

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 February 7, 2019 meeting:

*Cantiague hosted the meeting after a successful curriculum fair that focused on Book Love. Students performed the National Anthem, shared information about Cantiague and showed this video:

<https://youtu.be/RkfvVTGOZRY>

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

*Bill Ferro said that as a follow up to recent conversations around stress, the Board met with 40 juniors and seniors to get their input on stress and to get a better idea what the students are feeling. There will be a follow up with these students next week. “We are doing what we can to make an already great place better.”

*The board congratulated the Regeneron scholars and finalist at the meeting and they were presented citations from the district and New York State Senator James Gaughran. Eric Sundberg, Curriculum Associate for Social Studies, Business and Libraries, and Brian Cummings, Curriculum Associate for Science and Technology, as well as teachers Serena McCalla and Mary Drayer congratulated the students for the hard work and dedication.

*Maria Bombace, PTA Council President, invited everyone to participate in a districtwide book talk. All are encouraged to read the book *13 Things Mentally Strong Parents Don't Do* by Amy Morin and attend a book talk on March 18 at 9:30 AM in the MS Library.

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

*The Jericho Public Library presented about their proposed plan that provides for expansion and modernization of the library. This construction would be funded by a voter-approved \$9 million bond and will be on the ballot on May 21. The vote on this bond is for the Public Library and does not impact the school district budget.

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

*The board took action on a number of items, including the approval of schedules and acceptance of a donation. All information, including the full agenda and minutes, is available on the district website at http://jerichoschools.org/district/board_of_education.

*Budget Workshop #3 will be held on March 7 at 7:15 PM in the MS Library. The Budget Review meeting will be held on March 21 at 7:15 PM at the MS Library. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for March 28 at 7:15 PM in the MS Library.

-Bill Ferro, Board President

Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education