

HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – JULY 17, 2017

President Davis opened the meeting at 5:15 PM in the Conference Room of the Columbian School and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Kerry Davis, Jessica Hess, Joshua DeLany, Uzma Mehr

ABSENT: John McNelis (arr. 5:31 PM), James Marino (arr. 5:16 PM), Judith Rose (arr. 5:16 PM)

BY: HESS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, the agenda be approved as presented
CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

Members Marino and Rose arrived at 5:16 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

Celebrating Success:

Superintendent Palotti – reported that he had given the Admin Team the night off. He reported that there has been very good attendance at the summer programs.

REPORTS

Construction Report - Andy Billiotte (Welliver) – provided the Board with the Construction Report and reviewed same.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Palotti reported:

- The past two weeks have been very busy, with a lot going on in short period of time.
- Gearing up for instruction.
- Spent all of last Thursday with the Admin Team planning and collaborating on how to best function as a team. There is a lot of work to do, but off to a great start.
- Taking time to get to know the culture and the individuals
- Working on setting up meetings both in and out of the District with Community Organizations and area College/University Presidents.

Member McNelis arrived at 5:31 PM

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

POLICY/PROCEDURE

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board authorizes Patrick Flaitz to dispose of the Intermediate School library books on the list dated June 13, 2017.
CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

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BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board authorizes Patrick Flaitz to dispose of the miscellaneous Bryant School Music Department items on the list dated June 15, 2017.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board authorizes Patrick Flaitz to dispose of the Chemistry textbooks on the list dated June 18, 2017.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/DELANY

RESOLVED: **WHEREAS**, the Hornell City School District (the “District”) and Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems of Allentown, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Verizon Wireless”) are proposing to enter into leases of minimal interior building space and minimal roof space at Hornell Junior/Senior High School, 134 Seneca Street, and minimal ground space and minimal roof space at the Columbian School, 25 Pearl Street, for the construction, operation, and maintenance of small microcell wireless telecommunications facilities, and such telecommunications equipment will include antennas (one antenna on each school’s roof), equipment cabinets, and related equipment including wires, cables, conduits and pipes connecting electrical and telephone utility sources; and

WHEREAS, the antennas will stand 10.5+/- feet above the roof of each school, and they will have a small range of approximately 1000 to 1500 feet to support voice and data usage at the schools and nearby areas and relieve usage congestion on regional cellular towers to improve service to local customers, and existing equipment on the portions of the roofs

where the antennas will be installed include an HVAC unit at the Junior/Senior High School and an HVAC unit, vent pipes, and a 8+/- foot antenna at the Columbian School; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Verizon Wireless have met with District officials to discuss the proposed action and the Board of Education and District are fully familiar with the proposed locations and surrounding are located; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with State Education Department (“SED”) guidance and practice, the local school district/board of education, and not the SED, is the appropriate agency to review the action as the lead

agency under SEQRA, and the SED has determined that the construction of the telecommunications facilities will require building permits from the SED; and

WHEREAS, an Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) has been completed in accordance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) regarding the proposed project and the Board of Education and District have duly considered the proposed leases as an Unlisted action, the Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria for determining whether the proposed action will have a significant adverse impact on the environment as set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7(c) of the SEQRA regulations, and such other information deemed appropriate including input from the SED and Verizon Wireless; and

WHEREAS, the Board/District has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, has taken a hard look at these areas, and has made a reasoned elaboration of

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the basis for its determination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON SUCH REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hornell City School District Board of Education that:

1. The Board/District is the lead agency under SEQRA for the proposed action involving lease agreements with Verizon Wireless for small microcell wireless telecommunications facilities action which is an Unlisted action under SEQRA.
2. The proposed action involving lease agreements with Verizon Wireless for small microcell wireless telecommunications facilities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
3. The attached Negative Declaration, incorporated herein by reference, is issued and adopted for the reasons stated in the attached Negative Declaration.
4. The Superintendent is hereby authorized to sign and file, or have filed on behalf of the District, all documents necessary to comply with SEQRA.
5. This resolution is effective immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of July 2017 by the Hornell City School District Board of Education.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the previously approved (June 6, 2017) out of state conference requests of Barbara Kramer, Jennifer Sorochin and Sean Gaffney to attend the 2017 National Principal’s Conference in Philadelphia, PA be amended to approve three hotel rooms.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

FINANCE:

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the lease agreements with Verizon Wireless.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board of Education here-in awards the Bus Lease to the lowest responsible bidder meeting all required specifications, as follows:

Mercedes-Benz d/b/a Daimler Truck Financial - \$271,006.05

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the agreement with the City of Hornell to provide a School Resource Officer Services effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

CARRIED – 7 AYES - ALL

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PERSONNEL:

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the addition of the following extra-curricular activity and the appointment of an advisor in a non-stipend position:

Drumline (Intermediate and HS Levels) – Christa Fortin, Advisor
CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the following advisor positions for the 2017-18 school year (stipends as specified in the HEA Contract):

Marching Band Directors – Edward Belin and Meghan Smith

Color Guard – Jill Egmond

Marching Band Volunteer Assistants (pending fingerprint clearance if not already on file:

Mark Smith

Briannyn Payne

Samantha Olson

Brandon Burritt

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Sean Rasmussen, Special Education Teacher effective July 12, 2017.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Alexa Gleason, Elementary Teacher effective July 17, 2017.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Kristin Brunetto, Guidance Counselor, effective July 12, 2017.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Katrina Cimato, Guidance Counselor, effective July 29, 2017.

CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the four year probationary/provisional (pending NYS certification) appointment of Mark Lombardo as French Teacher, effective August 31, 2017 at a starting salary as defined in the HEA Contract. 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). Mark is

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also hereby approved to work with his team on an hourly time sheet basis over the summer when requested by his building principal. (BA in Political Science from Saint Mary's College of Maryland, ME in TESOL from University of Maryland College Park additional studies in History, Social Studies at Florida International University and in History and Humanities at California State University Domingues Hills. NYS Initial Certifications are pending in Social Studies, ESOL and Language – French – certified in Maryland).
CARRIED – 7 AYES – ALL

BY: MARINO/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the substitute roster for the 2017/18 school year.

INFORMATIONAL:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 in the Columbian School Conference Room at 5:15 PM.

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that at 5:49 PM the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED – 7 AYES - ALL

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Eaton, District Clerk