

HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – MARCH 6, 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, Dr. Uzma Mehr

ABSENT: Meghann Khork, Kerry Davis, Brian May

BY: MEHR/LIBERTO

RESOLVED: that, the agenda be amended as follows:

- Move Item VI. A. (Presentations) to the end of the agenda following Executive Session.
- Remove Item VI. B. (Reports) from the agenda.
- Add the following as Item VI. E. 1. d.:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board appoint Patrick Flaitz as Workplace Violence Prevention Coordinator for the remainder of the 2023/24 school year.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: MEHR/LIBERTO

RESOLVED: that, the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

Salli Mehlenbacher – Addressed the Board regarding the dress code. Superintendent Palotti suggested that she make an appointment and come talk to him, she said she would do so.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

ROUTINE ITEMS

BY: MEHR/LIBERTO

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

- approves the minutes from the meeting of February 7, 2024.
- accepts the General Fund Budget Transfer Report of January 31, 2024.
- accepts the Federal Fund Budget Transfer Report of January 31, 2024.
- accepts the Revenue Report of January 31, 2024.
- accepts the Appropriations Report of January 31, 2024.
- accepts the Treasurer's Report of January 31, 2024.
- accepts the Student Activities Report of January 31, 2024.
- accepts the Warrant Reports of January 31, 2024.
- 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 CSE meetings of February 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 27, 28 and 29, 2024 and March 4, 2024, the CPSE meetings of February 9, 13 and 27, 2024 and March 1 and 5, 2024 and the 504 meetings of February 8 and 9, 2024 and March 1, 2024.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

OLD BUSINESS:

None

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NEW BUSINESS:

BY: MERH/LIBERTO

RESOLVED: that agenda items VI. E. 1. a. through VI. E. 3. c. be grouped together for one action.
CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: MEHR/LIBERTO

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

POLICY/PROCEDURE

- approves the 2024 Choir Competition trip to Boston, MA on April 4-7, 2024;
- approves the request of the Hornell Public Library Board of Trustees to include the following proposition on the ballot for the annual Budget Vote to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024:
Shall the annual sum of money to be raised by the taxation from the residents of the Hornell City School District for the Hornell Public Library be increased from \$361,476 to \$370,955 in accordance with New York State Education Law, EDN § 259, to provide public library services?;
- held second reading and adopts the Workplace Violence Prevention Policy #6190 as presented;
- appoints Patrick Flaitz as Workplace Violence Prevention Coordinator for the remainder of the 2023/24 school year;

FINANCE

- approves the cost allocation methodology for GST BOCES for the 2024-25 school year;
- approves the MOA with Building Blocks Comprehensive Services effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024;
- approves the MOA with Rochester School of the Deaf effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025;
- approves the Independent Contractor Agreement with Jacqueline Day to provide AIS Services for St. Ann's Academy effective 9/1/2023 through August 30, 2024;
- approves the following Student Transportation Vehicle Purchase Resolution to be placed on the official ballot to be voted on by the qualified voters of the City School District of the City of Hornell, New York at the Annual Budget Vote/Board Member Election on May 21, 2024:
Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:
RESOLVED that, the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Hornell, New York is hereby authorized to expend up to \$595,000 from the existing 2022-2032 Transportation Reserve Fund to the extent possible with the remaining balance expended from the 2017-2027 Transportation Reserve Fund for the acquisition of school buses and/or other student transportation vehicles to replace existing fleet vehicles, expenditure to be made no later June 30, 2025?
- approves the following Transportation Reserve Fund Resolution to be placed on the official ballot to be voted on by the qualified voters of the City School District of the City of Hornell, New York at the Annual Budget Vote/Board Member Election on May 21, 2024:
Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:
Resolved that the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Hornell, New York is hereby authorized to establish a transportation reserve fund pursuant

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to Section 3651 of the education law (to be known as the “2024-2034 Transportation Reserve Fund”), with the purpose of such fund being to finance the purchase of school buses, student transportation vehicles and equipment, and costs incidental thereto, the ultimate amount of such fund to be \$1,000,000. plus earnings thereon, the probable term of such fund to be ten (10) years, and the sources from which the funds shall be obtained for such reserve are (i) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (ii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the board of education from time to time, and (iii) New York State aid received and made available by the board of education from time to time, all to the extent permitted by law?

- approve the annual school board member election/budget vote be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from Noon – 9:00 PM) in accordance with Education Law, and further:
 - (1) Recommended that the Board approve the Notice of Annual School Election/Budget Vote. (Exhibit A)
 - (2) Recommended that the Board approve the Notice of Filing of School Election District Registers. (Exhibit B);
 - (3) Recommended that the Board approve the Notice of Registration for Annual School Election/Budget Vote. (Exhibit C);
 - (4) Recommended that the Board approve the lists of school election inspectors and alternates and authorize payment at the rate of \$150 per day;
 - (5) Recommended that the Board authorize the Clerk of the Board of Education to appoint new election inspectors in the event that those who are appointed are unable to work.
 - (6) Recommended that the Board approve the process for **early mail and** absentee ballots in accordance with §2018-a of Education Law.

PERSONNEL

- accept the resignation of Vicky Miles as Cleaner effective at the end of the day on February 12, 2024;
- approves the probationary appointment of Heidi Hurlbut as Bus Attendant, 10 months, 4.00 hours per day effective March 7 4, 2024 at the starting rate as defined in the HESSA contract;
- approves the MOA with HESSA regarding cleaning coverage;

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: MEHR/MARINO

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Adele Kilbury as Teacher Aide effective on June 30, 2024. (27 years of service).

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

The Board congratulated Adele on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for her dedicated service to the District.

BY: MEHR/LIBERTO

RESOLVED: that, agenda items VI. E. 3. e. through VI. E. 3. h. be grouped for one action.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: MEHR/LIBERTO

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

- approves the following additional Advisor appointment for the 2023/24 school year: Intermediate School Assistant Musical Director – Christine Locker
- approves the following Spring Coaching appointments, pending required certifications and clearances:

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Volunteers:

Michael Mistretta - Softball

Hannah Kuhn - Softball

Emma Flaitz - Track

Andrew Doran - Baseball

Matthew Smith - Baseball

Hunter Taylor Watkins - Baseball

- approves Kristen Hazard as Modified Swimming Coach, season prorated from February 12, 2024 to March 1, 2024;
- approves the following new teacher mentors for the remainder of the 2023/24 school year (prorated):
Angela Conway
Tracy Stark
Kerry Mauerman

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: MEHR/LIBERTO

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Lisa Oyer as Elementary Teacher effective on June 30, 2024. (30+ years in education, 29 in district).

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

The Board congratulated Lisa on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for her dedicated service to the District.

BY: MEHR/LIBERTO

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:

Janina Ackerman - Typist, Teacher Aide, Bus Attendant

Jacey Palmgreen - Teacher Aide (Effective 2/28/24)

CARRIED – 4 AYES - ALL

Discussion:

Informational:

Budget Workshop - Wednesday, March 27, 2024 (if needed)

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 5:15 PM in the High School Library.

BY: MEHR/LIBERTO

RESOLVED: that, at 5:21 PM the Board move to Executive Session to review a personnel matter.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

BY: MEHR/KHORK

RESOLVED: that, at 5:54 PM the Board return to Regular Session and the business portion of the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

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Member Mehr was excused.

PRESENTATIONS:

Superintendent Palotti and School Business Official Flaitz presented the remaining Board Members with an overview of the 2024/25 budget (slide presentation).

The meeting concluded at 6:20 PM, there was no longer a quorum in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Eaton, District Clerk