

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 June 16, 2022 meeting:

*Jill Citron opened the meeting by thanking everyone for a great year, including Jericho staff members, PTA, buildings and grounds staff, parents, students and so many others that worked so hard to make this year a success

*Middle School and High School students gave updates about school happenings during the Student Council reports and wished Dr. Don Gately and Dr. Kati Behr good luck in their new endeavors.

*Gina Levy, outgoing PTA Council President, encouraged everyone to join their school's PTA.

*Brandt Morgan was recognized for receiving the Heart of a Giant Award.

*The board recognized the retirees. Administrators, the Board and Mr. Grishman congratulated the retirees and wished them well in their next chapter. Congratulations to Mary Ann Colucci, Peter Devlin, Rose Ann Ketterer, Jill Kneer, Mary Ellen Madden, Teresa Menduni, Sean Mills, Harriet Mitchel, Denise Nieder, Judy Ornstein, Laura Parmigiani, Kim Rizzi-Hamilton, Diane Shewark, Barbara Stampfl, Laura Staton, and Luisa Vittelozzi. Additionally, Pam Wasserman-Heath was recognized for finishing her term on the Board of Education.

*Sara Ballute-Scianablo was introduced as the new Middle School Assistant Principal.

*Mr. Grishman gave an update on the recent Goals Workshop during the Superintendent's Report. The new draft goals that were formulated during these workshops will be distributed to the committee and the Board and then shared with the community once completed.

*The district's Covid numbers continue to decrease. We look forward to the June celebrations in person.

*Nassau County Police Commissioner Pat Ryder recently met with all superintendents and Board presidents. Hank Grishman and Jill Citron attended and said great information was shared. Commissioner Ryder shared information about the relationship between the NCPD and school districts and said that they are trained and prepared to respond to an active shooter situation.

*Summer Construction projects have started and central administration offices are moving into the high school. The main switchboard is moving to the high school entrance. These offices will return to the administration building before the opening of school. All phone numbers are operational and remain the same.

*The MS/HS track is being rebuilt and a new subsurface is being installed. This will be ready for the fall sports season. The track and turf field are closed and cannot be used. The tennis courts are being redone this summer and will be closed starting July 5.

*An English class assignment was discussed at the meeting (This can be found at 1:13 on the video).

*The Board approved the Universal Pre-K program. This will be state-funded and will not be paid for by taxpayer dollars. The program, which will be held at Ratner-Seaman, can accommodate 54 students. Students were selected through a lottery. This program will follow the school calendar and begin in August.

*During the Audit Committee Report, Jill Citron discussed that the auditors presented to the audit committee before the board meeting. The internal and claims auditors presented their reports praising the business office and had no recommendations which is extremely rare in school districts. The external auditors presented their audit plan for the upcoming audit this summer.

* Mr. Manuel presented the District's Foundation Aid Plan as well as the CRSSA And ARP plans which are both on the District's web site.

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

*The Board Meeting in its entirety is available
here: <https://youtu.be/77nKFibPeFc>

*The next regular meeting of the Board of Education, and reorganization meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Middle School Library and will be streamed. Please note this date is a change from what is printed on the district calendar.

*-Jill Citron, Board President
Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*