



# Board Briefings

## ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S SEPT. 14 MEETING *(conducted in-person & remotely via Webex)*

- **COMMENDATION** — A certificate of commendation was presented to Andrew Pacifico, Union Pleasant Elementary School teacher, for performing the Heimlich maneuver on one of his first graders who was choking on an ice pop. He was thanked for his commitment to the safety and well-being of students each and every day.
- **DONATION TO CAPITAL PROJECT** — Keith Fisher, President of the Hamburg Alumni Foundation, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his \$200,000 donation toward Discover 2021, the district's proposed capital improvement project on which the public will vote on Oct. 13. Superintendent Michael Cornell thanked Mr. Fisher for his long-time support of the schools and noted this is the single largest donation to the project. Once the project is complete, the entrance to Howe Field will be renamed as the Fisher Athletic Complex in recognition of the contribution. Mr. Fisher spoke of his family's history and relationship with the school district, including running a business in town for 95 years, and said he was proud to make the donation. Later in the meeting, the board officially accepted the donation.
- **D.A.R.E. AT ARMOR ELEMENTARY** — Officer Kristen Mazur of the Orchard Park Police Department said the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program topics she covers with fifth graders at Armor Elementary have evolved to be relevant to the issues today's students face. It focuses on character building, making good choices, peer pressure, bullying, communication and relationships, in addition to drugs and alcohol. She thanked the district for its support of the program.
- **END OF YEAR AUDIT** — Sara Dayton of Lumsden & McCormick, the district's external auditor, said that a "clean" opinion was rendered, the best possible outcome, after a review of district financial statements from July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021. This indicates that financial statements were fairly presented and materially accurate in accordance with general accounting standards. Additionally, the auditor's management letter indicated no material weaknesses in the district's internal controls and compliance.
- **PERSONNEL** — Appointed to the staff were Morgan Kalota, special education/ELA teacher, High School; Jamie McEwen, AIS math teacher (part-time), Armor; Gabrielle Rodriguez, special education teacher, High School; Michael Altieri, maintenance mechanic, districtwide; Lisa Azzarella, teacher aide, Union Pleasant; Joanna Cerrone, teacher aide, Boston Valley; Sherry Crino, teacher aide, Union Pleasant; Bonnie Doctor, PM hall monitor, Middle School; Karen Dombrowski, PM hall monitor, Middle School; Cassandra Donnelly, school nurse, Charlotte Avenue; Lisa Dueringer, PM hall monitor, Middle School; Steven Dusza, cleaner districtwide; Margaret Duszynski, clerk typist (part-time), Union Pleasant; Sara Kinley, PM hall monitor, Middle School; Darin Kotlowski, maintenance mechanic districtwide; Nicholas Lauria, teacher aide, Boston Valley; Jordyn Malinowski, teacher aide, SS. Peter & Paul; Jamie Moll, laborer, Union Pleasant; Kendra Mulvihill, cafeteria monitor (part-time), Charlotte Avenue; Kristine Schiffman, PM hall monitor, Middle School; Neil Scofield, teacher aide, Boston Valley; Abbra Sheldon, teacher aide, Boston Valley; Mary Stuhr, PM hall monitor, Middle School; Jennifer Taylor, cafeteria monitor (part-time), Middle School; Laura Whiteside, teacher aide, Union Pleasant; Luran Whiting, teacher aide, Union Pleasant.
- **RETIREMENTS** — The board accepted the retirements of Kathleen Philipps, cook manager, Union Pleasant, effective Oct. 1, 2021, with 22 years of service and Anne Scoma, senior clerk typist, High School Counseling Center, effective Aug. 31, 2022, with 20 years of service.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT** — Speakers commented on mask mandates and vaccinations.
- **NEXT MEETING** — Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

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Michael Cornell, Superintendent  
Sept. 15, 2021