

*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 18, 2018 meeting:

\*Student musicians performed in the lobby before the 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. Also, Superintendent Hank Grishman said, "We want to thank our school board members who volunteer many hours to benefit the children and the school community." Gifts were presented from the district, bargaining units and PTA Council. Legislators Arnie Drucker and Josh Lafazan presented citations to each board member in honor of their volunteerism.

\*During the External Audit Report, Alan Yu from the firm Cullen and Danowski, LLP, announced that the district is in "a very good financial state." Mr. Ferro thanked administration, including Victor Manuel and his office, for managing the finances wisely.

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

\*Maria Bombace, PTA Council President, invited everyone to Parent University on Tuesday, October 23 at 7 PM starting in the Middle School Library. More information, as well as the topics being presented, is available by visiting <https://bit.ly/2pW2B1v>

\*Bill Ferro thanked all that attended the recent School Safety and Security Forum. Since so many were not able to attend, it is available online by clicking: <https://bit.ly/2EA4gDX>

\*Student Board Representative Jiaqi Zhang was seated on the dais with the board and gave a report. He recounted the color run at Homecoming and said Student Council appreciated the support of PTA and hoped to collaborate on future events. He also announced that November 27 will be a districtwide Family Night – teachers are asked not to give homework that night or tests the following day and families are encouraged to spend the evening together. Local restaurants will offer discounts for dinner. More details will be available soon.

\*During the Superintendent's report, Mr. Grishman explained that since the assessed value in Nassau County went down, even though Jericho School District had no increase, the average homeowner in Nassau County will be paying more in taxes when they receive their current tax bill.

\*Mr. Grishman asked the board for permission to have administration bring a proposal forward at the November Board Meeting to discuss the re-organization of high school administration and including the recommendation of a co-principal model. That will be on November's agenda.

\*October 22 to 26 is School Bus Safety Week. Look out for videos of our students offering bus safety tips next week.

\*The board took action on a number of items, including the approval of Board Policies, 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](http://jerichoschools.org/district/board_of_education).

\*The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for November 15th at 7:45 PM at Seaman Elementary School.

*-Bill Ferro, Board President*

*Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*