

HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – JANUARY 8, 2020

President Davis opened the meeting at 5:17 PM and led the Board/Public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Kerry Davis, Jessica Hess, James Marino, Uzma Mehr,

ABSENT: John McNelis (arrived at 5:28 PM), Meghann Khork (excused)

BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED: that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED – 4 AYES – ALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

REPORTS:

Celebrating Success:

Barbara Kramer, North Hornell Principal reported:

- December was a quick and fun month!
- First Report Cards went out.
- Kindergarten and First Grade Teachers attended Writer's Workshop Training.
- Had visitors from Campbell-Savona visit our classrooms/teachers (K-2nd).
- Thanks to our generous faculty and staff we participated in my giving activities during the month:
 - Shop with a Cop (Thank you to Hornell PD!)
 - With the help of the Station Church we provided holiday meals for our 75 of families. (Thank you to Station Church!)
 - With the help of Carmen Wilkins/ St. James Hospital many gifts were provided for various families. (Thank you to Carmen and St. James!)

Superintendent Palotti on behalf of Jennifer Sorochin, Bryant School Principal reported:

- Lindsey Barton training was very helpful for our teachers and it reinforced the good work our they are doing with their writing instruction in the classroom.
- We had a great turn out for Parent/Teacher Conferences. A big thank you to the parents who took the time to come and discuss their students work and growth with their teachers.
- Book giveaway! Every student in the building received six (6) new books to take home with them before break. They were very excited to be able to pick them out.
- Thirty-five (35) families received holiday meals and fifteen (15) families with students who attend Bryant received help with their gifts this year. Thank you to the Station Church and our very generous and caring staff!!
- Celebrated our first "Red Raider Strong" assembly where a large portion of our students received recognition for perfect attendance, significant improvement in academics and/or behavior, benchmark and above academics and 100% homework completion.

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- Our sing along was very well attended by families who added to the holiday spirit with our students.
- We closed out December with “Pajama Day” and a movie in the gym on Friday; this gave our staff got the opportunity to have some hot cocoa and time in their rooms to get ready for the return in the new year.

Sean Gaffney, Intermediate School Principal reported:

- We had a visit from Chief of Police Murray, John Buckley, the Mayor of Hornell and other dignitaries and got to witness the swearing in of the new Hornell Police Department Police Dog “Snitch”.
- We had a great Choir Concert, Dawn Hopper was sick was not able to attend, Thank you to Ed Belin who filled in for her at the last minute and did a great job. Thank you to Chris vanLeeuvan and the HS Choir for joining our students on stage for a song.
- Our caring and generous staff provided gifts for families in the area.
- Thank you to Karen Kuhn for heading up the “Pennies for Paws” campaign again this year - the students and staff denotations benefit the Hornell Humane Society.

Scott Carroll, High School Principal reported:

- The Choir Concert and Band concerts were an amazing. Each of these performances capped off a month of hard work by our staff and students and were a great kick-off to the holiday season.
- “Deck the Halls” contest was fantastic. Our building came alive for the holidays with festive decoration. A big shout out to Mrs. Keeley and Mr. Kelleher for making it happen and to all of the class advisors who helped out. We would also like to thank our judges for taking the time to score the halls with an impressive rubic.
- Welcomed new high school staff to the District: Eli Marcus, Assistant Principal (in attendance) and Gillian Brubaker, Science Teacher.
- Congratulated the following Wildwood Students of the Month:

Auto Tech II –	Devon Price
Building Trades –	Zachary Miles
Culinary Arts –	Emma Smith
Digital Media Arts -	Alex Rakers
New Visions Education -	Chelsie Freeland
Welding -	Joseph Cheresnowsky
- A big thank you to Angie Conway for taking charge of our Christmas families and to the faculty, staff and administrators for their generosity

Superintendent Palotti reported:

- The District was awarded a grant for a 3PK program. We have sought if for years and are very grateful to have received it.
 - The grant will become a regular allocation from year to year moving forward as long as performance continues.
 - The award came with certain stipulations:
90 days to instate the program and begin for the remainder of the 2019/20 school year – we must start soon – received the official word in late December – we are on track

