

# HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – MAY 7, 2024

President Clark opened the meeting at 6:13 PM immediately following the Public Budget Hearing and led the Board/Public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** Dr. Uzma Mehr (excused), Brian May (excused)

BY: DAVIS/KHORK

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

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

None

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Construction Report:**

Included in Superintendent's Report (hand out provided by Welliver)

#### **Celebrating Success:**

**Kate Wall, Interim North Hornell Principal** reported:

- Thank you to all the students and staff for promoting our monthly SEL focus for April, which was PERSEVERANCE. Lessons within the classrooms and hopefully cross-curricular in Art and the library will only support our students in being successful in transferring these lessons.
- On April 11th, we had the Kindergarten musical. This event organized by Sydney Shierer was a nice opportunity for our students to experience what it feels like to practice, prepare, and then finally perform in front of those who love them. Looking forward to the 1st grade musical on May 16th at 6 pm.
- Mrs. Valentine and Mrs. Rohan's 1st-grade classroom for making signs to let visitors and students know they need not pick the flowers in front of NH. Thank you for encouraging their students to use their voices and creativity to protect the beautiful flower bed at the North Hornell entrance. What a great opportunity to empower them to make a positive impact on their community.
- Our PK4 class for their Upcycle project to help their students understand the idea of reducing, reusing, and recycling. Students and families created an original upcycle project to bring to school and present to their friends. These are displayed in our entrance area! Awesome work.
- Special Olympics: Thank you to the staff, faculty (Amber Kossow), students, and families for all their efforts in making last Friday happen. I also want to recognize the North Hornell participants. They were all very proud of their accomplishments, and watching them participate with their peers was inspiring.

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- Recognize Emily Haynes for all the work she does in the day-to-day workings of North Hornell. On April 22nd, it was Administrative Assistance Day- she certainly is a bright light in not only my day, but all who she encounters and helps.

### **Eileen Marino, Intermediate School Dean of Students** reported:

- Special Olympics were held on Friday and the Hornell Intermediate School has several students attend and compete! The Intermediate Drumline played while the entire school came outside for a proper send off as our athletes loaded the buses!
- As a way to honor and express our gratitude, we celebrate Appreciation Days for all, and many fall in April and May. Since our last meetings, we've celebrated our Administrative Assistants, Bus Drivers & Monitors, and Lunch Heroes. This week, we are celebrating our Nurses and Teachers.
- ELA and Math State Assessments. This is our first time trying computer-based testing with all four grade levels at Intermediate School, and that part has gone very smoothly. Thank you to our teachers and students for all their flexibility and hard work during our tests!

### **Superintendent Palotti on behalf of Morgan Allison, High School Principal** reported:

- The weekend of April 4 - April 7, members of the HHS Vocal Program traveled to Boston, MA to compete in the WorldStrides Onstage Music Festival held at North Shore Country Day School in Danvers, MA. These 97 students also enjoyed time in Salem, MA, site of the infamous Salem Witch Trials while also taking in the sites throughout the City of Boston.
- Special Olympics - Great job by all of our athletes and a huge thank you to the HS staff for the wonderful send off!
- Alaina Raish - Donates 75 knitted hats to Connor's Caps that she made herself!
- Laura Flaitz and Wyatt Evingham - Huge shout for helping a student in medical crisis!
- Belief Systems Day -On Thursday May second the ninth graders participated in our annual Belief System Day. Students visited Saint Ann's Roman Catholic Church, The First Baptist Church of Hornell, and The Beth-El Temple. While visiting the ninth graders heard presentations from Deacon Bob, Mrs. Dickey, Pastor John Cwynar, Mr. Lomax, and Mr. Greil. In the Afternoon students attended presentations on Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam back at the High School. Our guests Namrata Nagar, Khenpo, and Dr. Uzma Mehr put together presentations for our ninth graders and answered any questions students had.
- We are in the midst of AP testing, so thank you to our counseling staff and teachers for preparing our students!

