



Board Briefings

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S TUESDAY, SEPT. 11 MEETING:

- **MOMENT OF SILENCE** — A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001.
- **PTSA AWARD FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL** — A New York State PTSA School of Excellence Award for 2018-20 was presented to Middle School Principal Jennifer Barker and Assistant Principal Amanda Bolin by Candy Ditkowski, Hamburg Central PTSA Vice President. The award recognizes their commitment to building an inclusive and welcoming school community. The selection is based on six standards, Mrs. Ditkowski said: welcoming all families into the school community, communicating effectively, supporting student success, speaking up for every child, sharing power and collaborating with community. Hamburg is one of five districts in Western New York to receive the honor. Superintendent Michael Cornell commended the PTSA and Middle School leadership for the achievement. Charlotte Avenue Elementary is also a past winner of the designation (2016-18).
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** — Mr. Cornell reported that the school year is off to a “great start” from a learning perspective, thanks to the efforts of educators. He also noted that the district’s mental health first aid training of all staff received front page coverage last week in “On Board,” the statewide newspaper of the New York State School Boards Association. The initiative will also be featured in a WBFO Facebook live segment.
- **PERSONNEL** — The board accepted the retirements of Paula Litwin, computer aide, Boston Valley Elementary, retroactive to Aug. 17, with 26 years of service and Mary Valtin, principal clerk typist, Administration Building, effective Sept. 1, 2019, with 10 years of service. The following appointments were approved: Donna Appolson, teacher aide, Union Pleasant Elementary; Angela Cartechine, teacher aide, Boston Valley Elementary; Catherine Czora, clerk typist (part-time), Administration Building; Pamela Geiger, teacher aide, Charlotte Avenue Elementary; Emily Hawes, teacher aide, Middle School; Patricia Hover, teacher aide, High School; Theresa Lysek, teacher aide, Middle School; Jennifer McKeone, business teacher, High School; Kari Ratka, art teacher (part-time), Charlotte Avenue Elementary; Jennifer Ricey, computer aide, Charlotte Avenue Elementary; Tara Rivas, teacher aide, Boston Valley Elementary; Emily Walker, teacher aide, Boston Valley Elementary.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT** — Chris Sloma requested that a crossing guard be stationed at Main and Buffalo for the safety of student walkers.
- **FUTURE MEETINGS** — Tuesday, Oct. 9 in the High School LMC & Tuesday, Nov. 13 in the Armor Elementary cafeteria, both at 6:30 p.m.

Michael Cornell, Superintendent
Sept. 12, 2018
