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# Board Briefings

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## ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S TUESDAY, AUG. 8 MEETING:

• **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** — The district has recently hired outstanding individuals for various positions and was fortunate to have a large, well-qualified applicant pool from which to choose, said Superintendent Michael Cornell. He also reported that the School Board's summer retreat focused on coherence. A two-day administrative retreat with Harvey Silver, a nationally recognized education presenter/trainer, will also occur this month. Department leaders will be included on one of those days. Dr. Silver will be the keynote speaker on Staff Opening Day in September.

• **2017-18 TAX RATES** — The 2017-18 tax levy of \$34,946,164 was approved. This is the second consecutive year with a decrease in the levy, which is the amount collected from taxpayers to support the school district budget. The following 2017-18 school tax rates were established: Hamburg, \$35.37 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, a *decrease* of 96 cents per \$1,000; Eden, \$29.19, a *decrease* of 89 cents; Boston, \$21.14, an increase of 21 cents; Orchard Park, \$35.37, a *decrease* of 62 cents. Boston's tax rate increase is due to the equalization rate set by the state for that town.

• **PERSONNEL** — Approval was given to the following appointments: Joan Baker, food service helper, Charlotte Avenue Elementary; Shannon Bartone, senior account clerk, Administration Building; Lisa Battershell, clerk typist (part-time), Administration Building; Cassandra Brignone, music teacher, High School/Middle School; Carl Cordes, business teacher, High School; Annette Dils, food service helper, Charlotte Avenue Elementary; Samantha Hodgson, social studies teacher, High School; Rose Kowalski, teacher, Armor Elementary; Eve Meller, school monitor - cafeteria (part-time), Boston Valley Elementary; Melisa Petre, AIS reading/special education teacher, Charlotte Avenue Elementary; Kenneth Selby, maintenance mechanic, districtwide; Kenneth Waszak, special education teacher, Charlotte Avenue Elementary.

• **FUTURE MEETINGS**— Tuesday, Sept. 12 at the Administration Building & Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Charlotte Avenue Elementary, both at 6:30 p.m.

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Michael Cornell, Superintendent  
Aug. 9, 2017

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