

*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 March 21, 2019 meeting:

\*A moment of silence was held for members of the Jericho family that recently passed away: Dr. Philip Allopena (former Jericho Assistant Superintendent), Roch Preite (Class of 1975) and Daniel Ravner (Class of 1998).

\*The Board of Education unanimously adopted the 2019-2020 Budget of \$124,341,752. This will be on the ballot for the May 21 Budget Vote.

\*Also, the board adopted proposition #2 and #3, which will be on the ballot on May 21. Proposition #2 would authorize the Board to spend \$9.9 million from the already existing capital reserve III and fund balance to implement the fourth phase projects from the Capital facilities Plan. Proposition #3 would authorize the Board to create an additional capital reserve (Capital Reserve IV), not to exceed \$20 million, which would be funded over the next several years, and provide funding for future capital projects. Neither of these propositions will have any additional impact to the proposed budget or tax levy. Projects included in Proposition #2 and #3 can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2CvPt9a>

\*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports.

\*Maria Bombace, PTA Council President, said that all units are setting their slates for next year. Anyone interested in being on their PTAs executive committee can email their building principal for more information. Also, Maria thanked all involved for a successful Book Talk earlier this week with the book *13 Things Successful Things Parents Don't Do*.

\*PTA Council is hosting Parent University on April 2 at 7 PM in the MS Library. All are welcome. Click here to read about the workshops.  
<https://bit.ly/2uk2ij5>

\*Student School Board Rep Jiaqi Zhang gave a report and thanked all that participated in the Prom Dress collection. In 2018, this program assisted over 5,400 women.

\*Jiaqi also gave an update on the LEAD Program, which joins Jericho with Uniondale and Rockville Centre to work on team building and diversity. Jiaqi brought 4 students to report on the program and share their experiences. All agreed that the program was a huge success and although the students may appear different from each other, they all have a lot in common. Friendships were formed between the students. One of the students created a video that was shown during the HS Diversity Day. Click here to see the video: <https://youtu.be/h-RDdfhqO44>

\*Greg Sloan, Curriculum Associate for Guidance, explained what the role of the school counselors are and how the Guidance Department has grown over the years to accommodate the needs of students.

\*The students from the Mathcounts team were recognized for their recent accomplishments.

\*During the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman explained that the ballot for the budget vote will be in English and Spanish due to a federal regulation.

\*The Jericho Educational Foundation is continuing their brick fundraising project – selling commemorative bricks in the front circle of the MS/HS. More information will be sent to residents in April.

\*The retirement of Dr. Elaine Margarita, Curriculum Associate for World Languages and Family and Consumer Science, was accepted by the Board of Education. Mr. Grishman also announced that Joan Rosenberg had originally intended to retire at the end of this school year, but after urging by administration, will stay on and retire in June 2020 and Joan is excited to stay on at the High School as co-principal next year.

\*Victor Manuel presented the budget review. The full presentation is available on the district website or by clicking this link:  
<https://bit.ly/2CvPt9a>

\*The board voted to change the dates of the July and August board meetings. Those will now be held July 9, 2019 and August 15, 2019.

\*The Board voted to place Jericho Public Library's 2019-2020 budget and Bond Proposition on the May 21 ballot. The vote on this is for the Public Library and does not impact the school district budget. For more information about the library, visit [www.jericholibrary.org](http://www.jericholibrary.org).

\*The board voted to table the discussion about eliminating the position of Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration, Research, Innovation and Common Core until the October meeting.

\*The board took action on a number of items, including the approval of schedules, acceptance of a donations, and the execution of an agreement. 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 next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 at 7:15 PM in the MS Library. Please note that this is a new date from the one listed on the calendar.

*-Bill Ferro, Board President*

*Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*