

HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – FEBRUARY 1, 2017

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: John McNelis, Joshua DeLany, Jessica Hess, James Marino, Uzma Mehr

ABSENT: Kerry Davis (excused), Judy Rose (excused)

BY: HESS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that the agenda be revised to move Personnel items a. & b. (VI D 3 a. & b.) to the end of the agenda.

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

BY: DAVIS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, the agenda be approved as revised.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

Celebrating Success:

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Barbara Kramer, North Hornell Principal reported:

- The school had a visit from Cass who is one of the characters from “Superkids” “Superkids” is the reading program that both North Hornell and Bryant School use. She visited each classroom and was very interactive with the students, who were very excited about their visitor.
- “Take a stomp through the swamp” musical/science assembly was held
- Nurses and Counselors were trained for the CATCH program (Coordinated Approach to Child Health”, they will share the information that they learned with the staff to kick-off the program in the Fall. Adam Porter coordinated bringing this program to the District.
- The teachers participated in Iready training on our recent Conference Day (this program will replace Aimsweb next year)
- Benchmark assessments are complete and new instructional groupings have been developed.
- The Building Principals attended a safety training exercise, they will train the staff in March.

Jennifer Sorochin, Bryant School Principal reported:

- Benchmarking is complete and intervention groups have been adjusted. Thank you to the Intervention Team for their hard work!
- CATCH Training (see above) is complete; our team Champion is Mike Wilkinson. Kim Sherburne, Roxanne Sanford and myself were also trained.
- Staff was trained on Iready during our recent Conference Day. It is a much more user friendly program for assessing ELA and Math, it will be used in grades K-8 next year.

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- Some of our teachers recently received TCI (Therapeutic Crisis Intervention) and returned with a new perspective and positivity about what they had learned. Julie Smith and Amy Feely were the trainers and did a great job!
- Cass from Superkids (above) also visited our 2nd Grade classrooms – the kids were very excited to meet their friend of the past three years.
- The Reading Challenge begins this month. The theme is “Happy Camper” with scaffolded reading goals set for the rest of the year with incentives and celebrations.
- They will be watching the Intermediate School’s production of “Peter Pan” tomorrow with the students from North Hornell.
- Music teacher, Sydney Schierer has volunteered to start a 3rd Grade chorus; Students will meet after school until 3:00 PM. Approximately 30 students have already signed up.

Richard Dunham, Intermediate School Assistant Principal reported:

- A shout out to thank the PE and Custodial Staff for preparing the pool for opening day.
Sean jumped in the pool during the ceremony much to the delight of the students, who have been enjoying the pool very much.
- Thank you to Randi Fridmann (Art Teacher) for starting an Art Club. They are currently working on painting murals by the Auditorium.
- Also, thank you and congratulations to the students, directors and parents for the many hours involved in the production this weekend of “Peter Pan”. The show will be playing this weekend at the High School.

Julie Smith, Jr. High Assistant Principal reported:

- The 7th and 8th Grade ELA and Math teachers have been working hard to assess the students on standards and appropriately place them in intervention groups. This is a new process for the Junior High, but it is becoming smoother as the year continues.
- We had a great band concert and are very proud of our music programs and very talented young musicians.
- Our High School Orientation was postponed due to our recent snow day until February 7, 2017. This is a good way for parents to hear about graduation requirements and course selection that is currently happening with our Guidance Counselors.
- The cell phone policy is changing in the Junior High. Last year cell phone were not allowed, this year a few changes were made, but it has been determined that the students will no longer be allowed to have their phones out in the cafeteria during lunch time. Honor Pass students will be allowed to use the newly created “honors’ lounge” and can use their phones there. We realized that our junior high students were in need of some more education on the appropriate use of cell phones, so more educational pieces will be added to classroom lessons and assemblies in the coming months.

Scott Carroll, Sr. High School Principal (on behalf of grades 7-12) reported:

- Our Jr./Sr. High School will be welcoming back the “Hornell Globe” in March.
- Our GSA Club participated in “Kindness Week” where they developed a “Wall of Kindness” outside of the cafeteria – kudos to them!
- The Technology Class had their CO2 races where Lane 1 was running HOT!!
- Mark Smith was able to attend the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, DC and webex it back to his class

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- Our Robotics Team participated this past weekend and experienced some minor hiccups with their robot. We are proud of their hard work!
- Outside the classroom we had some great achievements:
 - Alyssa DeLaney Broke her own school record in the hurdles
 - Anna Flaitz is the LCAA Champion in the 300m
 - Sophia Corretto is the LCAA Champion in the 600m
 - Anna Flaitz, Emma Flaitz, Alyssa DeLaney and Sophia Carretto shattered a school record that had been on the books since 1996 in the 4 x 100 relay
 - Congratulations to all of them!!

