

HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

President Davis opened the meeting at 5:43 PM (after the Audit Committee Meeting) and led the Board/Public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: John McNelis (excused), Judith Rose (excused)

BY: DELANY/HESS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

Summer Graduation, Scott Carroll, HS Principal:

Introduced the following members of the Summer Graduates from the HHS Class of 2017 to the Board who in turn presented them with their diplomas and congratulated them on their accomplishments:

Zachery Bailey
Brandon Hawkes
Jesse Mead

Not in attendance: Trystan Remchuk
Taylor Speed

The meeting Board paused the meeting for a brief reception to celebrate with the graduates and their families.

After School Program, Richard Everly:

Presented information to the Board regarding continuation of after school programs after the loss of the funding from the 21st Century Grant. He provided a handout outlining the programs that will continue this year though District funding.

Celebrating Success:

Superintendent Palotti, on behalf of North Hornell and Bryant Schools reported:

- Transportation has been running smoothly both coming and going
- PBIS is a big focus this year – teaching appropriate behavior
- NH held their Open House last week and it was exceptionally well attended. By holding it prior to school stating it helps to alleviate some of the fears.
- Both schools had a very smooth start.

Sean Gaffney, Intermediate School Principal reported:

- Had a good start.
- Held Open House last week, it was well attended – liked it before school started, it was the first time. Had a dinner for staff before and parents enjoyed the leftovers!
- Today went well, had a PBIS video presentation and will go through different scenarios throughout the building tomorrow.

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Ted Illi, Jr High School Principal, reported:

- Held 7th Grade Orientation last night, it was attended by 85.4% of the class and 17 teachers. It allows the students to get out some of their jitters.
- Kudos to the teachers who bent over backwards to get their rooms set up for opening day. Thank you to Supt Palotti for allowing them time in their rooms during the Conference Days and to the Custodial staff for their hard work during the construction.
- The whole Admin was outside making sure that everyone understood the new transportation and parking arrangements – it has never run smoother than today – kudos to the planning team! A few more days of getting used to the drop off process will help.

Scott Carrol, High School Principal on behalf of the Jr/Sr High reported:

- A big thank you to Shannon Davis and his crew as well as Jim Miller and his crew for the time that they put in to have the building ready.
- Kudos to the staff for working hard to get the classrooms ready for students.
- Thank you to Mrs. Clancy and Ms. Prete for serving the graduation refreshments.
- Kudos to the Administration team for the opening day introductions!
- Had 175 10th-12th grade students roll over as Honor Students!!
- The parking lots & bus loop are a huge improvement – was a great first day for transportation!

Patrick Flaitz, Business Official reported:

- A big part of the success of the transportation piece is adhering to the rules that are in place. Steve and the drivers not deviating from the plan and rules make things run a lot smoother. The morning ran like clockwork!.
- Kudos to the District Office staff, we had more than a normal amount of staff changes this summer and they did a great job making sure everyone was ready to start.

REPORTS

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

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Palotti reported:

- The faculty and staff were here for two Conference Days prior to the start of school. We had fun introducing the new staff and welcoming them to the District.
- Yesterday we held training sessions throughout the day which were all done in-house by our own staff: Allie Quintana, Erica Siebert, Angie Olkey and the Administration provided a nice variety of options to the staff and allowed them to choose what to attend.
- We are in the process of planning for the next Conference Day to be held on October 20th.
- Had a chance to give the staff some background on the upcoming “Needs Assessment” which will help us look to the future. Currently working on a calendar for 1:1 interviews with Board Members and Administration. A calendar was shared with the Board so that they could have an opportunity to choose a time slot for their 45 minute interview to be held in October.

ROUTINE ITEMS

BY: DELANY/HESS

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 August 9 and 23, 2017.
- Acceptance of the Claims Auditor/Warrant Report for the period ending July 21, 2017,
- Acceptance of the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending July 31, 2017.
- Acceptance of the Student Activities Reports of July 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 Committee meeting of August 15, 2017, the Preschool Special Education meeting of August 15, 2017 and the 504 meeting of August 15, 2017.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

POLICY/PROCEDURE

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board accepts Independent Auditor Report for the period ending June 30, 2017 as prepared by Drescher & Malecki, LLP.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, the Board authorizes Superintendent Palotti to approve appointments of certified staff and classified staff until Board Action is taken at the next meeting.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the Local Assistance Plan for the Intermediate School.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, the Board approves the NYSSBA Superintendent's Evaluation Instrument for the 2017-18 school year.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

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FINANCE:

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the MOU with HEA regarding Department and Grade Level Meetings held outside of the school day.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the MOU with HEA regarding Cheerleading Coaches for two seasons.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

PERSONNEL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Bethann Remchuk, Teacher Aide, effective August 23, 2017.

