

## HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – JANUARY 3, 2024

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

### **ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Christopher Clark, Joseph Liberto, James Marino, Meghann Khork, Kerry Davis

**ABSENT:** Dr. Uzma Mehr (arrived at 5:23), Brian May

BY: DAVIS/KHORK

**RESOLVED:** that, the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

None

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Celebrating Success:**

**Dr. Charles Infuna, North Hornell Principal** shared:

- We had many families attend our Gratitude Day on Friday, November 17th, 2023. Families were welcomed into our building and created a gratitude craft with their children focused on what they were thankful for
- Similarly, we have a fantastic turnout for our Christmas Carol celebration on Thursday, December 21st. Our music teacher Sydney Schierer and our classroom teachers did a wonderful job with our students and their singing performances. The feedback I received from those that attended was positive and they were thankful to have been invited to participate in our celebration together.

**Dr. Julie Smith, Intermediate School Principal** shared:

December was another busy month for students and teachers at Hornell Intermediate School:

- Ms. Butts and Mrs. Hopper held a combined vocal and band concert. Everyone did a terrific job. We are so proud of the students.
- Cornell Cooperative Extension came to teach our 3rd graders about all the work farmers do and all they provide for us. The students then made thank-you cards that were sent to local farmers.
- I held a data day with our reading intervention team to look at our overall schoolwide data by grade level. We are seeing a bigger improvement in reading levels in the upper grades than in the lower grades, so we are continuing the conversation about aligning our intervention programs and needs to students, along with the consistency of our assessments and tracking.
- We held a learning walk around Guided Reading. A representative from each grade level joined the walk and in one day we visited all general education and inclusive classrooms during guided reading to steal and share instructional and management strategies that make this hour as effective as it can be. Thank you to Jen Carretto, who was a big help in the organization and facilitation of this day. We did two of these last year, around phonics and math. We are hoping to do two around guided reading this year.
- Our PBIS team put together a fun and exciting MP 1 assembly, celebrating all the ways we are respectful, responsible and safe. We also presented the Hornell Area Humane Society with pet supplies and a check for over \$600 that was raised in the Pennies for Paws campaign this year.

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- Thank you to the HS music ensembles for bringing their traveling show to the Intermediate School for our students.

**Wendy Wachtel, High School Assistant Principal** shared:

- Holiday Fun: hot cocoa, holiday trivia, hallway decorating contest, dress up days
- Holiday concerts: Band and Choir
- Winter Art Show
- Students in Mary Franklin's Calculus classes participated in the W. Varick Nevins III High School Mathematics Competition at Alfred University. Of the approximately 150 students competing, six awards were given out. Hornell's Logan McGregor was awarded a cash prize along with a \$6000 scholarship for his 3rd place in the Senior Division (high school juniors and seniors). Nicolas Gray was awarded a cash prize for his 2nd place finish in the Junior Division (high school Sophomores and younger).
- DECA Regional Competition: Amaya Hoffman, a first-year DECA member and Senior, secured 1st Place. Russell Gage, also a first-year DECA member and Senior, claimed 2nd Place, while Matthew Robinson, a second-year DECA member and Sophomore, secured the 3rd Place spot.

**Superintendent Palotti** added:

- The Board and Administration are very grateful for the support that was shown by the community in favor of the Capital Project at the vote in December.
- Focus Groups will start meeting sometime in the future
- If Board Members are interested in being part of the Focus Groups and/or the District Facility Planning Team, please let me know.

Member Mehr arrived at 5:23 PM

### **ROUTINE ITEMS**

BY: DAVIS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti to approves/accepts the following Consent Agenda items:

- approves the minutes from the meetings of December 6 and 20, 2023.
- accepts the General Fund Budget Transfer Report of November 30, 2023.
- accepts the Revenue Report of November 30, 2023.
- accepts the Appropriations Report of November 30, 2023.
- accepts the Treasurer's Report of November 30, 2023.
- accepts the Student Activities Report of November 30, 2023.
- accepts the Warrant Reports of November 30, 2023.
- has no objections 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 recommendations for the meetings of December 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18, 2023, the CPSE meetings of December 7 and 12, 2023 and the 504 meetings of December 8, 13 and 14, 2023.