REPORTS

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

Superintendent's Report –

Superintendent Wyant invited **Chad Snowburg** to present the Board with “design boards” for the upcoming HS project. The question was asked if new furniture would be included in the project; the answer was that NYS did not allow aide for new desks etc. It was stated that new furniture would be purchased through the operating budget. **Superintendent Wyant** asked **Patrick Flaitz** to present a brief update on the progress of planning for the 2017/18 budget, he stated:

- That last year was “weird to say the least” with large health care increases, many retirees with very large incentive payouts and large worker’s compensation expense increases from previous years use.
- This year the Health Board is indicating only a 2% increase, we have fewer retirees with smaller payouts and worker’s comp costs are down (the last two years have worked had to keep these cases down)
- Substitute costs have lessened over the last few years, from approximately \$330,000 to around \$150,000 this year
- He has not included any BOCES increases for next year in the plan thus far
- He will be including line items for each building (approx.. \$30,000-\$35,000) to give them more control and more access for some of their needs such as additional supervision and after hours work. They will be held accountable for that amount and will be required to stay on top of these costs. This will not be “new” expense lines, but will be moved from other line items. They will try to keep these proportional by grade levels.
- Another Capital Outlay Project In the amount of \$240,000 will be in the upcoming budget (these projects are completed in one school year)
- With regard to Fund Balance, we are looking to move 1.2 million forward to reduce taxes
- On the revenue side, PILOTS are dropping drastically, since utility bills are lower this year the tax revenue from them will also be dropping. Foundation Aide will be going up approximately \$292,000 which is nowhere near last year’s increase. The Gap Elimination is finally gone and Building Aide will be going up approximately \$700,000.
- We will be under the “2% Tax Cap” which at first look actually equals 4.077 %
- We may have room to hire back some of the positions that we lost in previous years

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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 meeting of January 4, 2017.
- Acceptance of the Claims Auditor/Warrant Report for the period ending December 31, 2016.
- Acceptance of the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending December 31, 2016.
- Acceptance of the Student Activities Reports of December 31, 2016.
- Acceptance of the Budget Transfer Report for the period ending December 31, 2016.
- Acceptance of the Appropriations Report for the period ending December 31, 2016.
- Acceptance of the Revenue Report for the period ending December 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 January 5, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18 and 20, 2017. The Committee on Preschool Special Education meetings of January 12 and 26, 2017 and the 504 Meetings of January 9, 10, 12 and 17, 2017.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

POLICY/PROCEDURE

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the overnight trip request of the Wrestling Team to travel to Wayne, NY to compete in Sectionals on February 3 and 4, 2017.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the overnight trip request of the Wrestling Team to travel to Brockport, NY to compete in the State Qualifiers on February 10 and 11, 2017.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the overnight trip request of the DECA Club to travel to Rochester, NY to attend the State Career Conference on March 8 – 10, 2017.

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CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL
BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the out of state conference request of Colin Hall to attend the SHAPE America National Conference in Boston, MA on March 14 -18, 2017.

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

FINANCE:

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the generous donation of \$2,210.42 from the Hornell Athletic Boosters for the purchase of track equipment.

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

Thank you to the Athletic Boosters for their generous donation.

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the generous donation of paper supplies, etc. on the list dated January 17, 2017 from Mary Beth Farringer (former New Life Printers).

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

Thank you to Mary Beth Farringer for her generous donation.

PERSONNEL:

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that at 6:01 Pm the Board move to Executive Session to discuss the employment of particular personnel. They invited Erik Werner and Brian Dyring to join them.

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

BY: MEHR/MARINO

RESOLVED: that at 6:34 PM the Board return to Regular Session.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/MARINO

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the following spring coaching assignments (pending fingerprint clearance and required certifications) stipends as specified in the HEA Agreement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>
<u>Baseball – Boys</u>		
Brian Dyring	Varsity Head Coach	11
Carl Kossow	J-V Head Coach	1
Chris vanLeeuwen	Modified Coach	5
<u>Softball – Girls</u>		
Nicole Carey	Varsity Head Coach	4
Kelley Argentieri	J-V Head Coach	4
Amber Linza	Modified Coach	2
<u>Tennis</u>		
Jordan Hahn	Varsity Head Coach	3

