

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 January 14, 2021 meeting:

*The meeting started with a moment of silence for Bernice Baiman, who was a Jericho Board of Education Member from 1971-1983 and recently passed away. The Board and district remembered her great service and love of the Jericho schools.

*Victor Manuel presented Budget Workshop #1, which is available here:<https://bit.ly/39xF9Ow>

*The Middle School and High School Student Council spoke about recent events at the schools and Gina Levy, PTA Council President, gave a report on PTA happenings.

*The Board voted to rename the Robert Seaman Elementary School after the late Jeff Ratner, former principal, effective July 1, 2021. The new name will be The Jeffrey Ratner Robert Seaman Elementary School.

*During the Superintendent's report, Mr. Grishman thanked the Jericho Educational Foundation, and specifically Melissa Gerber and Alana Sabesan, for raising over \$10,000 for the district.

*Low and moderate risk winter sports are up and running, and we are following the New York State Guidelines. Visitors/spectators are not permitted at this time, but we are working on a method of livestreaming.

*The middle school and high school held a very successful wellness day this week and the feedback has been outstanding.

*The Covid testing site that we are co-sponsoring with Syosset is up and running and Jericho nurses and administrators are referring people to the site that have symptoms or were in close contact with a positive case. The district is working to secure vaccinations for our staff, and many of our staff members are getting vaccination appointments.

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

*The Board Meeting in its entirety is available here: https://youtu.be/K6_CHAIzss0

*There is a Work Session planned for Jan. 28 at 7 PM via Zoom to discuss diversity and equity and what we have done in the classrooms. Dan Salzman and Eric Sundberg will be available on Jan. 28 to discuss this. Information on this Zoom will be emailed closer to the date.

* The next regular meeting of the Board of Education and Budget Workshop #2 is scheduled for February 4 at 7:30 PM via Zoom.

*-Bill Ferro, Board President
Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*