

Recently, organizational meetings were held requesting community involvement to form a Hamburg Central School District athletics 'Bulldog Booster Club'. After several meetings with the interested parties who expressed their desire and willingness to organize a club, the following Mission Statement was agreed upon:

***The Bulldog Booster Club will support, encourage and enhance all
Hamburg Central School District-sponsored athletic teams.***

The initial purpose and goal of the Bulldogs Booster Club is to formulate ideas for fundraising opportunities to generate financial funding to support and enhance the district's athletic programs.

Greg Witman, Hamburg Central School's Athletic Director, summarized the need for the formation of this type of fundraising arm for our district. Hamburg is one of only a few districts in Western New York to maintain thirty (30) sanctioned varsity sports programs for its students. This is quite an achievement, yet it carries a large financial commitment. Given recent trends in reduced budget funding for school athletic programs, a booster club would play a long term and crucial role in keeping our athletic programs funded not just for the current year, but for years to come.

An initial community volunteer board has been established to begin planning the future of the Bulldog Booster Club. In order to provide an equal voice for all of the District's sports teams, in the Fall a team representative from each sport will be asked to be serve as a member of an Advisory Committee.

Group presentations and organizational meetings will be held starting in August 2012 to provide additional information and answer questions regarding 1) the envisioned structure and role of the Bulldog Booster Club and 2) the fundraising projects that will be held throughout the year in support of the club's mission. Community and team support is crucial if this booster club is to succeed. Thank you for your support as we look forward to building this Club for our community, students and athletes.

The Bulldog Booster Club Board of Directors