



Board Briefings

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S MONDAY, AUG. 13 MEETING:

- **MOMENT OF SILENCE** — A moment of silence was observed in honor of the late Conor J. Long, a 2017 Hamburg High School graduate and student leader who lost his life in a recent hiking accident. Mr. Long also was a past student representative on the School Board.
- **PROGRESS OF CAPITAL PROJECT** — Good progress is being made on summer construction projects across the district, as detailed by Tim Mertzluft of Gordon W. Jones Associates Architects and Jim Templeton of Turner Construction, project clerk. Work being accomplished through the Capital Improvements Project approved by voters in 2016 ranges from repairs to keep Hamburg's buildings structurally sound, to renovating outdated spaces into modern learning environments. A photo presentation documented the construction progress on such areas as the High School, Middle School and Armor Elementary Library Media Centers, Middle School Family and Consumer Sciences classrooms, and Union Pleasant Elementary parking lot and entryway.
- **REVISED 2018-19 CALENDAR** — The 2018-19 school calendar was adjusted so that June 17 will be the last day of classes for Hamburg Middle School students, followed by local/Regents exams June 18-25.
- **TAX LEVY 2018-19** — The 2018-19 tax levy of \$36,711,029 was approved, establishing tax rates as follows: Hamburg, \$36.85 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of \$1.48; Eden, \$31.23, increase of \$2.04; Boston, \$21.68, increase of 54 cents; Orchard Park, \$36.49, increase of \$1.12.
- **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT GOALS** — Goals for the School Board and Superintendent for 2018-19 reflect priorities in the district's Strategic Action Plan. As students make their learning more visible, the Superintendent will work to assure that each school's evidence of that learning is having an impact on inspiring and empowering students to become creative and critical thinkers, productive collaborators and effective communicators. As its goal, the School Board will receive quarterly updates on another focus of the Strategic Plan — supporting educators through more high quality professional learning experiences.
- **KUDOS** — Superintendent Michael Cornell noted that Hamburg Central was recently ranked 27th in school safety out of more than 430 upstate New York school districts by Niche.com, a school and neighborhood analysis website. Hamburg was also recently recognized as a 2018 District of Distinction by *District Administration* magazine for providing mental health first aid training to all its employees.
- **BUS CONTRACT EXTENDED** — The board approved a three-year extension to the transportation contract with Fisher Bus Service through 2020-2021.
- **PERSONNEL** — The board accepted the retirements of Rose Cruver, teacher aide at the Middle School, retroactive to July 28, with 16 years of service and Daniel Kaszubowski Jr., maintenance mechanic, effective Sept. 1, with 24 years of service. Susan Wilson was appointed as Assistant Principal at Union Pleasant Elementary School, effective Aug. 14. Also appointed were: Stephanie Mayer, special education teacher, Union Pleasant Elementary; Jill Pula, school social worker (part-time), Union Pleasant Elementary; Beth Thurston, school monitor cafeteria (part-time), Middle School; Josie White, clerk typist (part-time), Community Relations Office, Administration Building; Rhonda Willcox, food service helper, High School.
- **FUTURE MEETINGS** — Tuesday, Sept. 11 at the Administration Building & Tuesday, Oct. 9 in the High School LMC, both at 6:30 p.m.

Michael Cornell, Superintendent
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