



Board Briefings

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S APRIL 20 MEETING *(conducted in-person & remotely via Webex)*

- **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT** — Board member Robbin List was recognized by Superintendent Michael Cornell for attaining a Board Lifetime Achievement award from the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA). This is the highest level of recognition for participating in NYSSBA professional development opportunities on topics in governance and leadership, fiscal responsibility, student achievement and district operations. Mr. Cornell called Mr. List a "leader among leaders," while Board President Tom Flynn expressed appreciation for the insight and experience his colleague brings to the role. Mr. List, a former teacher and Principal, has served on the board for 6 ½ years.
- **2021-22 BUDGET ADOPTED** — The board adopted a 2021-22 budget of \$77,650,250 to be presented for public vote on Tuesday, May 18. The spending package is a 2.8% increase from the current year. It calls for raising an additional \$851,806 through the property tax levy, a 2.2% hike.
- **CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT** — The 2021-22 budget that will go before voters includes \$100,000 earmarked for a Capital Outlay Project to provide upgrades to gym doors at Hamburg High School, as well as replacement of certain interior classroom doors. The gym work would include removal of the folding partition, installation of a new sports divider curtain with associated electrical and safety apparatus, and replacement of the gym doors.
- **BOARD SELF- EVALUATION** — Mr. Cornell provided prompts for the board as part of its annual self-evaluation. Board members' reflections and comments will form the basis for goal setting at the annual summer retreat.
- **REOPENING PREPARATIONS** — A recap of the district's updated reopening plan, as detailed at last week's virtual community forum, was presented by Mr. Cornell. With physical distancing guidelines reduced by the state, PreK-Grade 5 students will return to full week in-person learning as of Monday, April 26. Due to the community transmission rate, Middle School and High School students will continue in the hybrid model. However, as of May 5, Grades 6-12 students in Cohorts A and B will attend in-person on alternating Wednesdays. They also will be required to follow their in-person bell schedule on their off-campus days, starting Monday, May 3. Specifics on transportation, masks, meals, social and emotional health, meetings, visitors, ventilation and cleaning were also covered.
- **2021-22 SCHOOL CALENDAR** — The 2021-22 school holiday/recess calendar was approved, showing Wednesday, Sept. 8 as the first day of school for students. Sept. 1, 2 and 7 are designated as Superintendent Conference Days for the purpose of staff attendance.
- **NEXT MEETING** — Tuesday, May 11 (budget hearing at 6 p.m./regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.)

Michael Cornell, Superintendent
April 21, 2021