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **POLICY/PROCEDURE**

## HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – JANUARY 3, 2024

BY: DAVIS/LIBERTO

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the generous donation of school supplies from the Hornell Walmart.

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

The Board thanked Walmart for their donation and their ongoing support of our students and community.

BY: DAVIS/KHORK

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the following change to the 2023/24 academic calendar:

April 8, 2024 from a full day to a half day (AM only for students and staff)

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

### FINANCE

BY: DAVIS/KHORK

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the proposed changes to the 2023/34 Rate Schedule effective January 1, 2024.

CARRIED – 6 AYRS – ALL

### **PERSONNEL:**

BY: DAVIS/KHORK

**RESOLVED:** that agenda items VI. E. 3. a. through VI. E. 3. p. be grouped together for one action.

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/KHORK

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

- accepts the resignation of Kelly Turnbull as Food Service Helper/Crew Chief effective at the end of the day on January 3, 2024. Furthermore, the Board approves her appointment as Cafeteria Monitor, 10 months, 3 hours per day, effective January 4, 2024;
- approves the request of James Boone to take two unpaid leave on January 18 and 19, 2024;
- approves the probationary appointment of Emily Moore as LPN/Teacher Aide, 10 months, 7 hours per day, effective February 1, 2024 at the starting salary per HPA contract;
- approves the probationary appointment of Scott DuMond as Teacher Aide, 10 months, 7 hours per day effective December 20, 2023 at the starting rate per HPA contract;
- approves the probationary appointment of Jenna Barrett as Teacher Aide, 10 months, 7 hours per day effective January 2, 2024 at the starting rate per HPA contract;
- approves the probationary appointment of Habakka Feenaughty as Food Service Helper, 10 months, 3.75 hours per day effective January 4, 2024 at the starting rate per HESSA contract;
- accepts the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Vicki Hoffman as Senior

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Typist effective at the end of the day on June 28, 2024 (26 years of service); Superintendent Palotti thanked Vicki for her dedicated service to the district and congratulated her on her retirement;

- approves the following additional Winter Coaching appointment, pending required certifications and clearances:  
Modified Cheer Coach – Megan Goodwin (effective 1/3/2024);
- approves the following additional Advisor appointment:  
Academic All-Stars – Morgan Allison ;
- accepts the resignation of Stacy Moravec as Special Education Teacher effective June 20, 2024;
- accepts the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Laurie Smith as Elementary Teacher effective June 30, 2024 (24 years of service). Superintendent thanked Laurie for her dedicated service to the district and congratulated her on her retirement;
- accepts the resignation of Eli Marcus as Technology Director effective at the end of the day on December 19, 2023;
- 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:**  
Margaret Cornell - Nurse  
Corrine Kayes - Typist, Teacher Aide, Bus Attendant, Food Service Helper  
Bianca Romero - Typist, Teacher Aide, Laborer, Food Service Helper, Bus Attendant  
Katharine Sanford - Typist, Teacher Aide, Bus Attendant, Food Service Helper  
Kaeden Weakland - Teacher Aide
- approves the following instructional staff members so receive the Student Management Stipend as outlined in the MOA with HEA approved on May 16, 2023:  
North Hornell: Jamie Williams  
Intermediate: Mickey Thompson & Leigh Emerson  
HHS: Alex Keeley, Tim Crowe, Tanya Ross, and Jamie Rose
- approves the following classroom volunteers for the remainder of the 2023/24 school year (pending receipt of required certifications and clearances):  
Mary Linza - North Hornell  
Kristin Palotti - North Hornell  
Chelsea Garcia - North Hornell  
Chad Mullen - North Hornell

CARRIED – 6 AYES - ALL

**Discussion:**

**Informational:**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 5:15 PM in the High School Library.

BY: DAVIS/KHORK

**RESOLVED:** that, at 5:27 PM the Board move to Executive Session to discuss the tenure of a particular individual.

CARRIED – 6 AYES – ALL

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BY: DAVIS/KHORK

**RESOLVED:** that, at 5:50 PM the Board return to Regular Session and the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED – 6 AYES - ALL

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Bacon, Deputy District Clerk