



Board Briefings

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S JULY 6 MEETING *(conducted in-person & 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 Ella Melcher was welcomed as the non-voting student representative on the School Board for 2021-22.
- **DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT & SAFETY PLAN** — Public hearings were held on the District Code of Conduct and Safety Plan, which are reviewed and updated annually. Technology Director Brent Jordan explained minor refinements to the Code of Conduct, which applies to students, school personnel and visitors on school property and at school functions. Capt. Patrick Fitzgerald, the district's safety training officer, outlined specifics on training and emergency drills that will continue for school personnel, bus drivers and outside groups that use school buildings.
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** — Superintendent Michael Cornell presented details of the two summer learning programs that will be taking place in the district during July and August. Hamburg Connects will provide PreK-12 students with opportunities to grow through authentic learning experiences designed to spark interest and joy in learning. It also aims to help students reconnect with their peers and adults. Transportation and meals are included. Nearly 460 students are enrolled. Also running will be APEX, a course credit recovery program for High School students. Fifty-five students have signed up for this program. Meanwhile, since early June the district has been soliciting ideas from stakeholders on how to use federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. These funds are intended to help address immediate consequences of the last 16 pandemic months, while building longer-term capacity that will benefit children and families in the future. Discussion will continue in July and August on the draft plan. Some of the initial priorities are: summer learning programs, professional learning, increased staffing for mental/emotional health support and interventionists, and before/after school opportunities.
- **APPOINTMENTS & DESIGNATIONS** — Appointments and designations for the 2021-22 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; *Hamburg Sun* and *Orchard Park Bee*, official newspapers of the district.
- **SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT EXTENSION** — The board unanimously approved a one-year extension to the employment contract of Superintendent Michael Cornell through June 30, 2026.
- **RETIREMENT** — The board accepted the retirement of Susan Kruszynski, school nurse at the Middle School, effective Jan. 2, 2022, with 23 years of service.
- **PERSONNEL** — Appointed to the staff were Robert Linhart, phys. ed. teacher, Middle School/Boston Valley Elementary, and Joshua Koszuta, elementary health teacher, both effective Sept. 1. The board approved the addition of two Civil Service maintenance mechanic positions.
- **NEXT MEETING** — Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Michael Cornell, Superintendent
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