

## HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

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

**The Audit Committee Meeting that was scheduled to begin at 5:30 PM was moved to begin after the Summer Graduation for the convenience of the graduates and their families.**

### ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:** Kerry Davis, Jessica Hess, Uzma Mehr, James Marino, Sarah Broderick

**ABSENT:** John McNelis (arrived at 5:35 PM), Judith Rose

BY: HESS/MEHR

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Member McNelis arrived at 5:35 PM

### PRESENTATIONS

**Scott Carroll, High School Principal** presented the following Summer Graduates with their diplomas:

Jesse Miles-Brown

Zach Dailey

Parker Day

Chloe Rohalla (was not present)

The Board congratulated the graduates and a small reception was held in their honor.

**The Audit Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM.**

**The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education commenced at the conclusion of the Audit Committee Meeting at 6:06 PM.**

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that at 6:06 PM the Board move to Executive Session to discuss the status of a particular employee.  
CARRIED – 6 AYES - ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that at 6:23 PM the Board return to Regular Session.  
CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

### REPORTS

#### **Opening of Schools:**

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

- Pre K Staff did home visits a few weeks ago
- Pre K parents and students came in for two hour blocks to see the classrooms, ride a bus, etc.

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- K-1 had their open house last Wednesday, attendance was great. Having it one week before school starts gets everyone excited about the new year.
- Have started a new morning routine for the Kindergarteners in the big gym – breakfast went well
- There were no major problems with the traffic detour
- The teachers were more than ready for the year to start, many were here all summer preparing – It was a great day!

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

- School is starting ten minutes earlier this year, this will allow more time for breakfast and fewer tardies.
- All staff pitched in to make the students comfortable, there are always some glitches but everyone teaming together is very heartwarming
- Had a few transportation issues, but that is quite normal for a first day
- Students were already reading and writing.
- Our new secretary Emily Haynes did a phenomenal job bringing things together
- Had a great day!

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

- The year started off amazing
- Had a few minor glitches, but all normal for the beginning of the year
- This year's theme is "Oh the Places You Go", a sixth grade student wore a Cat in the Hat costume and greeted people.
- Using the LLI program to set up groups of students and coming up with ideas to help more students
- Very proud of the kids and staff!

### **Scott Carroll, High School Principal** reported:

- It was great to see the building come to life again
- Could already see the engagement in the classrooms
- We started last week with orientations, held a scavenger hunt around the building with the "Red Raider Strong" theme
- Our 1:1 initiative is underway
- This year we went over the Code of Conduct was done outside of classroom time
- We had a glitch with our room numbering system (showing old and new numbers for time being)
- Excellent first day!

### **Superintendent Palotti**, reported:

- It was great seeing the kids and staff in the buildings and to see everything come together
- All in all it was a positive start
- Review some State testing data, stated that there would be more available next month when the State Education Department allows the information to be shared (such as how we compare to our peers)
- Review a handout with BAS Assessment for reading showing the growth from the beginning of the year to the end for the 2017/18 school year.
  - Happy where we are going, but not satisfied with where we are
  - Hoping that having PK start with us will help
- Invited Scott to share regents information with the Board
  - Scott showed the Board information that compared our results last year in comparison to the other schools in our area to where we ranked after this year's testing, most areas showed improvement

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

**ROUTINE ITEMS**

BY: HESS/MEHR

**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 August 1 and 22, 2018.
- 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 CSE meetings of August 15 and 23, 2018, the CPSE meetings of August 2 and 23, 2018 and the 504 meeting of August 23, 2018.

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**POLICY/PROCEDURE**

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the application of Jasper-Troupsburg Central School for one student to participate as an “Incomplete Team” with the Indoor Track team for the 2018-19 school year, pending the approval of Section V.

CARRIED – 6 AYES - ALL

**FINANCE:**

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the following change to the petty cash funds:

Admissions Cash Box #2 from Douglas Brown to Patti Clancy

CARRIED – 6 AYES - ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the contract with the City of Hornell for SRO services for the 2018/19 school year.

CARRIED – 6 AYES - ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board of Education approves the tentative agreement with HESSA for the term of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021.

CARRIED – 6 AYES - ALL

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**PERSONNEL:**

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the Education Law 913 resolution as discussed in Executive Session pertaining to employee #567.

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that agenda items VI E 3 b-v be grouped for one action.

