

Board Briefings

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S TUESDAY, MARCH 27 BUDGET WORK SESSION:

- 2018-19 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT With little new revenue information available until adoption of the state budget, much of the discussion on the district's 2018-19 spending plan focused on staffing changes for next year. It's anticipated that all vacancies resulting from end of the school year retirements will be filled and that there will be positions added. To date, there are seven retiring members from the Hamburg Teachers' Association and one from the Hamburg Teacher Aide Unit. The proposed budget would add the following positions: 1 music teacher districtwide, 1 science teacher at the High School/Middle School, 1 computer aide districtwide, .5 AIS math teacher at Charlotte Avenue Elementary and .4 social worker at Union Pleasant Elementary. The expenditure projection has been slightly reduced, mainly in the health care estimate, so that the proposed budget now stands at \$70.4 million. This leaves a gap of \$1.38 million between projected expenditures and anticipated revenue. At this time it appears the state budget will provide increased aid for education but how it will be distributed statewide and what Hamburg's share will be remains unclear, said Superintendent Michael Cornell. He said state legislators Sen. Chris Jacobs, Sen. Patrick Gallivan and Assemblyman Sean Ryan have been advocating as hard as they can for funds for upstate schools. In response to a board request, there was also information presented on the number of study halls and scheduling at the High School. The School Board is tentatively scheduled to adopt a budget on Tuesday, April 10. The budget goes to public vote on Tuesday, May 15.
- **VEHICLE FOR SRO** The board agreed to allocate \$15,000 of grant funds to the Village of Hamburg toward the purchase of a police vehicle for the new school resource officer.
- **FUTURE MEETINGS** Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building & Tuesday, April 17 (budget work session) at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building