



Board Briefings

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S NOV. 9 MEETING *(conducted in-person & remotely via Webex)*

- **IN MEMORY** — A moment of silence was observed in memory of the late Kathy Prackajlo, teacher aide at Hamburg High School.
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** — Superintendent Michael Cornell called attention to efforts to recruit new employees for certain positions that are difficult to fill due to the labor market. This includes a \$100 Visa gift card offered to current employees who refer a candidate who is hired and completes at least three months of employment. The district also increased its salary scale for substitutes and is reaching out to retirees who may wish to return as substitutes. In another personnel matter, he noted a board agenda item that will add a 12-month registered professional nurse (lead nurse) assignment and a 12-month computer aide assignment, through a memorandum of agreement with the Hamburg Teachers' Association. Lastly, he commended High School social worker Tina LaMendola, who recently received the 2021 Ruth Efron Schwartz School Social Worker of the Year award from the NYS School Social Workers' Association.
- **RETIREMENTS** — The board accepted the retirements of Edith Roll, custodian, Boston Valley Elementary, effective Dec. 31, 2021, with 35 years of service; and Rhonda Willcox, High School Food Service helper, effective Nov. 29, 2021, with seven years of service.
- **PERSONNEL** — The following appointments were approved: Joseph Crozier, physical education aide/lifeguard, Middle School; Michelle Dhanantwari, cafeteria monitor (p-t), Armor Elementary; Ann Falls, cafeteria monitor (p-t), Union Pleasant Elementary; Nicole Frazier, senior clerk typist, High School; Nancy McClusky, cafeteria monitor (p-t), Armor Elementary; Michelle Pietrzak, cafeteria monitor (p-t), Armor Elementary; Julie Szlachetka, cafeteria monitor (p-t), Armor Elementary; Rachel Weixlmann, senior clerk typist, Technology Office, Union Pleasant Elementary (effective 11/29).
- **PUBLIC COMMENT** — Speakers commented on mask mandates, COVID vaccinations and parental choice.
- **NEXT MEETING** — Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Michael Cornell, Superintendent
Nov. 10, 2021