

## **HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

President Davis opened the meeting at 5:32 PM and led the Board/Public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** Joshua DeLany (excused), Judith Rose (excused), Uzma Mehr (excused – attended via phone for content, no voting privileges)

BY: DELANY/HESS

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **PRESENTATIONS**

None

### **REPORTS**

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

### **Celebrating Success:**

**Barbara Kramer, North Hornell School Principal** reported:

- North Hornell Faculty and Staff with the help of various area organizations were able to provide “Holiday Help” to the some of the needy families of our students. Provided: Dinner for **57** families, Gifts for 150 students, total people helped=240. Would like to give the following acknowledgement and thanks to the following:  
Jen Smith  
New Life Church-Joel & Bolduc  
Living Waters Church  
United Presbyterian Church  
Hornell Rotary Club  
Bullfrog construction  
Wegmans  
Aldi  
Walmart  
Jason Day-shop w/cop (took 21 students, K-12, shopping at Walmart)  
Officer Mike Hoyt, Officer Curtis Stanford, Office Josh day, Officer Brett Flaitz,  
Sgt Ryan Harrison, Capt Mike Sexsmith, Don Olds  
Kim Wood and the VFW Auxillary  
Hornell Post Office  
North Hornell staff

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- We would also like to thank and acknowledge the following volunteer readers who took the time out of their busy day to come in and read to our students:  
Joel Bolduc  
Brittney Bolduc  
Elise McCullum  
Austin Northrup  
Jen Northrup  
Jim Locker  
John Francisco  
Alice Gross  
Elidia Santee  
Bob Gaffney  
Patty Soper-Oakes  
John Buckley  
Bethany Gayhart  
Judy Bicker
- Each year, our students are invited to submit poetry to the National Schools Project which publishes the Young American Poetry Digest. Students in first grade submitted their “haikus” and were selected to be published in this year’s digest. This book will be kept in our library. Students are once again submitting their work this year. Special thanks to Ashley Saurbaugh and Amy Covell who headed up this project for our students. Haikus are short poems of seventeen syllables, usually arranged in 5-7-5 syllable phrases. They often attempt to capture a mood or feeling.
- Month long reading culminated with an assembly highlighting our progress in reading, a book swap and an entertainer who had students moving and singing about reading and being bully free.
- Our December reading level testing in grade 1 showed students had increased 124 levels since September. Our next testing occurs at the end of February, can’t wait to see our results then.
- Family fun night and our book fair was last week. Students enjoyed healthy snacks donated to us by Wegmans along with participating in crafts, obstacle courses and visiting the book fair.

### **Jennifer Sorochin, Bryant School Principal** reported:

- Reading Challenge: - We’ve read over 6600 books/chapters since Mid-January, and have earned Drop Everything And Read time every week and a movie before the February break. The next challenge is to get to 10,000.
- We’re in the middle of BAS testing and are seeing growth across the board. We’re very encouraged by the increase in reading levels of the vast majority of our students
- Acts of Kindness - the counselors are teaching students how to take various perspectives, use empathy and show compassion, along with the importance of kindness to others. Students receive recognition for random acts of kindness from the school. The list of students continues to grow as we endeavor to improve the way we treat one another.
- Shout out to the faculty and staff during this time of sickness for their teamwork to support the needs of our students in the absence of others. They’ve joined together in a collaborative effort to make sure all the students’ needs are being met.

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- The teachers were very energized after the conference day and the excellent Writer's Workshop training they received. We're moving ahead and seeing some great student writing as a result of their endeavors. Thank you to the school board for supporting the professional development for our faculty.
- Our 2nd graders performed very well during our Winter Showcase in January. A special thank you to Sydney Scherer for her work with our students, and for volunteering her time for an afterschool chorus with our 3rd graders.
- Kuddos to Eileen Marino. A few years ago she enhanced the Common Core Modules curriculum on water with a walk in the park and the kids sent out messages in a bottle. Recently she received notification that a gentleman in PA found the bottle and the messages and responded to them. They've been in contact and he's sending them back to the kids who wrote them with his responses. Something they'll always remember.
- Just before the holiday break, Jennifer Carretto's class video-conferenced with a parent of her student stationed somewhere in the middle east. The students got to ask all sorts of authorized , only some that he could answer so as to not disclose his location, and they sent him a care package. She just received notification and a photo that he received it. The students were so excited that their contributions were received and very appreciated!
- Thank you to all the faculty and staff who donated to our Christmas families! So many wonderful gifts were opened this Christmas thanks to the kindness and generosity of those in our school and community.

