

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 July 8, 2021 meeting:

*During the re-organization meeting, Sam Perlman and Jennifer Vartanov were each sworn in as a Board Trustee for a three-year term. Additionally, Jill Citron was elected Board President and Pam Wasserman-Heath was elected Board Vice President.

*All summer construction projects, including the air conditioning of all instructional spaces in the district, are running on schedule and, if this pace continues as it should, will be completed by the opening of school on August 26.

*The district is planning to re-open schools with a normal, pre-pandemic opening, subject to any guidance we may receive from the New York State Department of Education, as well as from local and state health agencies.

*Elementary class size for the upcoming school year will be 23 students (down from 25 and 27 in previous years).

*Summer school programs are up and running – the elementary AIS program and special education program are both running smoothly. The MS and HS programs began today and have approximately 60 students participating. The focus of this program will be connectivity. The district received \$1.8 million from the federal government under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 and the district is using a portion of those funds to pay for the summer school program. The funding is for three years and the district will be expanding support for our students, K-12, during the regular school year from this funding as well.

*The district recently partnered with the Northwell School Mental Health Partnership. We are committed to the mental health needs of our students and the partnership has many supports to assist our families. A recent email was sent from Kim Conger to parents with additional information. If you have questions, please contact her at kconger@jerichoschools.org.

*The Jeffrey Ratner Robert Seaman Elementary School name is official and there will be a ribbon cutting when school opens. We will keep the community updated.

*The district is planning Goal Setting workshops for the Fall. More information will be shared as the process moves forward. Also, Community Council meetings are in the works, which will bring all facets of the community together for open discussion and idea exchanges.

*The Board voted to require that students enrolled in summer school continue to wear masks. The New York State Department of Health announced late last week that this was a local decision up to school districts. This only pertains to summer school, as no decisions have been made about August at this time.

*The district will be unveiling a new website in January. The website will feature a more updated look and will be easier to navigate. Details will be shared closer to the release date.

*The Board discussed residency and the concept of re-certifying all residents at certain intervals throughout the student's school career. The board will look at a policy regarding this at a future meeting.

*A discussion took place regarding a recent communication the District received from the Town of Oyster Bay. The Town, at its meeting scheduled for Tuesday July 13th at 10 AM at 54 Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, will be discussing the possible zone change of a parcel of property located at One and Two Jericho Plaza, Jericho to build a hotel.

*The board took action on a number of items, including the approval of the districtwide safety plan, 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/sF8AT6OsgHc>

* The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for August 3 at 6:30 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