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves/accepts the following agenda items VI E 3 b-v:

- approve the MOU with HEA to add Pre K and Speech & Language to the list of department designations.
- approves the MOU with HEA to add Modified Swim Coach to the list of coaching positions.
- approves the MOU with HEA for the TOSA Technology Integrator position for the 2018/19 school year.
- approves the MOU with HEA to provide stipends to Licensed Master Social Workers.
- approves the MOU with HPDG to add the position of Director of Elementary Education to their group.
- accepts the resignation of Karli Kukula as Teacher Aide effective August 30, 2018.
- accepts the resignation of Jennifer Griffith as Teacher Aide effective August 1, 2018.
- accepts the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Dawn Burritt as Teacher Aide, effective on September 1, 2018.
- approve the elimination of 1.0 FTE Security Monitor positions.
- approve the change of appointment of Mark Mahoney from Security Monitor to Teacher Aide, 10 months, 6.5 hours per day.
- approves the probationary appointment of Charles Wing as School Bus Driver, 4.00 hours per day, 10 months, effective September 4, 2018 at the starting rate specified in the HESSA Contract.
- approves the probationary appointment of Andraya Bartlebaugh as Bus Attendant, 4.00 hours per day, 10 months, effective September 4, 2018 at the starting rate specified in the HESSA Contract.
- approves the probationary appointment of Holly Cone as Bus Attendant, 4.00 hours per day, 10 months, effective September 4, 2018 at the starting rate specified in the HESSA Contract.
- approve the probationary appointment of Carolyn Valpey as Teacher Aide, 6.5 hours per day, 10 months, effective September 4, 2018 at the starting rate specified in the HPA.
- approves the probationary appointment of Marie Bonsignore as Teacher Aide, 6.5 hours per day, 10 months, effective September 4, 2018 at the starting rate specified in the HPA Contract.

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- approves the following addition to the list of Advisors for the 2018/19 school year with stipend as specified in the HEA Contract :  
Adirondack Club – Andrew Newman
- approves the appointment of Zach Mills as Extended School Day Program Assistant for the 2018/19 school year to be paid \$16 per hour on a time sheet basis.
- approves the appointment of Colin Ponticello as a Life Guard for the 2018/19 school year to be paid on a time sheet basis at the rate specified in the current rate schedule.
- approves all District staff to work lunch duty on a time sheet basis as needed by each building.
- accepts the resignation of Stefanie Mayr as Reading Teacher effective August 30, 2018.
- accepts the resignation of Ashley Dunning as Elementary Teacher effective August 15, 2018.

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the four year probationary appointment of Benjamin Colak as Social Studies Teacher, effective September 4, 2018 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). Benjamin is 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 History w/ Adolescent Cert from SUNY Geneseo and MS in History from the SUNY Brockport) NYS Initial Cert in Social Studies 7-12

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

The Board congratulated and welcomed Benjamin to the District.

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the four year probationary appointment of Tristin Christie as Elementary Education Teacher, effective September 4, 2018 at a starting salary as defined in the HEA Contract. Tristin is also hereby approved to work with her team on an hourly time sheet basis over the summer when requested by her building principal. 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). (BS in English Certification Program from SUNY Brockport) NYS Initial Certification in Elementary 1-6 and SWD 1-6

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

The Board congratulated Tristin, who was in attendance, and welcomed her to the District.

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the four year probationary appointment of Tracy Flett as Elementary Teacher, effective September 4, 2018 at a starting salary as defined in the HEA Contract. Tracy is also hereby approved to work with her team on an hourly time sheet basis over the summer when requested by her building principal. 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). (BA in Early Childhood /Childhood Education from Alfred University and ME in Literacy from Alfred University)

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NYS Initial Certifications in Early Childhood B-2 and Childhood Education 1-6

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

The Board congratulated and welcomed Tracy to the District

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the three year probationary appointment of Elysia Day as Reading Teacher, effective September 4, 2018 at a starting salary as defined in the HEA Contract. Elysia is also hereby approved to work with her team on an hourly time sheet basis over the summer when requested by her building principal. 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). (AS in Liberal Arts from Alfred State College, BA in Elementary Education from Alfred University and MSEd in Literacy from Alfred University) NYS Professional Certifications in Elementary PK-6 and Literacy Reading Teacher K-12

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

The Board congratulated Elysia, who was in attendance, and welcomed her to the District.

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board appoint Jessica Newby, Assistant Principal as a Lead Evaluators for APPR.

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approve the following changes to the substitute roster and other assignments, **pending successful fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department and approval through the DMV and or Civil Service if applicable:**

**Substitute Additions:**

Linda Burchard – School Bus Attendant

Nancy Foreman – Certified teacher, School Psychologist

Mitchell Morse – Food Service Helper

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

**INFORMATIONAL:**

There will be a Public Hearing to discuss expenditure from the Repair Reserve established May 3, 2016 prior to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

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

Noted: If anyone would like to stay and tour the High School to see the results of the summer capital project work they are welcome to do so.

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that at 7:10 PM the Board return to Regular Session and the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED – 6 AYES - ALL

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Eaton, District Clerk