



# Board Briefings

## ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S NOVEMBER 8 MEETING

- **ENERGY EFFICIENCY STUDY** — Here's an updated version: Representatives from Wendel Energy Services, LLC. presented a proposal to evaluate clean energy technologies in a detailed study that would allow the District to identify costs, savings and incentives for potential future solar energy projects and HVAC building controls. The Board will consider approving the agreement at the next board meeting.
- **BOARD REPORTS** — Student representative Jillian McDonnell reported that homecoming was a huge success. She also said the high school will be participating in a lunch distribution soon, and they recently put up a kindness tree which will have leaves written by students depending on the monthly theme. Board members reported back on various events they attended this past month including a visitation committee meeting. The committee will visit the High School on December 16 from 8-11am. The student government will join the members for coffee in the morning. The health advisory committee also met and chose March 22 for the Family, Food, and Fitness Fair. The PTSA has 473 and would like to get to 600. Three board members also reported back on the NYS School Board Convention in Syracuse, saying it was a great event and they learned a lot.
- **BUILDING REPORT** — The meeting was hosted at the Middle School and principal Tom Adams and assistant principal Jillian Meister gave a presentation called "Our Story." They showed photos from Red Ribbon Week, an Old Fort Niagara field trip, and Halloween. They wrapped their presentation by showing a student-made short film called, "A Day in the Life of an HMS student."
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** — Mr. Cornell reported back on the fall Strategic Planning Meeting. He said participants gave a lot of great feedback about the direction of the district and were positive about what's happening in Hamburg. The next session will be held in the spring, then the feedback will be brought to the board. Mr. Cornell also said the first Erie County Mental Health Forum was a success. 135 people attended from multiple districts, county agencies, and community groups. Lastly, he said the district is looking to find solutions to eliminate the remaining looped routes. He appreciates everyone's patience as the district continues to work on this.
- **FIELD TRIPS** — The board approved four extended field trips.
- **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR TECHNOLOGY** — The board approved a contract for the assistant superintendent for technology and information services, Brent Jordan. Mr. Jordan's duties will remain the same but he will now report directly to Mr. Cornell. Mr. Cornell expressed the district's appreciation for all Mr. Jordan's hard work.
- **PUBLIC EXPRESSION** — One person spoke about her appreciation for the district and everything being done. Another person spoke in support of a book being challenged by some groups for content.
- **NEXT MEETING** — Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30pm at Armor Elementary

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Michael Cornell, Superintendent  
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