

## **HORNELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – DECEMBER 4, 2019**

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, Meghann Khork

**ABSENT:** John McNelis (excused), Sarah Broderick (excused)

BY: HESS/MEHR

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

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

Students from the following musical groups performed various holiday selections for the Board and public:

The Junior High Band directed by Mr. Jonathan Neff

The Intermediate School Select Choir directed by Mrs. Dawn Hopper

The Senior High Band directed by Mr. Todd Bialecki

The Senior High Jazz Choir directed by Mr. Christopher vanLeeuvan

The Board thanked them for their performances and acknowledged all of the hard work that the HS Choir does this time of year performing for various groups around the community.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Celebrating Success:**

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

- Community service project of collecting for Veterans and delivering our donations to the Bath VA
  - Grade 1 teachers have completed our first benchmark assessment in reading. We are seeing great results from our students having had new libraries and systems in place as kindergartners.
  - Pre K visited the Fish hatchery in Hammondsport
  - Volunteer readers from Station church.
  - -also Cheryl Bolduc, knitted hats for our students who don't have one
  - All students attended the movie, Frozen 2
  - Ive already picked out my costume for next Halloween but can't tell you what it will be
  - Our canned food drive has begun, which will in turn replace pantries that have filled the families from the fire
  - We are joining with the Intermediate School in "Pennies for Paws" to benefit the Humane Society.
  - November & December are our community service months at North Hornell School.
- Thank you to all who support our wonderful causes.**

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

- A huge thank you to the faculty and staff for their rallying around the families impacted by the recent fire. Donations came flooding in to support students and families impacted by this terrible event.
- The students brought in hundreds of pounds of canned and packaged food and presented it to Catholic Charities of Steuben at an assembly the day before Thanksgiving break.
- BAS testing is complete and we're seeing great growth within our students. Looking forward to sharing this with parents at parent teacher conferences next week.
- The students really enjoyed their trip to the Intermediate School to see Elf Jr. They were so excited to see their friends, siblings and relatives perform with such skill and talent. Great Job!
- The 5th grade classrooms took a field trip to Bryant to read to our 2nd grade classrooms. They shared their collective writing and it was reported that the 5th graders were surprised at the level and quality of writing produced by the 2nd grade students!
- We have a very busy 3 weeks ahead of us, including a Change War amongst the classes to earn money for the Salvation Army.

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

- Elf Jr. was a great success, the kids were amazing!
- Veteran's Day Red Carpet Event at the Spotlight Theater honored World War II Veterans. Linda Walter's 6<sup>th</sup> grade students interviewed area veterans for the production, Mr. Gaffney's father was one of the honored Vets, he enjoyed the showcase and taking part in it
- The 5th grade classes went to Bryant School to visit with 2nd grade classes. They were amazed at their writing ability.
- Will be holding a "Read a Thon" tomorrow from 7 AM – 7 PM to benefit Skyla and the fire victims. There will be a live Facebook feed the entire day showing our guest readers in the Library – tune in!

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

- Thankful for the community rally around those who lost their houses in the fire....it was truly great to see us come together, and showcases one of the reasons why it's great to live in Hornell.
- Football receiving Rochester Chapter Of Certified Officials Sportsmanship Award- Out of all of section 5, Hornell was awarded this award for Class B
- Ice Cream social- We had 255 High Honor Roll students, 128 Honor Roll for a total of 383 or 52 percent of our students. We then had 330 Honor pass students celebrate with the Ice Cream social
- Wind ensemble Veterans day concert in collaboration with our 7-12 concert bands on Veterans Day was fantastic
- Almost Maine-Fall Drama Production was exceptional with the cast of (Ethan Amann, James Davies, Clara Foreman, Mitchell Freeland (also representing Hornell this Friday, December 6 in Rochester for Area All State) Josh Heafey, Susannah Lang, Delia Logan and Haleigh Moore)

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- Wildwood November Students of the Month: Tyler Hawkes-Auto Body Repair, Kayla Kuhn-Cosmetology, Marimargaret Travis-Culinary Arts, Aurora Foreman-New Visions Medical
- Career Panel: Friday, December 20- Graduates come back and speak to students from the military, 2/4 year colleges and workforce to instill what they wish they knew back in high school that they now know.
- Shout out to our Select Choirs as they travel almost nightly to gigs to spread the joy and spirit of the season

### **Amy Feeley, Director of Pupil Personnel** reported:

- Held 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade meetings with families during the month of November
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade meetings begin tomorrow
- The Family Resource Center will be holding a “Community Café” with area businesses with a focus on Leadership. December 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 6:30 PM

