



Board Briefings

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S TUESDAY, SEPT. 12 MEETING:

- **DISTRICT SAFETY PLAN** — An update on the District Safety Plan presented by Barbara Sporyz, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services and Finance, covered topics related to training of staff, bus drivers and outside providers/groups that use school facilities; emergency drill requirements; emergency relocation sites; and safety enhancements to facilities. There are tentative plans to host live action training for law enforcement on Jan. 26, with volunteer "victims" involved in the simulation. Work is also continuing on preparedness in the event of an emergency during an athletic event.
- **PTSA** — New Hamburg Central PTSA President Dana Lamb, accompanied by Vice President Candy Ditkowski and Treasurer Susan Beiter, spoke about upcoming initiatives. This will include the executive board additions of a student representative and corresponding secretary to head communication efforts. The hamburgptsa.com website is also being upgraded to become a one-stop resource for volunteering, membership, meeting summaries and individual school PTSA information. Membership is open to all in the community, including businesses. Mrs. Lamb expressed appreciation to the School Board, administration and school staff for their participation and support of PTSA.
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** — The opening of the school year was "great," thanks to the teamwork of staff and families, reported Superintendent Michael Cornell. It was preceded by the staff opening assembly featuring keynote speaker Harvey Silver, Ed.D., an internationally respected author and facilitator of professional learning. In his goal setting presentation to the board, Mr. Cornell said 2017-18 will deepen the focus on the three priorities contained in the district's Strategic Action Plan. This will be accomplished by requiring students to make their learning more visible; emphasizing the modern learning skills of creative and critical thinking, productive collaboration and effective communication; continuing high quality professional learning; and investing in technology to support learning. Mr. Cornell suggested that the Superintendent's performance goal for the year will be to ensure that students receive learning experiences that equip them with skills needed for success in a modern world, while board members will collect evidence that actions outlined in the Strategic Plan are impacting student learning.
- **FUNDING OF RESERVES** — The district continued to add to its reserve funds with board approval for the transfer of unspent money from the 2016-17 fiscal year: \$750,000 to the Capital Improvements Reserve; \$325,000 to the Employees Retirement System Reserve; \$250,000 to the Repair Reserve.
- **PERSONNEL** — The board approved the following staff appointments: Joan Baker, teacher aide, Armor Elementary; Jennifer Beckett, school monitor caf. (part-time), Union Pleasant Elementary; Liliana Budney, teacher aide, Charlotte Avenue Elementary; Jenny Carrig, teacher aide, Union Pleasant Elementary; Sharon Dimpfl, EMT assistant/teacher aide (part-time), High School; Jenni Eger, teacher aide, Charlotte Avenue Elementary; Michele Giallella, school monitor caf. (part-time), Union Pleasant Elementary; Lacey Golaszewski, music teacher (part-time), districtwide; April Hand-Smith, art teacher (part-time), Charlotte Avenue Elementary; Wendy Heslink, executive assistant to the superintendent/secretary to board of education; Cindy Jachimowicz, teacher aide, Union Pleasant Elementary; Sara Kinley, school monitor caf. (part-time), Union Pleasant Elementary; Kathryn Knab, teacher aide, Union Pleasant Elementary; Kristine Loft, teacher aide, Armor Elementary; Karen Malloy, clerk typist (part-time), Boston Valley Elementary; Alexis McCubbin, school monitor caf. (part-time), Charlotte Avenue Elementary; Emily Mrozek, sr. custodian, Union Pleasant Elementary; Kyle Murphy, teacher, Armor Elementary; Dana Neureuther, teacher, Boston Valley Elementary; Catherine Nicastro, Latin teacher, High School/Middle School; Rosalind Ochoa, lifeguard/p.e. aide, Middle School; Christina Paskie, teacher aide, Union Pleasant Elementary; Lisa Postle, principal clerk typist, Administration Building; Patricia Stresing, hall monitor, High School; Deanne Vitrano, school monitor caf. (part-time), Charlotte Avenue Elementary; Erika Walczak, teacher aide, Boston Valley Elementary; Josie White, school monitor caf. (part-time), Middle School.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT** — Parents Wende Paas and Chris Barmosz spoke regarding a third grade class size at Union Pleasant Elementary School.
- **FUTURE MEETINGS**— Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Charlotte Avenue Elementary & Tuesday, Nov. 14 at Union Pleasant Elementary, both at 6:30 p.m.

Michael Cornell, Superintendent
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