



Board Briefings

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S DECEMBER 13 MEETING

- **AFS RECOGNITION**— National AFS representative Cathleen Allen presented John Crangle and Tina Mesi with a plaque honoring the program’s success at Hamburg.
- **BOARD REPORTS** — Student representative Jillian McDonnell reported the holiday Thanksgiving drive was a huge success, with students packing meals for hundreds of families. She also said the student government is talking about bringing back the Free Hugs Guy as well as incorporating his message into everyday life at HHS. Other board members also highlighted the Thanksgiving drive. They talked about upcoming events including a chili cookoff in February, and let everyone know the Parent Child Connection gift card fundraiser is happening now.
- **BUILDING REPORT** — Board and community members got a “taste of Armor” led by principal Leslie Bennett and her staff. The teachers talked about the famous Armor soup club and gave each board member a flight of soups while they enjoyed a video highlighting the great things going on at Armor. The presentation ended with a student reading her essay about receiving an award last year and how much it meant to her.
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** — Michael Cornell welcomed Doug Whelan as the interim assistant superintendent of administrative services and finance. Mr. Cornell also talked about the town and village police departments holding response exercises at the high school this past week. He said the budget process is starting soon, a bit earlier than usual. He reported the district put in for FEMA reimbursement due to damage to a couple of facilities from the November snow storm. Lastly, he reported while the NYS Departments of Health and Education put out a suggestion for children to mask as we deal with the threats of the flu, COVID, and RSV, the state has no intention to mandate masks.
- **BOARD ACTIONS** — Among the actions the board took last night include: accepted the retirements of Kathy Battin, Nadine Seigel, and Kim Van Wagnen; approved a contract with Wendel to explore the possibility of using renewable energy to power buildings in the future, and accepted the final donation to pay for the Free Hugs Project.
- **PUBLIC EXPRESSION** — Three members of the community spoke on areas of interest to them.
- **NEXT MEETING** — Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30pm at Hamburg High School

Michael Cornell, Superintendent
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