

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 20, 2022 meeting:

*Ratner-Seaman students and staff presented about school happenings and highlighted the great things taking place at Ratner-Seaman Elementary School.

*Middle School and High School students gave an update about school happenings during the Student Council reports. Gina Levy, PTA Council President, invited everyone to attend the virtual book talk at the Open Council Meeting this morning at 9:30 AM. To join the Zoom, click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84098248451>
Mrs. Levy also thanked Victor Manuel, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, for his diligence in budget planning, especially since March 2020.

*Victor Manuel presented Budget Workshop #1, which included an update and information on buildings and grounds. The presentation is available here: <https://bit.ly/33TBRpt>

*During the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman said that the number of positive Covid-19 cases has started to subside and he thanked everyone for their diligence in following the district's safety protocols. Additionally, he said that New York State provided home Covid testing kits to the district and they were distributed to parents and staff members. He said the district will continue to distribute as more are received.

*The district is working on a new website and Patrick Fogarty and Denise Nash have been spearheading the effort. The original launch date was in January, but they are now anticipating a July 1 launch.

*The Jericho High School Hall of Fame is planning an in-person ceremony and an email was recently sent to parents, staff and the community with information on this year's inductees, which includes Board Vice President Pam Wasserman-Heath.

*The board took action on a number of items, including setting up the Benny D'Aquila and Rande Siper Memorial Scholarship Funds. Also, during the approval of schedules, the board voted to change the name of the SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) Professional Development Course, which is

available to teachers. A new name will be forthcoming. 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/zz1YPc0rsy4>

*A Board Work Session is scheduled for February 3 at 6 PM in the MS/HS Auditorium and will be streamed via Zoom. The topic is Curriculum Development.

* The next regular meeting of the Board of Education and Budget Workshop #2 are scheduled for February 17, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the MS/HS auditorium and will be streamed via Zoom.

-Jill Citron, Board President

Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education