



# Board Briefings

## ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S TUESDAY, JULY 10 MEETING:

- **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS** — The board unanimously re-elected Thomas Flynn as its President and Cam Hall as Vice President. Board members Robbin List and Michael McGarry, who were re-elected in May, took the oath of office to begin new three-year terms.
- **BOARD'S STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** — Hamburg High School senior Ethan Pohlman was welcomed as the non-voting student representative on the School Board for 2018-19. Ethan also serves as President of Student Government.
- **DISTRICT OF DISTINCTION** — Superintendent Michael Cornell announced that Hamburg was one of 45 school districts nationwide named as a 2018 District of Distinction by District Administration magazine for providing mental health first aid training to all its employees. The designation honors school districts that are leading the way with new ideas that solve challenges. By this September, the district will have provided mental health first aid instruction to all 650 staff members, as well as bus drivers, through a two-year grant from the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation. Mr. Cornell praised Colleen Kaney, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Curriculum & Instruction, and the in-house team that's providing the training.
- **2018-19 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE** — The schedule for 2018-19 School Board meetings was set as follows: Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8 & 29 (budget work session), Feb. 12 & 26 (budget work session), March 12 & 26 (budget work session), April 9 & 16 (budget work session), May 14 (regular meeting & budget hearing), June 11. Regular meetings will start at 6:30 p.m.; budget work sessions/hearing at 6 p.m. The school budget vote/board election will be on May 21.
- **APPOINTMENTS & DESIGNATIONS** — Appointments and designations for the 2018-19 school year include: Kathleen Selby, district treasurer; Debra Magee, deputy district treasurer; Barbara Sporyz, district clerk/records access officer; Mary Valtin, district claims auditor; Dr. Gerald Lauria, school physician; Hodgson Russ, bond/legal counsel; Webster Szanyi, legal counsel; Munistat Services Inc., financial advisor; Lumsden & McCormick, external auditor; Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat, internal auditor; Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. and JP Morgan Chase Bank, depositories; Catherine Rybczynski, tax collector for the district for the Towns of Hamburg, Orchard Park, Boston and Eden; Hamburg Sun and Orchard Park Bee, official newspapers of the district.
- **SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT EXTENSION** — The board unanimously approved a one-year extension to the employment contract of Superintendent Michael Cornell to June 30, 2023.
- **PERSONNEL** — The board accepted the retirement of Kenneth Wells, motor vehicle operator, with 38 years of service, effective Sept. 27. Approval was given to the following appointments, effective Sept. 1: Kurt Ebsary, music teacher, Union Pleasant Elementary/districtwide; Jessica Evans, physical education & health teacher (part-time), Middle School; Theresa Glowacki, special education teacher, Boston Valley Elementary; Kelli Grabowski, science teacher, Middle School/High School; April Hand-Smith, art teacher Union Pleasant Elementary; Amy Jarka, teacher aide, High School; Andrew Pacifico, teacher, Union Pleasant Elementary; Kathryn Sherry, teacher, Armor Elementary.
- **FUTURE MEETINGS** — Tuesdays, Aug. 14 & Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building

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Michael Cornell, Superintendent  
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