

*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 December 17, 2020 meeting:

\*Bill started the meeting by thanking the Jericho staff, parents, students, administrators, teachers, and the entire community for all of their support and work during the last few months.

\*The board “reluctantly” accepted the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Barbara Bauer, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum. They praised her accomplishments and dedication to the Jericho School District. “Barbara is an incredible teacher, administrator, assistant superintendent and a friend,” said Bill Ferro. Bill thanked her for everything she has done for the district and community for the last 20 years. Mrs. Bauer’s retirement will be effective on August 1.

\*MS and HS students updated the board and community on recent happenings at the schools during the student council reports. Allyson Edelman, PTA Council Vice President, announced that PTA Council is sponsoring a district-wide book talk with the book *Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be* by Frank Bruni. All are encouraged to read the book and attend the book talk via Zoom on Monday, January 25 at 9:30 AM. The book talk will be facilitated by MS Principal Don Gately and Curriculum Associate for School Counseling Greg Sloan. More information will be shared closer to the date, but it is a great book to read over break.

\*Bill thanked the students and the district for their support of his annual Toy Store event. Jericho collected over 500 toys, with help from National Honor Society and High School Student Council, and the event was a huge success.

\*During the Superintendent’s report, Mr. Grishman thanked and congratulated Barbara Bauer on her upcoming retirement. “Our school district is a better one because of Barbara. We are all better because of Barbara. Her impact on our school district is great and we wish her a happy and healthy retirement,” said Hank Grishman.

\*The Board voted to appoint Dr. Ivy Sherman to replace Barbara Bauer as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. Sherman has been

principal of the Robert Seaman Elementary School for 8 years and we look forward to a smooth transition while Ivy works close with Barbara over the next few months.

\*Mr. Grishman said he hoped everyone enjoyed the snow day. Also, he thanked the community for their support and generosity over the last few weeks. The district has held many recent food drives and toy drives and the generosity of the Jericho community was amazing.

\*Additionally, the Syosset Covid Testing site is up and running and we will be sharing information on how to schedule a rapid test at the location soon. This site is to be used for those who have symptoms and/or have been exposed to a positive case.

\*To expand the reach of Jericho's amazing PPS staff, the district is currently having discussions with Northwell Health to tap into their child psychiatry departments to provide additional support for our students and families. The stress levels of our students and families have greatly increased and we hope this helps. We will continue to provide updates on this.

\*There is a NYS School Covid Report Card that reports the number of people that have been tested and tested positive. Please click here to access: <https://on.ny.gov/3apDJaW>

\*Hank thanked the Nassau County Department of Health for their support and also thanked the Jericho school nurses. They have been available to us anytime we need. The technology department, buildings and grounds staff, support staff, teachers, and administrators have done such a great job to keep our schools safe and running smoothly. Please continue to be vigilant in the use of masks, social distancing and listening to the recommendations of the CDC and DOH.

\*For updated information on the district's quarantining process, please click here: <https://bit.ly/2KFov6t>. This document will continue to be updated as needed.

\*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](http://jerichoschools.org/district/board_of_education).

\*The Board Meeting in its entirety is available here: <https://youtu.be/y1NVmhc0pSg>

\* The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 14, 2021 at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Budget Workshop #1 will also be held at this time.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year.

*-Bill Ferro, Board President*

*Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*