

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 16, 2021 meeting:

*Cantiague students and staff presented about school happenings and highlighted the great things taking place at Cantiague 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 read the book talk book *Atomic Habits* by James Clear and attend the book talk at the Open Council Meeting on January 24 at 9:30 AM. For more information, click here: <https://bit.ly/3p4OO7Z>

*Leanne Stroh, a math teacher, received tenure and was congratulated by her fellow teachers, administrators, and the Board.

*During the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman announced that Brandt Morgan was awarded the Heart of Giant award. This award is given by the New York Giants Football team and the Hospital for Special Surgery to an individual that has overcome a life altering setback and used the game of football to motivate himself to get back on the field. Congratulations Brandt!

*Mr. Grishman also said that the latest TikTok challenge included school threats for December 17. He noted that no threats were made to Jericho specifically and this is happening nationwide. There was increased police presence at all Nassau County school districts as a precaution and Mr. Grishman thanked them for their diligence.

*Construction on the turf field has been aggressively taking place and we continue to move forward on the project.

*Mr. Grishman said that the Goals Workshop that was held earlier this month was a great success and central office is refining the materials. There will be a follow up meeting in January and the information will then be discussed at a future Board Meeting.

*Nassau County is monitoring the number of Covid cases and has recommended that we continue to monitor Covid, especially as we go into Winter recess. There has been no recommendation to make changes to our learning plan or procedures. Jericho is still, comparatively, on the bottom of the scale in Nassau County as far as positive cases. He thanked the community, staff, and students for their diligence in getting vaccinated and following our mask wearing and other Covid protocols. He said the district will continue to closely monitor the situation.

*The board voted unanimously to remove the agenda item “Creation of Position - Assistant to the Superintendent”

*The date of the May Board of Education has been changed to May 19, 2022.

*The board took action on a number of items, including the adoption policies and 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/yM90_eooyRM

* The next regular meeting of the Board of Education and Budget Workshop #1 is scheduled for January 20, 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*