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Shana Davis, Bus Monitor, effective August 14, 2017.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the 26 week probationary appointment of Marilyn Tierney as Food Service Helper, effective September 7, 2017. 10 months, 3.75 hours per day with starting hourly rate as specified in the HESSA Contract.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the 26 week probationary appointment of Ashley Hopkins as Teacher Aide, effective September 7, 2017. 10 months, 6.5 hours per day with starting hourly rate as specified in the HESSA HPA Contract.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the 26 week probationary appointment of Jennifer Griffith as Teacher Aide, effective September 7, 2017. 10 months, 6.5 hours per day with starting hourly rate as specified in the HESSA HPA Contract.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

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

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BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: Resolved that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the 26 week probationary appointment of Taylor Richardson as Teacher Aide, effective on September 21, 2017. 10 months, 6.5 hours per day with starting hourly rate as specified in the HESSA HPA Contract.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

RESOLVED: BY: DELANY/HESS

that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the 26 week probationary appointment of Thara Tyler as School Bus Driver, effective September 7, 2017. 10 months, 4 hours per day with starting hourly rate as specified in the HESSA Contract.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

RESOLVED: BY: DELANY/HESS

that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the 26 week probationary appointment of Brandy Nilson as School Bus Attendant, effective September 7, 2017. 10 months, 3.75 hours per day with starting hourly rate as specified in the HESSA Contract.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the following Support Staff appointments made on August 9, 2017 to be designated as 10 month, 6.5 hours per day:

Stephanie Coddington
Sophronia-Denee Powell
Samantha Voss
Samantha Kennedy
Christopher Bowman (also change effective date of
employment to 10/1/2017 – working as a sub until that date)

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the following advisor appointments for the 2017-18 school year:

Angela Conway & Amber Linza – Special Olympics Club
(No stipend)
Nancy Shedlock – LGBTQ & Allies Club (No stipend)

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the change of appointment of Danielle Carbone and Kara Carbone as Co-Advisors for the Cheerleading Club to the following:

Danielle Carbone – Fall Season Varsity Cheerleading Coach
Kara Carbone – Fall Season Modified Cheerleading Coach

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

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BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Trenton Barry as School Counselor, effective August 29, 2017.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the leave of absence request of Amy Mayo, SLP beginning on or about October 7, 2017 through June 30, 2017 (under the FMLA when applicable).
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the four-year provisional/probationary appointment of Cassandra Brown Tyler as School Counselor, effective August 31. (providing that she secures the required NYS Certification) 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). 10 months with a starting salary as specified in the HEA Contract. (AS in Liberal Arts: Social Science from Alfred State College, BS in Early Childhood/Childhood Education from Alfred University and MEd/CAS in School Counseling from Alfred University, Pending Intial Certification in School Counseling)
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the appointment of Erik Werner as Athletic Coordinator for the 2017-18 school year with an annual stipend of \$8,500.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the appointment of Colby Moore as Chief Information Officer for the 2017-18 school year with an annual stipend of \$7,500.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the appointment of Barbara Kramer as Director of Physical Education, effective September 7, 2017 for the 2017/18 school year with an annual stipend of \$2500.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/DELANY

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves Building Principals to authorize regular employees to work additional hours up to the following total amounts per building:

North Hornell School	\$ 7,000
Bryant School	\$ 7,000
Intermediate School	\$ 7,000
Jr/Sr High School	\$12,000

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

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RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, 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:**

Additions:

Andraya Bartlebaugh- Food Service Helper
Micaela Bates- Food Service Helper
Mark Kelly- Teacher Aide, Laborer
Susan Thompson- Food Service Helper, Teacher Aide
Marilyn Tierney- Food Service Helper (Effective 8/31/17)
Gordon “Don” Wilson- Guidance Counselor
Ashley Hopkins – Teacher Aide (Effective 9/5/2017)

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

INFORMATIONAL:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held at 5:15 PM in the Columbian School Conference Room on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

The Board will be touring the newly completed classrooms at the conclusion of the meeting.

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that at 6:29 PM the Board move to Executive Session to discuss the pending appointment of a particular person.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DELANY/HESS

RESOLVED: that at 7:17 PM the Board return to Regular Session and the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Eaton, District Clerk