

*In an effort to increase Board/Public Communications, after each Board of Education meeting an email will be sent to parents, staff, and anyone who requested to receive district e-mail communications, highlighting board discussions.*

The following was discussed at the October 8, 2020 meeting:

\*October is School Board recognition month and in honor of their volunteerism and dedication, all of Jericho School District's unions combined their efforts and made a donation in the form of a scholarship for a graduating senior in the board's name. Hank Grishman, on behalf of the District, thanked the board for everything they do. Many speeches were made to thank the board.

\*Greg Sloan, Curriculum Associate for School Counseling, recognized students who received recognition in the National Merit competition and Dr. Eric Sundberg, Curriculum Associate for Social Studies, Business and Libraries, recognized students that were honored in the National History Day competition.

\*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports. Gina Levy, PTA Council President, thanked the board for their service and asked everyone to save October 27 for the Open Council meeting. More information to follow.

\*Student School Board Rep Chloe Liu was part of her first board meeting and gave a report on her goals for the school year.

\*During the Superintendent's report, Mr. Grishman congratulated the incredible work of the teaching staff for the first month of school. He also acknowledged the entire staff, including the technology department, buildings and grounds, and administrators, for their efforts. The Nassau County Department of Health has been very responsive and we appreciate all they are doing and the help they have given us.

\*Also, the district is in discussions, in collaboration with our district physician, to set up a site to provide Covid tests for parents and staff that choose to go. Results would be given within 24 hours. We will keep everyone posted on this plan.

\*The Jericho School District, in conjunction with St. Paul's, will be collecting food on October 21 from 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the front circle of the MS/HS building to assist Jericho families. (rain date 10/28) We are in need of the

following items: Mac and Cheese Cups (microwavable) , Hormel dinners (microwavable), Small cereal boxes, pasta, sauce, coffee, soup, juice boxes, rice, red and black beans, Chef Boyardee products, Ramen, boxed mashed potatoes, Quaker Oats, and Parmalat. Thank you for your support.

\*Additionally, the percentage of remote students, by building, ranges between 25% to 50%. The numbers have been static. In regard to transportation, in no case is there more than one student sitting in a seat. Barbara Bauer spoke about student assessments throughout the district. The district is constantly looking at the numbers and percentages of students on hybrid and what that would look like if all students returned to school full-time. We found that we would have between 18-38 classrooms that could not accommodate all of the hybrid students. We will continue to study that.

\*The board took action on a number of items, including the approval of schedules. All information, including the full agenda and minutes, is available on the district website at [http://jerichoschools.org/district/board\\_of\\_education](http://jerichoschools.org/district/board_of_education).

\*The Board Meeting in its entirety is available here: <https://youtu.be/F-Sxo48bBp0>

\* The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for November 19 at 7:30 PM.

*-Bill Ferro, Board President*

*Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*