



Board Briefings

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S TUESDAY, JAN. 9 MEETING:

- **STUDENT PLEDGE LEADERS** — Boston Valley fifth graders Sean Flynn, Elliot Graham, Erin Shouldice and Eliana Wolfley led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting. They were selected for their enthusiasm for learning, being role models for their peers and going beyond what is expected.
- **KUDOS FOR COUNSELING CENTER** — Members of the Middle School Counseling Center team were commended for their professional and compassionate work with students and families, as well as for organizing and running the annual Career Fair and Holiday Drive. Honored were social worker Jilian Accurso and school counselors Jill Crossetta, Kelly Mulvey and Sean Vittum.
- **MOMENT OF SILENCE** — A moment of silence was observed in honor of the late John M. Griffin, a former School Board member.
- **TECH UPDATE** — In order to expand possibilities for innovative and creative learning, the district is working toward increasing access to technology devices for students at all grade levels. Technology Director Brent Jordan and Technology Integration Specialist Patrick Wirth spoke about technology currently in classrooms and the timeline for the phase-in of new devices, such as Chromebooks, to occur by September 2020. The emphasis for Grades K-4 is on increasing the number of devices per classroom; for Grades 5-12, providing one device per student. The devices are important for internet access, a key to bringing a world of learning into Hamburg's classrooms, Mr. Wirth said. Devices will first be provided to staff members so that they can receive training and become comfortable with the equipment. In order to support this effort, the tech integrator position was created and a computer aide was added in 2017. Mr. Jordan commended the District Technology Committee for developing the long-term vision and the Technology Department staff for seeing it through.
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** — Superintendent Michael Cornell briefed the board on the work of a subcommittee of the Strategic Planning Committee. The subcommittee is developing new district mission, vision and belief statements. These statements will serve as a framework for action steps in the 2018-19 strategic plan. Mr. Cornell also announced revised plans for the Jan. 26 drill day. The day will now include tourniquet training for High School staff and tactical training for emergency responders as a precursor to a live action drill in 2018-19.
- **BUDGET TIMELINE** — The board approved the 2018-19 budget timeline as follows: petitions available to school board candidates, Tuesday, Feb. 27; tentative budget adoption by the board, Tuesday, April 17; budget public hearing, Tuesday, May 8; annual budget vote and board election, Tuesday, May 15.
- **PERSONNEL** — The board approved the appointments of Donna Bender and Constance Lotocki as senior clerk typists at the High School.
- **FUTURE MEETINGS** — Tuesday, Jan. 30 (budget work session) at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building & Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Armor Elementary

Michael Cornell, Superintendent
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