**Sean Gaffney, Intermediate School Principal** reported:

- Shout Out to everyone who made the musical production of the *Wizard of Oz* a huge success; all of the students who participated, all the faculty, staff, parents who volunteered their time and a big thank you to Dawn Hopper and Penny Smith for pulling it all together.
- Our Drumline recently participated in the East Irondequoit Indoor Percussion Competition, where they competed against groups from all grade levels and placed third. I was very pleased to receive the following letter from the President of the New York State Percussion Circuit:

*Good morning Principal Gaffney and Superintendent Palotti,  
I wanted to send you a quick note to congratulate you and your district on having such a wonderful and dedicated group of students representing you and your community! Your Hornell Indoor Drumline under the direction of Ms. Fortin competed at our East Irondequoit indoor percussion competition yesterday (Saturday February 10) and had a terrific performance. As a middle school band director myself, I wanted to extend my congratulations to the administration for supporting your student's music education through this terrific program. They were incredibly well behaved and a joy to have at our contest. They are phenomenal young musicians!!!! Again, my congratulations to you and your district for putting out such a great example of support for music and the arts in our schools!  
Dan MacCollum*

*New York State Percussion Circuit – President*

Kudos to Christa and the Hornell Intermediate School Drumline!

- Our iReady results indicated some improvement, we will get a better idea where we stand after the next round of testing.
- Based on data - the numbers of referrals are down from last year- we are still working on PBIS (RRS) and making changes to make it even stronger next year

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- Students from Alfred State's Gaming program came to visit with the afterschool FOCUS students, it was great to see the interaction between the college student s and our students who were able to provide feedback about the games that they tested, it was a great opportunity and experience.

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

- We are proud to announce the Class of 2018 Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Hornell High School Honor Grads. This was the first year of full implementation of the new honor grad criteria.
  - Student has a weighted rank average of 90%
  - Student has mastered three Regents exams (85% of higher)
  - Student has taken two 3rd-year level courses\* (ex: Algebra II, Chemistry)
  - Student is on track to earn 25 credits by graduation

Congratulations to:

Marly McGowan, Valedictorian

Ashley Lindeman

Kate Colucci

AnnaMarie Flaitz

Ashlee Learn

Elyssa Smith

Kali Friends

Alisha Conley

Andrew Carson

Spencer Weyand

Nikita Anderson

Alyssa Pauzuolis

Tyler Green

Jalyn Krupp

Rebecca Clifford

Ja'Meir Scott-Mazza

Myer Spitulnik – Salutatorian

Payce Hooker

McKayla Okoniewski

Abigail Austin

Megan Cheresnowsky

Hope Mikolajczyk

Braden Mauerman

Jayda Muniz

Kuryn Newark

William (Alex) Shick

Erin Muhleisen

Aaron McLaughlin

Luke Smith

Nicholas Baker

Kaylee Dugo

- In grades 7-12, 343 total students earned the Honor Pass, which recognizes students with a marking period average over 85%, no more than 3 unexcused absences or tardies to school and no behavioral referrals. This is almost half of our students.
- Of the 129 students we send to Vocational Programs at Wildwood BOCES, 71 students were either on Honor Roll or High Honor Roll. Congratulations to them!
- Ashlee Learn was named Student of the Month at Wildwood in Nurse Assisting.
- A shout out to our K-12 instructional staff, as our graduation rate continues to go up and hit 82% for the 2016-17 school year. We are now above the state average of 80%.
- We held Open House and Career Night on February 8<sup>th</sup>. We are brainstorming ways to improve attendance at our Open Houses so parents feel more welcomed and that this time is valued.
- After February break, we are piloting a digital 1:1 initiative with grades 7-8. Students will be assigned a Chromebook which they will carry from class to class and be able to take home to complete assignments.
- There was a band concert on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Always a great job by Mr. Belin and all band ensembles.
- We held HS Orientation for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. During this time, our counselors go over graduation requirements and how course requests happen. Also, several teachers were present to explain their department's course offerings.

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- The HHS Academic All-Stars are now 2-0 and feeling elated about defeating a couple of teams they haven't beat in several years.
- This week, we hosted our grandparents at Senior-to-Senior Day; always one we look forward to. It's nice to see our Seniors taking their grandparents on tours of the school, visiting with them and introducing them to teachers and staff.
- Tonight, the annual Faculty vs. Seniors basketball game will be held.

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

- Shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding the budget development process which indicated the priorities noted as a result of our recent "needs assessment" as a driving force in the planning of the 2018/19 budget.

## **ROUTINE ITEMS**

BY: HESS/MCNELIS

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

- Approval of the minutes for the meeting of January 3, 2018.
- Acceptance of the Claims Auditor/Warrant Report for the period ending December 31, 2017,
- Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report of December 31, 2017.
- Acceptance of the Student Activities Report of December 31, 2017.
- Acceptance of the GF Budget Transfer Reports of December 31, 2017
- Acceptance of the Appropriations Report of December 31, 2017.
- Acceptance of the Revenue Report of December 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 January 4, 8, 9, 11, 16, 18, 19, 23 and 24, 2018. The Preschool Special Education meetings of January 10, 16, 25 and 29, 2018 and the 504 meetings of January 3, 4, 9, 18 and 25, 2018.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **POLICY/PROCEDURE**

BY: HESS/MCNELIS

**RESOLVED:** to acknowledge the first reading of Policy #7315.1 – Addendum to Acceptable Use Policy for School Chromebooks.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: MCNELIS/HESS

**RESOLVED:** to waive the second reading of Policy #7315.1 – Addendum to Acceptable Use Policy for School Chromebooks.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

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BY: HESS/MCNELIS

**RESOLVED:** that, the Board approve Policy #7315.1 – Addendum to Acceptable Use Policy for School Chromebooks.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MCNELIS

**RESOLVED:** that, agenda items VI.D. 1.b through IV D. 2 c be grouped together for one action.

CARRIED – 4 AYES, ALL

BY: HESS /MCNELIS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves / accepts authorizes all items in the group stated above as follows:

- approves the overnight trip request of the Wrestling Team to travel to Wayne, NY to compete in Sectionals on February 2 and 3, 2018.
- approves the overnight trip request of the Wrestling Team to travel to Brockport, NY to compete in the State Qualifiers on February 9 and 10, 2018.
- approves the overnight trip request of the DECA Club to travel to Rochester, NY to attend the State Career Conference on March 7 – 9, 2018.
- authorizes Patrick Flaitz to dispose of the following library books:
  - Bryant School Library Book Deletion List dated 10/6/2017
  - Intermediate School Library Book Deletion List dated September 11, 17, 23 and 29, 2018
  - High School Library Book Deletion List dated December 22, 2018

**FINANCE:**

- approves the cost allocation methodology for GST BOCES for the 2018-19 school year.
- approves the transfer of the funds in Liability Account #A601.01 0203 – Tax Refund in the amount of \$1,192.63 into the General Fund.
- approves the agreement with Independent Contractor, Deanne Schwartz, to provide staff development services to St. Ann’s Academy commencing February 8, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

CARRIED – 4 AYES - ALL

**PERSONNEL**

BY: MCNELIS/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, 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	12
Carl Kossow	J-V Head Coach	2
Chris vanLeeuwen	Modified Coach	6
<u>Softball – Girls</u>		
Nicole Carey	Varsity Head Coach	5
Amber Linza	J-V Head Coach	3
TBD	Modified Coach	
<u>Tennis</u>		

