

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 November 19, 2020 meeting:

*The Board and District honored Laura Katz on her retirement.

*The Middle School Student Council rep updated those in attendance about school happenings. High School Student Council students announced that December 9 is a family night where no homework will be given and families will have the opportunity to spend time together. They also announced that there is an event for seniors on Saturday called ChalkFest that they are looking forward to. Gina Levy, PTA Council President, encouraged all parents to join their local PTA unit.

*After a discussion, the Board voted to rename the Robert Seaman Elementary School after the late Jeff Ratner, former principal. The specific name will honor Robert Seaman and Jeff Ratner and will be decided within the next few months.

*During the Superintendent's report, Mr. Grishman said that the district is again supporting Bill Ferro's toy drive. Collection bins are at each school and we will be collecting until November 25. We appreciate the support!

*Mr. Grishman thanked the staff for all they do. And thanked the parents and staff for following the safety measures we have put in place. "There has been no spread of Covid-19 from within our school district. Our school district is a safe place to be."

*A resolution was on the agenda for Jericho to enter into an agreement with the Syosset School District. Mr. Grishman said they are working with South Nassau Hospital to set up a site, located in Syosset, that is open to all Syosset and Jericho students and staff that would like to be tested for Covid.

*The School District will continue to be closed to visitors through the end of March, and at that time we will evaluate the situation. Meetings will continue to take place over Zoom. The updated calendar grids through March are available on our website and here:

http://jerichoschools.org/calendar/printable_calendars_summaries

*Jake Levy was named a News12 Scholar Athlete. To view the clip:, click here: <https://longisland.news12.com/scholar-athlete-jacob-levy>

*As of now, high impact winter sports are on hold. That includes basketball and wrestling. Moderate and low impact sports, including swimming, bowling, and track, are set to start in January. We will share more updates as they become available.

*The board stressed that the district is asking people to follow the travel guidelines and not travel unnecessarily.

*Mr. Grishman urged all Jericho families and staff stay safe over Thanksgiving and continue to follow the guidelines.

*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 Board Meeting in its entirety is available here: <https://youtu.be/J6oCiRhgC5g>

* The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 17 at 7:30 PM via Zoom.

-Bill Ferro, Board President

Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education