



Board Briefings

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S OCT. 12 MEETING *(conducted in-person & remotely via Webex)*

- **RECOGNITION** — Lynn Sajdak, High School special education teacher, was recognized for being one of four finalists for 2022 New York State Teacher of the Year. Superintendent Michael Cornell commended her for the sense of community and enriching experiences she creates for her students. Marking School Board Recognition Week, Mr. Cornell praised Hamburg's board members for always being focused on what's best for children. In thanks for their service, each was presented with a student artwork. Lastly, Mr. Cornell noted that Keith Fisher and the Fisher Family Fund will donate about \$3,000 this year to cover unpaid student lunch charges. This continues the fund's annual donation to that purpose.
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** — Mr. Cornell reported that schools are now following New York State Department of Health guidance regarding COVID procedures and precautions, instead of Erie County Health Department guidelines. On another topic, he gave a reminder about the Discover 2021 capital improvement project vote on Oct. 13.
- **PTSA DONATIONS** — The board accepted nearly \$24,500 in donations from the PTSA designated for various equipment/supply purchases in each of the schools. Staff members who are PTSA members are eligible for these grants.
- **RETIREMENT** — The board accepted the retirement of High School Principal Michael Gallagher, effective Dec. 1, 2021, with 21 years of service. Assistant Principal John Crangle will step in as Interim High School Principal through the end of the school year. Armor Elementary teacher Rose Kowalski will serve as Interim Assistant Principal, also to the end of the school year.
- **PERSONNEL** — The following appointments were approved: Kristin Biniewski, cafeteria monitor (p-t), Union Pleasant Elementary; Diana Kulczyk, clerk typist (p-t), Information Services, Administration Building; Annmarie Pietrzak, Food Service helper, High School; Sharon Richardson, Food Service helper, Armor Elementary; Michael Salerno, physical education aide/lifeguard, High School.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT** — Speakers commented on mask mandates, COVID vaccinations and the proposed capital improvement project.
- **NEXT MEETING** — Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Michael Cornell, Superintendent
Oct. 13, 2021
