



Board Briefings

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S APRIL 7 MEETING *(conducted remotely via WebEx):*

- **2020-21 BUDGET** — Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor has postponed public school budget votes and board elections until at least June 1. Given this situation, the Hamburg School Board is awaiting guidance from the state and further information on potential federal stimulus funds before adopting the district's 2020-21 budget. Superintendent Michael Cornell said budget priorities are preserving the program, maximizing flexibility if federal stimulus funds are received and developing a responsible spending plan that accounts for the worst case scenario. Assistant Superintendent Barbara Sporyz said that foundation aid from the state, money that funds that basic school operations, will be frozen at the current year's level. However, it is possible that the state will reduce school aid during 2020-21 due to its own budget shortfall. If necessary, the district is prepared to allocate more than in 2019-20 from reserves/fund balance to balance the budget.
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** — Mr. Cornell thanked the district's administrators, teachers, support staff, technology team and parents for the quick pivot in recent weeks from "all bricks" to "all clicks" remote learning and functions in response to the COVID-19 school closure. Of particular note are the Food Service staff and volunteers, who have been providing "grab and go" meals to more than 600 families twice a week. The district has had to react on the fly to a stream of Executive Orders from the Governor. The Superintendent credited the school community with doing a great job and taking care of each other.
- **PERSONNEL** — The board approved agreements with the district's bargaining units to pay employees during the period of the COVID-19 closure. This continuation of pay also applies to part-time employees.
- **2020-21 SCHOOL CALENDAR** — The 2020-21 school holiday/recess calendar was approved, showing Tuesday, Sept. 8 as the first day of school for students. Teachers will attend on Sept. 2 & 3 for professional learning.
- **DONATION TO HEALTHCARE WORKERS** — Approval was given to donating 200 pairs of surplus goggles for distribution to local healthcare providers to meet needs during the COVID-19 crisis.
- **NEXT MEETING** — Tuesday, May 12

Michael Cornell, Superintendent
April 8, 2020