### **Erica Siebert, Director of Primary Education** reported:

- Excellent ELA work is happening in all buildings: Guided Reading, Writer’s Workshop, Phonics and Professional Development from Teacher’s College

### **Superintendent Palotti** reported:

- Echoed the sentiments regarding the outpouring of support that the community showed after the tragic fire. Thank you to all who showed up to help out...people just appeared to help, donations just showed up...it was remarkable. It speaks highly of the community.
- The recent unsuccessful results of the vote for the Pre K Capital Project was disappointing. A great deal of time and planning had gone into the preparation for the vote. We believe it is the right thing to do. We will take a step back, pause, reflect and figure out why it was voted down. There will be conversations with the Board and the Facilities Planning Committee to determine where we go from here.

## **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 November 6, 2019.
- Acceptance of the Student Activities Report of October 31, 2019
- Acceptance of the GF Budget Transfer Report of October 31, 2019
- Acceptance of the Appropriations Report of October 31, 2019
- Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report of October 31, 2019
- Acceptance of the Revenue Report of October 31, 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 October 30, 2019, November 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21 and 25, 2019, the CPSE meetings of October 30, 2019, November 5 and 20, 2019 and the 504 meetings of November 7, 13, 14, 21 and 25, 2019.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**POLICY/PROCEDURE**

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the results of the Pre K Addition Capital Project / Capital Reserve Expenditure vote of December 3, 2019 as follows:

YES VOTES = 164 (46.86%) NO VOTES = 186 (53.14%)

Proposition did not pass.

(351 voters (1 vote disqualified) / 5859 eligible voters = 5.99 % voter turnout)

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: MEHR/HESS

**RESOLVED** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the establishment of an Art National Honor Society and further resolves that Jamie Kull be appointed as the advisor of the Art National Honor Society for the remainder of the 2019/20 school year.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Board of Education Member Sarah Broderick.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

**FINANCE**

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the Hornell City School District 2020/21 Budget Preparation Calendar.

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

**PERSONNEL**

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Danielle Glover as Food Service Helper effective November 15, 2019.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the resignation of Christopher Cahill as Food Service Helper effective November 22, 2019.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the termination of Michele Nickel as Food Service Helper effective December 13, 2019

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

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BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the 26-week probationary appointment of Joseph Guinnip as ~~Building~~ \*Grounds Maintenance Worker, 12 months, 8 hours per day, effective December 9, 2019 at the rate indicated in the HESSA Contract..

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL (\* Civil Service Title incorrectly listed on agenda)

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the 26-week probationary appointment of Dennis O'Dell as Cleaner, 12 months, 8 hours per day, effective December 5, 2019 at the rate indicated in the HESSA Contract.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the 26-week probationary appointment of Monique Herbert Food Service Helper, 10 months, 2.5 per day, effective December 5, 2019 at the rate indicated in the HESSA Contract..

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the 26-week probationary appointment of Aubrey Dragonetti as Food Service Helper, 10 months, 3.75 hours per day, effective December 5, 2019 at the rate indicated in the HESSA Contract..

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approves the 26-week probationary appointment of Jennifer Bixby as Senior Typist, 12 months, effective ~~December 3, 2019~~ \*January 6, 2020. Furthermore the Board approve her individual contract effective ~~December 3, 2019~~ January 6, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL (\*starting date misstated on agenda)

The Board congratulated Jennifer who was in attendance and welcomed her to the district.

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accept the resignation of Alexandra Keeley as Spanish Club Advisor for the remainder of the 2019/20 school year effective November 8, 2019.

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board accepts the Resignation of Richard Everly as Director of Technology and Director of Facilities effective November 29, 2019

CARRIED – 5 AYES – ALL

The Board thanked Rich for his years of dedicated service to the district and stated he would be missed.

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BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Palotti, the Board approve the MOU with HPDG.

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:**

Substitute Additions:

Ozgur Carpenter - Teacher Aide, Typist

Joseph Ogrodowski - Certified Teacher

Bronson Wistuk - Teacher Aide

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

**Informational:**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 5:15 PM in the HS Library.

BY: HESS/MEHR

**RESOLVED:** that at 5:57 PM the Board move to Executive Session to discuss the employment of a particular individual.

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

BY: MEHR/MARINO

**RESOLVED:** at 7:28 PM to return to Regular Session and adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED – 5 AYES - ALL

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Eaton, District Clerk