

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 June 13, 2019 meeting:

*Before the meeting, student musicians from Cantiague entertained the audience.

*The Girl Scouts presented the colors with a flag presentation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports. HS student council members introduced the new officers and thanked the board and HS administration for their support over the past year. Bill Ferro thanked outgoing Student Council presidents Hamza Malik and Sammy Reiss for their dedication and commitment.

*High School senior Jiaqi Zhang has served as school board representative throughout this school year. Bill Ferro thanked Jiaqi for his work throughout the year and thanked him for the insight that he has shared. He wished him well in his future endeavors.

*Maria Bombace, PTA Council President, thanked all that helped make PTA so successful this year and welcomed incoming officers.

*Legislators Arnie Drucker and Josh Lafazan presented citations to local girl scouts who received their Bronze and Silver awards.

*The board recognized 16 retirees. Administrators, the Board and Mr. Grishman congratulated the retirees and wished them well in their next chapter. Congratulations to Linda Alesi, Todd Benjamin, Candy Bodnar, Susan Burke, James Caprio, Kathy Carney, John Castronova, Maureen

Harding, Clare Hussey, Elaine Margarita, Anne McDonough, Juan Mendiolaza, Louise Millmann, Ilene Osroff, Jerry Romano, and Dawn Wright.

*Students were honored for their participation in National History Day, Lego Robotics and the ACSL competition. Also, a No Place for Hate diversity winner was recognized.

*During the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman said that Altaris, Jericho's security consulting company, will be at the September meeting to update the board and community on the security plan. Also, Mr. Grishman said that the district is very pleased with the Jericho Academy and looks forward to the Academy growing next year.

*This year, the Board held conversations with students about stress. Next school year the conversation will continue. The district is looking at tools to offer surveys. After discussions this year, the district is considering implementing methods to reduce stress – including re-developing a testing calendar at the high school to prevent tests from taking place on the same day. Also, the board and administration will look at homework.

*The board met with auditors before the meeting and Bill Ferro reported that the reports were “unblemished” and the business office was praised for their work.

*There was a discussion on two potential policies – one dealing with non-residents speaking at meetings and the second that references videotaping at meetings. The discussion will continue at the September Board Meeting, which will be held on September 19 at 7:15 PM in the MS Library.

*The Jericho School District and Solomon Schechter have mutually terminated their lease agreement of Williams School. Simultaneously, the Jericho School District has entered into a new lease agreement with

Nassau BOCES to lease the Williams School beginning July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2024.

*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.

*The date of the August board meeting was changed to Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 7 PM in the MS Library.

*The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9 at 7 PM in the MS Library. The August meeting is set for Tuesday, August 13 at 7 PM in the MS Library. The September meeting will be held on September 19, 2019 at 7:15 PM in the MS Library.

Wishing you all a restful summer!

-Bill Ferro, Board President

Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education