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TBD Modified Head Coach

Track

Michael DeGaetano	Boys' Head Coach	22
Damian DeMarco	Girls' Head Coach	26
Lisa Rosica	Assistant Coach	27
Jamie Kull	Modified Coach	3

Golf

Amy Feeley	Varsity Head Coach	6
Barbara Kramer	J-V Head Coach	1

Faculty Manager

Brian Biro		2
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Volunteer Assistants:

Kristen Brunetto	Softball
Elizabeth Norton	Softball
Garth Brundgard	Tennis
Jim Tobin	Tennis

CARRIED – 4 AYES – 1 NAY (Hess)

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the resignation of Ann Margeson as Food Service Helper effective January 2, 2017.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the provisional appointment of Britney Ormsby as Senior Typist, 11 months, 7.5 hours per day at the rate specified in the HPA contract, effective February 2, 2017. Appointment is conditional upon being reachable on the Steuben County Senior Typist list when the list is available.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the provisional appointment of Lisa Smith as Senior Typist, 11 months, 7.5 hours per day at the rate specified in the HPA contract, effective February 2, 2017. Appointment is conditional upon being reachable on the Steuben County Senior Typist list when the list is available.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the 26 week probationary appointment of Derrick Balinsky as Teacher Aide, 10 months, 6.5 hours per day at the rate specified in the HPA contract, effective February 2, 2017.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

The Board congratulated and welcomed Derrick, who was in attendance.

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the 26 week probationary appointment of Gretchen Hoyt as Teacher Aide, 10 months, 6.5 hours per day at the rate specified in the HPA contract, effective February 2, 2017.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

The Board congratulated and welcomed Gretchen, who was in attendance.

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- BY: DELANY/HESS
RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the permanent appointment of Ashlen Arias-Baird as Senior Typist effective July 1, 2016.
CARRIED – 5 YES – ALL
- BY: DELANEY/HESS
RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the permanent appointment of William Pratt as Building Maintenance Mechanic effective July 7, 2016.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL
- BY: DELANY/HESS
RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the permanent appointment of Mitchell Weaver as Head Building Maintenance Mechanic effective July 6, 2016.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL
- BY: DELANY/HESS
RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the permanent appointment of David Butler as Groundsman effective July 1, 2016.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL
- BY: DELANY/HESS
RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board approves the four year probationary appointment of Whitney Dennis as Biology Teacher, effective within 30 days of this date. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on the employee receiving APPR ratings of H or E in 3 of the 4 preceding years (and no I rating in the final year). (AAS in Biology from Alfred State College, BS in Biology/Secondary Education from SUNY Geneseo, MPS in Agriculture Education from Cornell University, Certifications: Professional Cert – Biology 7-12, Initial Cert – General Science 7-12.) Starting salary as stated in the current HEA Contract.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

The Board congratulated and welcomed Whitney, who was in attendance.

- BY: DELANY/HESS
RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wyant, the Board accepts the resignations for the purpose of retirement of six Instructional Staff members on the list dated January 31, 2017 as discussed in Executive Session. At the request of the individuals their names will be made public at the meeting on June 7, 2017.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

- BY: DELANY/HESS
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:
Whitney Dennis- Certified Teacher (Science)
Catherine Drake-Typist, Teacher Aide, Uncertified Teacher

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Janee Gadsden-Uncertified Teacher, Teacher Aide
Kaitlyn Lang- Certified Teacher (Elementary), Teacher Aide, Typist
Shawna McNeill-Uncertified Teacher, Teacher Aide, Typist, Nurse
Michelle Norton- Teacher Aide, Uncertified Teacher
Brittany Reinard-Uncertified Teacher, Typist, Teacher Aide
Jeanne Shawahin-Typist, Teacher Aide, Food Service Helper, School Bus
Attendant
Sarah Valentine- Certified Teacher (Elementary), Typist, Teacher Aide,
Bus Attendant, Food Service Helper

Volunteer Assistant

Sarah Valentine-Classroom Volunteer/ Assistant

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

INFORMATIONAL:

The Policy Committee will meet on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 4:00 PM in the Columbian School Conference Room.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held at 5:15 PM in the Columbian School Conference Room on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: Being that the Board is in receipt of a Statement of Charges against a tenured employee., I hereby motion for the Superintendent to produce records of the employee named in the Charges.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that at 6:43 PM the Board move to Executive Session pursuant to Section 3020a of the Education Law. The Board invites Melanie Beardsley, Esq. and Carol Eaton, District Clerk to join them.

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that at 8:04 PM the Board adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Session.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that at 8:05 PM the meeting be adjourned .

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Eaton, District Clerk