



Board Briefings

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S MAY 9 MEETING

- **HIGH SCHOOL ESPORTS TEAM** — Coach Patrick Wirth and three students from the team talked about the growth of the eSports program at the high school. The team now has 38 students and they compete against teams across New York State and the East Coast. They have made it to league playoffs every season and this year varsity finished 7th out of 98 teams.
- **NYSSBA BOARD ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS** — Two board members, Dave Yoviene and Laura Heeter, were recognized with this professional learning award.
- **BOARD REPORTS** — Student representative Jill McDonnell reported about upcoming high school events including the junior and senior proms, senior breakfast, memory walk, penny drop, a band trip to Disney, and the jazz band trip to Japan. Board President Tom Flynn reported joining the Superintendent in hosting Assemblymember Jon Rivera. They gave him a tour of both the middle school and Union Pleasant Elementary. The members of the Board of Education had a very busy month attending events such as music concerts, *Seussical*, and girls varsity flag football games. Rich Schneider reported the safety committee meets in June.
upcoming events including reading and literacy night on May 16 and the high school carnival on June 2.
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** — Superintendent Michael Cornell said he attended both *Seussical* and *Turning 12 in 1865* and praised both casts on a job well done. Mr. Cornell thanked our teachers in commemoration of Teacher Appreciation Week and said there will be a staff appreciation breakfast the following week in all buildings. Mr. Cornell said he recently attended a coping skills group at the high school and enjoyed spending time with the counselors and the kids. Lastly, he said the first walking tour for the capital project for board members will be happening soon, and the board agreed on a visit from the contractors once a month.
- **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS** — The board approved all items including the appointment of Thomas Riddoch as the new Armor Elementary School principal and an employment agreement with Christine Ljunberg as the new School Business Administrator. They also approved tenure for Director of Pupil Services, Jennifer Barker, and teachers Melissa Bailey, Chelsea Lotocki, Destiny Puchalski, Kelly Reading, Lauren Saulino, and Carly Walsh. The fall senior trip to New York City was also approved.
- **APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS** — The board approved all items including some items ahead of Tuesday's budget vote: the appointments of Douglas Whelan as chief election inspector, election inspectors, machine operators, and a board of elections representative.
- **NEXT MEETING** — Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30pm at Armor Elementary

Michael Cornell, Superintendent
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