



Board Briefings

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S NOV. 10 MEETING *(conducted remotely via Webex)*

- **CHANGE TO SCHOOL CALENDAR** — In order to maximize learning for students, a revised 2020-21 school calendar was approved by the board. It reschedules elementary parent teacher conference days to Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16. The original conference days of Dec. 3 and 11 will now become full days of K-5 student attendance.

- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** — Superintendent Michael Cornell thanked Hamburg's school nurses and cleaning staff for their efforts in maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment despite new procedures and challenges associated with the pandemic. There has been an increase in reported COVID-19 cases recently but the districtwide total is still relatively low, Mr. Cornell said, and the illness was almost always contracted outside of the school setting. The district will continue in-person instruction in the hybrid learning model for as long as it's safe and responsible to do so. Should a change be necessary, the Superintendent will communicate details to staff and families as soon as circumstances allow. As of the time of the board meeting, the district was waiting for direction from the NYS Department of Health regarding implementation of the mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing required of 20% of in-person students and staff due to the Governor's designation of Western New York as a "yellow zone." For Hamburg, this would involve about 600 tests per week.

- **PERSONNEL** — The board accepted the retirements of Janet Stephan, senior clerk typist in the Technology Office, 21 years of service, effective Nov. 30, 2021 and Edward Ungaro, custodian, Boston Valley Elementary, 26 years of service, effective Feb. 5, 2021. Appointed to the staff: Erin Kane, computer aide, districtwide and Sarah Paquet, cafeteria monitor, Armor Elementary.

- **NEXT MEETING** — Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Michael Cornell, Superintendent
Nov. 12, 2020