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Jordan Hahn	Varsity Head Coach	4
Sean Gaffney	Modified Head Coach	2
<u>Track</u>		
Michael DeGaetano	Boys' Head Coach	23
Damian DeMarco	Girls' Head Coach	27
Mary Wolf	Boys' Assistant Coach	1
Angela DeLany	Girls' Assistant Coach	2
Derrick Balinsky	Modified Coach	1
<u>Golf</u>		
Amy Feeley	Varsity Head Coach	7
Barbara Kramer	J-V Head Coach	2
<u>Swimming</u>		
Kristen Hazard	Modified	1
Mark Kelly	Lifeguard (per rate sched)	
<u>Faculty Manager</u>		
Brian Biro		2
<u>Volunteer Assistants:</u>		
Elizabeth Norton	Softball	
Kate Secondo	Softball	
Garth Brundgard	Tennis	
Jim Tobin	Tennis	
Issac Spike	Track	
Joshua DeLany	Track	
Bill Headley	Baseball	
Steve Carson	Baseball	
Patrick McHale	Baseball	
Eileen Marion	Swimming	
Mark Kelly	Swimming	
Mike Kramer	Golf	

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MCNELIS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Caroline Backer as LPN effective November 24, 2017.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MCNELIS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Mary Kay Dwyer as Teacher Aide, effective January 31, 2018.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MCNELIS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Sally Mehlenbacher as Food Service Helper, effective February 23, 2018.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

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BY: HESS/MCNELIS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Cynthia Hoffman as Cleaner, effective June 30, 2018. (30 years of service).

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

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

BY: HESS/MCNELIS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Peggy Nankivell as Deputy Claims Auditor, effective February 1, 2018.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MCNELIS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the appointment of Renay Shull as Deputy Claims Auditor, effective February 8, 2018 (to be paid on a time sheet basis at the rate of \$16.00 per hour).

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: MCNELIS/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the removal of Mary Wolf as Assistant Student Activities Central Treasurer (due to reassignment) and hereby appoints Stephanie Coddington as Assistant Student Activities Central Treasurer, effective February 8, 2018.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: MCNELIS/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the appointment of the following for the After School Book Club through the Extended School Day Grant (paid on a time sheet basis as stated in their applicable contract:

Paula Fox – Teacher

Tim Crowe – Teacher

Mary Wolf – Chaperone on day of event only

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: MCNELIS/HESS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Amy Covell as Elementary Teacher, effective February 22, 2018.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MCNELIS

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignations for the purpose of retirement of three Instructional Staff members on the list dated January 31, 2018. At the request of the individuals their names will be made public at the meeting on June 6, 2018.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

The Board congratulated those who will be retiring at the end of the year.



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BY: HESS/MCNELIS

**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:

**Substitute Additions:**

Cheryl Arias- Uncertified teacher

Elliott Flint- Uncertified Teacher (effective 1/09/18)

Judy Haynoski- Uncertified Teacher

Elizabeth Pelych- Uncertified Teacher (effective 1/18/18)

Mindy Preston- Food Service Helper, Cleaner

Jennifer Sauerbier- Uncertified Teacher (effective 12/18/17)

Charles Wing- Bus Driver

Sean Curran – Uncertified Teacher (effective 1/23/18)

CARRIED – 4 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, March 7, 2018.

BY: HESS/MCNELIS

**RESOLVED:** that at 6:55 PM the Board move to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations, the Board invited Patrick Flaitz to join them.

CARRIED– 4 AYES – ALL

Member McNelis was dismissed prior to Executive Session. Member Mehr continued to be connected via phone.

BY: HESS/MARINO

**RESOLVED:** that, at 8:40 PM the Board return to Regular Session and the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED – 4 AYES - ALL

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Eaton, District Clerk