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- The registration process has begun through the Central Registrar's Office in the High School. Information flyers will be going home this week with students in PK4-6th grades – working hard to get the word out – we have room for 18 students.
- Grant provides for a Coordinator – Juliana Smith will be transitioning from the High School to this role. She will be wrapping up her current role and has begun diving into her new role. She will be communicating with other districts who have been awarded this grant previously.
- Superintendent Palotti shared a Strategic Plan / Action Plan PowerPoint with the Board and reviewed the details (hand out). The district conducted a comprehensive needs assessment in the fall of 2017. Data collected from this assessment was used by the BOE to establish long range priorities that the administration and teachers used to establish long range goals. These goals are being used to focus the district's attention on matters that are believed to be of most need within the district. The District is currently working through those goals and will support them through the creation of the 20-21 school budget. Additionally, the district is conducting some interviews and student surveys as a means to collect more information on an interim basis relative to specific goals and needs addressed within the original needs assessment.

Member McNelis arrived during Superintendent Palotti's report at 5:28 PM.

ROUTINE ITEMS

BY: HESS/MEHR

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

- Approves of the minutes for the meeting of December 4, 2019.
- Acceptance of the Student Activities Report of November 30, 2019
- Acceptance of the GF Budget Transfer Report of November 30, 2019
- Acceptance of the Appropriations Report of November 30, 2019
- Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report of November 30, 2019
- Acceptance of the Revenue Report of November 30, 2019
- Acceptance of the Warrant Reports of November 30, 2019
- 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 December 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 and 17, 2019, the CPSE meetings of December 2, 4, 9 and 12, 2019 and the 504 meetings of December 5, 6, 10, 11 and 12, 2019.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

POLICY/PROCEDURE

BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board authorizes Patrick Flaitz to dispose of the Intermediate School Library books listed on the deletion lists dated November 27 and December 13, 2019.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the “Opt-in” agreement with Erie 1 BOCES and Google.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

FINANCE

BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the Individual Contractor Agreement with Teresa Howard for AIS Instruction at St. Ann’s Academy.

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the Cost Allocation Methodology for GST BOCES for the 2020-21 school year.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the agreement with Pro-Action for the Family Resource Center for the term of January 6, 2020 – August 31, 2020.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the generous donation from Gay Alexin made to the North Hornell School Library in Memory of Constance “Connie” Morris in the amount of \$25.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the amended SRO Agreement with the City of Hornell for the 2019/20 school year.

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

PERSONNEL

BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves Brandon Burritt as a volunteer for the Intermediate School Drumline.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

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BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the MOA with Mitchell Weaver.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the appointment of Timothy Crowe and Paula Fox as Book Club Teachers under the Extended School Day Grant.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Kearstin Derrenbacher as Speech Language Pathologist effective December 31, 2019.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the request of Randi Fridmann, Art Teacher, for an unpaid leave of absence to begin on or about February 17, 2020 through March 27, 2020.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the change in tenure area of Jordan Hahn from Special Education Teacher (currently tenured) to a three year probationary appointment in the area of Library Media Specialist effective September 1, 2019 through August 30, 2022.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the four year probationary appointment of Gillian Brubaker as Science Teacher, effective January 6, 2020 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). (BS in Biology from Alfred University and attending/pending MS in Secondary Education through from Grand Canyon University expected completion May 2020) NYS Pending Certification in Biology expected May 2020.
CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

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:

Francis “Gary” Foster – Uncertified Teacher (effective June 26, 2019)

Latricia “Kathy” Foster – Uncertified Teacher (effective June 26, 2019)

Sarah Campbell – Certified Teacher (Speech) (effective January 6, 2020)

Kaleigh Burritt - Bus Attendant, Teacher Aide, Typist

Rachel Carson - Bus Attendant, Teacher Aide, Typist

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Lawrence Mead - Bus Attendant, Food Service Helper, Laborer,
School Monitor

Lori McDaniels – Uncertified Teacher effective 12/19/2019

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

Informational:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 5:15 PM in the HS Library.

BY: HESS/MEHR

RESOLVED: that at 5:53 PM the Board move to Executive Session to discuss the employment of a particular individuals.

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

BY: MEHR/DAVIS

RESOLVED: at 6:21 PM to return to Regular Session and adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Eaton, District Clerk