



# Board Briefings

## ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S FEBRUARY 7 MEETING

- **NYSUT NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION** — We recognized 6th grade teacher Rhonda Mills for earning the highest certification possible in teaching: National Board Certification.
- **BOARD REPORTS** — Several board members attended and enjoyed the high school play, *Shakespeare in Love*, and the Parent Child Connection's anxiety workshop. Members also mentioned upcoming events and fundraisers including the Soup-er Bowl, Jazz Gala to raise money for the jazz band's trip to Japan, and the high school PTSA's Sabres raffle.
- **BUILDING REPORT** — The meeting was hosted at Union Pleasant Elementary School by Principal Molly Dehlinger and Assistant Principal Sue Wilson. They invited a group of teachers to talk about the wonderful things happening at UPES. They talked about "tried and true" practices including 5th grade morning walks, outside morning play, kindergarten-5th grade buddy system, community celebrations, Pawsomes, and support squad. 5th grader Emma Ebert spoke about the buddy program and how much it's helped her. The group also talked about "the new" practices happening at UPES like a VIP program in Mrs. Love's class, Uniquely U, and assistant to the assistant principal.
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** — Superintendent Michael Cornell attended both *Shakespeare in Love* and the middle school musical, *Aladdin*, and praised the students for a job well done. He also went to Coach Pat Cauley's Center Court Basketball Tournament and Think Outside the Box at Seneca One. Mr. Cornell told the board about this week's ICT Ed Exchange organized by the instructional coaches, where teachers visit other classrooms throughout the district to see how modern learning is being implemented in different ways.
- **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS** — The Board accepted the retirement of Athletic Director, Patrick Cauley, who started as a teacher for the district in 1993 and began his tenure as Athletic Director in 2013. The Board also accepted the retirement of Michael Tylock, who started in the district in 2001 as Assistant Principal at the middle school and later became Assistant Principal at the high school.
- **APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS** — The board approved all items including a contract with Conscious Campus to bring back Ken Nwadike, the "Free Hugs Guy" on March 9 and 10. He will be working with middle and high school students on the first day then will speak to all staff on the second day as part of our professional learning day.
- **NEXT MEETING** — Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30pm at Charlotte Avenue Elementary

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Michael Cornell, Superintendent  
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