### **Superintendent's Report:**

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

- In celebration of "Teacher Appreciation Week" there are lots of activities going on in the buildings
- On the construction side:
  - ❖ The tennis court project is in full swing
  - ❖ The field work on the baseball stadium is going well - the grass is growing great
  - ❖ Many projects are coming to a close
  - ❖ At the Intermediate School the State needed some questions answered regarding the need for sprinklers, we provided a waiver from the Fire Chief that they were not necessary and the State decided that they were. This will add both cost and time to the project. We anticipate an approval shortly and hope to have bids awarded in June. The sooner we can get started, the sooner we can finish.
- We would like to consider moving the "Personnel" section of the agenda into the "Consent Agenda" in the future. The Board would still get all of the information as normal. The thought behind this is that moving forward with the BoardDocs system it would streamline things and no longer have to "bundle".

**CONSENT AGENDA / ROUTINE ITEMS**

BY: DAVIS/KHORK

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

- approves the minutes from the meeting of April 3 and 17, 2024.
- accepts the Revenue Report of March 31, 2024.
- accepts the General Fund Budget Transfer Report of March 31, 2024.
- accepts the Appropriations Report of March 31, 2024.
- accepts the Treasurer’s Report of March 31, 2024.
- accepts the Student Activities Report of March 31, 2024.
- accepts the Warrant Reports of February 29, 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 April 3, 4, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2024, the CPSE meetings of April 3, 10 and 16, 2024 and the 504 meetings of April 3, 4, 17 and 18, 2024.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**POLICY/PROCEDURE**

BY: DAVIS/KHORK

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board authorize Patrick Flaitz to dispose of the following items:

- Food Service: Broken Electrolux Oven Asset - Tag #002555 (scrap)
- Maintenance: Ford F250 - VIN FTNF21599EA17860

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/KHORK

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

- May 24, 2024 - “Snow Day” give back day - no school for students and staff
- June 24, 25 & 26, 2024 - from full day for students and staff  
to no school for students/full day for staff

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: DAVIS/KHORK

**RESOLVED:** that agenda items VI. E. 2. a. through VI. E. 3. E. be grouped together for one action.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

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BY: KHORK/DAVIS

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

### **FINANCE**

- approves the updated SRO Agreement with the City of Hornell effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025;
- approves the Service Agreement with Great Expectations to provide OT and SLP services for the summer ESY program, effective July 8, 2024 - August 16, 2024;
- approves the agreements with Steuben County to provide Pre-School special education evaluation services and transportation services for the 2024/25 school year;
- approve the establishment of the Hornell Area Wind Ensemble (HAWE) Robert “Bob” Langford (Class of 1956) Memorial Scholarship to be funded and awarded through HAWE and appoint the District Treasurer as the custodian for this scholarship Fund;

### **PERSONNEL**

- approves the probationary appointment of Samuel Jackson as School Bus Driver, effective May 6, 2024, 10-months, 4 hours per day at the starting rate defined in the HESSA Contract;
- accepts the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Samantha Sirianni, Pool Aide, effective at the end of the day on June 26, 2024. (31 years of service)
- approves the following change to the daily rate of Regular Assigned Substitute, Susan Greenthal for increased duties through the end of the year, effective April 10, 2024: From \$225 per day to \$330 per day
- approves the following additional staff (sub and/or teacher) for the Summer Learning Academy:
  - Tristin Frost
  - Dawn Hopper
  - Julia Butts
- approves the permanent appointment of Caroline Booth as Senior Typist effective November 16, 2023;

### **Discussion:**

Discussion regarding Board availability for the first 15 days of July to set the date for the Annual Reorganizational Meeting – it was determined that the meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 5:15 PM in the HS Library.

### **Informational:**

The Annual Budget Vote and Board Member Election will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 in the High School Lobby from Noon to 9:00 PM.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 9:30 PM in the HS Cafeteria to accept the results of the vote and any other business that may arise.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 5:15 PM in the High School Library.

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BY: DAVIS/KHORK

**RESOLVED:** that, at 6:30 PM the Board move to Executive Session to review the tenure of particular personnel.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: MEHR/KHORK

**RESOLVED:** that, at 6:54 PM the Board return to Regular Session and the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Eaton, District Clerk

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