a premiere center of renowned vocal music study. Kuryn is the second student, in 30 years, to represent Hornell Vocal Music at the State level. This is a life-changing accomplishment that few students can say they have achieved.
- Kat Stevens for promoting Epilepsy Awareness.
- As all of you know, last week was very difficult as we lost our dear colleague and friend, Lisa Rosica. Our Crisis Team was activated and we truly appreciate all of the support that we received District wide.

**Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Palotti** reported:

- On the upcoming budget timeline and provided updates; will be looking at staffing, supplies and curriculum to address needs.
- Updated the Board regarding the completion of the needs assessment.

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**ROUTINE ITEMS**

BY: DELANY/HESS

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

- Approval of the minutes for the meetings of November 1, 2017.
- Acceptance of the Claims Auditor/Warrant Report for the period ending October 31, 2017,
- Acceptance of the Student Activities Reports of October 31, 2017.
- Acceptance of the Appropriations Reports of October 31, 2017.
- Acceptance of the Treasurer's Reports of October 31 2017.
- Acceptance of the GF Budget Transfer Reports of October 31, 2017.
- Acceptance of the Revenue Reports of October 31, 2017.
- 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 Committee on Special Education meetings of October 27, November 2, 7, 9, 13, 15, 16 and 28, 2017. The Preschool Special Education meetings of November 2, 16, 21 and 28, 2017 and the 504 meetings of November 2, 7, 16 and 28, 2017.

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**POLICY/PROCEDURE**

BY: DELANY/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the out of state field trip request of the Intermediate School Music Department to travel to Cleveland, OH on June 19 & 20, 2018.

CARRIED – 6 AYES - ALL

**FINANCE:**

BY: DELANY/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the amended lease renewal with Amexstra, Inc. for the Maintenance Building located at 27 Bank Street, Hornell, NY effective December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2020.

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the contract with Pupil Transportation Safety Institute (PTSI) to provide a Child Safety Zone Study.

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

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BY: DELANY/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the MOA with the Hornell Educators Association (HEA) regarding compensation of Licensed Master Social Workers (LMSW).  
CARRIED – 6 YES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board approves the 2018/19 Budget Preparation Calendar.  
CARRIED – 6 YES - ALL

**PERSONNEL**

BY: DELANY/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the request of Lynda Ackerson, School Bus Attendant effective November 15, 2017 through April 15, 2018 (using her accumulated time with the remainder being unpaid).  
CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the extension of the leave of absence of Mary Wolf from her position as Teacher Aide (approved for one year on December 7, 2016 to fill an open Senior Typist position on a conditional basis) through January 1, 2018. She will return to her normal Teacher Aide duties on January 2, 2018.  
CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the 26 week probationary appointment of Fay Parada as LPN, 10 months, 7.25 hours per day at the rate specified in the HPA Contract, effective December 8, 2017.  
CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Kara Carbone as Winter JV Cheerleading Coach and appoint her to the position of Winter Modified Cheerleading Coach.  
CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Tim O'Mara Varsity Swimming Coach.  
CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approve the appointment of Mark Kelly as Varsity Swim Coach for the remainder of the 2017/18 season effective November 20, 2017, (pending all required certifications).  
CARRIED – 6 AYES - ALL  
BY: DELANY/HESS

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**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the following Winter Sport Volunteer:

Damien DeMarco – Indoor Track

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the following advisor appointment for the remainder of the 2017/18 school year at the stipend indicated in the HEA Contract (prorated):

Chess Club Advisor – Carl Kossow

CARRIED – 6 AYES - ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the following changes to the substitute roster and other assignments, **pending success approval through DMV and or Civil Service if applicable:**

**Substitute Additions:**

Cheryl Arias- Typist, Teacher Aide, Laborer, Food Service Helper, Bus Attendant

Andraya Bartlebaugh- Teacher Aide, Laborer, Bus Attendant, Food Service Helper

Kim Foster- Food Service Helper, Laborer, Bus Attendant

Cassandra Giglio-Teacher Aide, Laborer, Typist, Food Service Helper

Lisa Miller- Teacher Aide

Elizabeth Pelych-Typist, Teacher Aide, Bus Attendant, Food Service Helper

Jennifer Sauerbier-Typist, Teacher Aide, Food Service Helper

Meredith Shafer- Teacher Aide, Tutor

Laurie Wood- Teacher Aide, Laborer, Food Service Helper

Kim Foster – Food Service Helper

Lifeguard:

Kristen Hazard, effective November 1, 2017

CARRIED – 6 AYES - ALL

**INFORMATIONAL:**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held at 5:30 PM in the Columbian School Conference Room on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. The meeting will be immediately followed a Board Retreat.

BY: HESS/DELANY

**RESOLVED:** that at 6:15 PM the Board move to Executive Session to discuss upcoming negotiations.

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that at 7:47 PM the Board return to Regular Session and at 7:48 PM that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Flaitz, Clerk Pro Tem

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