



# Board Briefings

## ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S JULY 7 REORGANIZATION MEETING *(conducted remotely via Webex):*

- **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS** — The board unanimously re-elected Thomas Flynn as its President and Cameron Hall as Vice President.
- **BOARD'S STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** — Hamburg High School senior Tyler Herman was welcomed as the non-voting student representative on the School Board for 2020-21. He is also serving as Interim President of Student Government.
- **BUDGET VOTE RESULTS** — Hamburg Central residents gave approval to the district's 2020-21 budget of \$75.5 million by 2,792-1,668 in voting by absentee ballot on Tuesday, June 16. Incumbents Thomas Flynn and Cameron Hall were re-elected to three-year terms on the School Board with vote totals of 3,588 and 3,567, respectively.
- **PLANNING FOR SCHOOL REOPENING** — Stakeholders representing many perspectives began meeting this month to provide input as the district begins planning for the reopening of school in September. Although there is not yet guidance from New York State on the reopening, the district is working to restart in a way that maximizes the safety and meets the needs of students, staff and families. It will be important to ensure that the schools can adapt quickly to changing health and regulatory circumstances, said Superintendent Michael Cornell. Each of the School Reopening Stakeholder Committee's three working groups will focus on a specific area: instructional services, social emotional learning and operations. They'll consider three possible scenarios: full return to in-person instruction, full remote learning and a hybrid of the two. Together with the School Board, Administrative Council and Building Core Teams, there will be more than 100 individuals engaged in shaping the reopening plans.
- **2020-21 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE** — The schedule for 2020-21 School Board meetings was set as follows: Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 (regular meetings); Feb. 9, March 9, April 13 (budget work sessions/regular meetings); April 20 (regular meeting); May 11 (budget hearing/regular meeting); June 8 (regular meeting). Budget work sessions/budget hearing begin at 6 p.m.; regular meetings at 6:30 p.m. The school budget vote/board election will be on May 18.
- **APPOINTMENTS & DESIGNATIONS** — Appointments and designations for the 2020-21 school year include: Dr. Gerald Lauria, school physician; Hodgson Russ, bond/legal counsel; Webster Szanyi, legal counsel; Munistat Services Inc., financial advisor; Lumsden & McCormick, external auditor; Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat, internal auditor; Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. and JP Morgan Chase Bank, depositories; Catherine Rybczynski, tax collector for the district for the Towns of Hamburg, Orchard Park, Boston and Eden; *Hamburg Sun* and *Orchard Park Bee*, official newspapers of the district.
- **DONATION ACCEPTED** — The board accepted a donation of grocery store gift cards totalling \$1,650 that have been distributed to school families in need. The donor was Julianna Owczarczak, who created and sold 716 Rainbow Hunt T-shirts as a fundraiser.
- **SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT EXTENSION** — The board unanimously approved a one-year extension to the employment contract of Superintendent Michael Cornell through June 30, 2025.
- **PERSONNEL** — Appointed effective 9-1-20 were: Alexis Linz, speech teacher, Union Pleasant Elementary; Emily Izydorczak, special education teacher, Middle School; Bethany Vay, elementary teacher. Joining the staff as of 7-20-20: Deborah Olmsted, senior clerk typist, HPER.
- **NEXT MEETING** — Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building

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Michael Cornell, Superintendent  
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