



Board Briefings

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S TUESDAY, MARCH 13 MEETING:

- **STUDENT PLEDGE LEADERS** — Hamburg Middle School eighth graders Jenna Crowley, Josef Dunlap and Courtney Schaeffer led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting. They are the school's morning announcers.
- **BULLDOG CAFÉ** — Student crew members from the Middle School's Bulldog Café delivered pre-ordered food to School Board members. The students plan, shop, prepare food, handle money and fill breakfast orders for in-school customers every Friday morning, gaining academic, social and life skills.
- **HAMBURG'S NEW SRO** — Officer Sam Blaszczyk, the district's new school resource officer (SRO), was introduced and said he is eager to start his service. He was accompanied by Village of Hamburg Mayor Tom Moses, Village Administrator Don Witkowski and Capt. Rick Schara of the Village of Hamburg Police Department. Board President Tom Flynn said he was proud of the work that went into securing the officer's services and praised the administration's tenacity in negotiating with village officials to bring this to reality. Assistant Superintendent Barbara Sporyz said that Officer Blaszczyk, who starts with the district in April, will be a resource for students, staff, families and the community. She also commended village officials for their cooperation in reaching an agreement to provide the SRO. The SRO's arrival is a continuation of proactive security enhancements that the district has accomplished in the past several years to create a safe learning environment, Mrs. Sporyz noted. This includes ongoing work with safety training officer Lt. Patrick Fitzgerald, tightened security for all visitors to the schools, "Stop the Bleed" and mental health first aid training for all staff and the coordinated efforts of the District Safety Committee.
- **INTERNAL AUDIT** — Laura Napoli of Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat presented results of an internal audit that examined the area of health insurance deductions for retirees. She commended the district for its "fantastic" controls and processes, and made recommendations on two minor findings.
- **PERSONNEL** — The board accepted the retirements of Barbara Narbe, music teacher, Armor Elementary, with 24 years of service, and Laura Sommer, art teacher, Union Pleasant Elementary, with 33 years, both effective July 1, 2018.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT** — Dana Lamb, president of Hamburg Central PTSA, said the organization stands in unity with the district on its policies and procedures regarding school safety, and she encouraged parents to follow suit.
- **FUTURE MEETINGS** — Tuesday, March 27 (budget work session) at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building & Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building

Michael Cornell, Superintendent
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