



# Board Briefings

## ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S JANUARY 10 MEETING

- **BOARD REPORTS** — Board members plan to attend upcoming events including the Anxiety Management Workshop put on by the Parent Child Connection and the Soup-er Bowl at the Middle School. One member reported highlights from the January PTSA meeting including the possibility of part of the money raised from the Charlotte Avenue Fun Run being given to a Charlotte grad as a scholarship. He also said the high school's Bills raffle was a success and they plan to do a Sabres raffle for a game in March. Members said the safety committee meeting and high school board visit in December were both successful. The student representative said the high school is planning a winter pep rally around the girls and boys basketball teams both playing Frontier during a week in February.
- **BUILDING REPORT** — The meeting was hosted by the High School and principal John Crangle gave a presentation highlighting school safety and the upcoming play, *Shakespeare in Love*. Student Resource Officer Sam Blaszc spoke about his duties in the building including his participation in 14 trainings this year, mental health awareness talks, and classroom presentations by teacher request. Mr. Crangle talked about the importance of giving all students a great year as for many, this is their first year experiencing high school "normally." He introduced Marc Ruffino, director of the play, as an example of joy, value, and connection happening in the building. It is Mr. Ruffino's 24th year directing the play. The two leads of the play were at the meeting and performed a scene from the show which is February 2-4 at 7:30pm.
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** — Michael Cornell reported on the progression of several initiatives including the capital project, budget process, Youth Mental Health First Aid training for the town and village recreation departments, and the expansion of Pre-K. He gave an update on transportation; we have gotten rid of two looped routes and are working to get rid of the last two. He also mentioned he enjoyed speaking with the high school Good Fellas club and the new Focus will be in mailboxes this weekend. He added the Continuing Education piece will be mailed separately from the Focus.
- **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS** — The board approved personnel changes including the retirements of Laura Asher-Knipfing, Robin Bartoo, Barbara Donovan, Anne Kanaley, and Rhonda Wieder; a leave of absence request, and Committee of Special Education and Pre-School Special Education meeting recommendations.
- **APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS** — The board approved a contract between the district and St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment & Recovery Centers, the 2023-2024 Budget Calendar, and a letter of recommendation of Gordon W. Jones Associates, Architects on the reconstruction work for the 2022-2023 Capital Outlay Project General Work Contract 151, awarding the bid to GrayCo Corp. of Upstate NY, totaling \$55,825.
- **NEXT MEETING** — Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30pm at Union Pleasant Elementary

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Michael Cornell, Superintendent  
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