

*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 March 26, 2015 meeting:

\*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about what's happening in the schools and Jill Citron, President of Jericho's Joint PTA Council, shared that Roger Tilles spoke at a recent open council meeting about the current state of education in New York.

\*Jericho High School Boys Basketball Coach Wally Bachman was honored by the Board for his recent induction into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame.

\*Jericho's Curriculum Associate for Elementary Pupil Personnel Services Kim Conger was honored by the Board for being recognized as a Town of Oyster Bay Women of Distinction.

\*The Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2015-2016 budget, which is \$121,185,238. All budget presentations are available on the Jericho School District website by clicking under "announcements."

\*During the Superintendent's report, Hank Grishman thanked PTA Council for hosting Roger Tilles last week and thanked SEPTA for the grants that they give each year to deserving staff members. He also applauded SEPTA and Jackson PTA for holding a joint meeting this month, which was well attended, and said he looks forward to more meetings like that. Also, Mr. Grishman added that the Flagship program is off to a great start in Jericho and applicants are being notified this week if they will be included in the program.

\*The Board voted to approve three bids on the Middle School/High School auditorium project. Renovations are on schedule and estimated completion is early fall.

\*Dr. Eric Sundberg, Jericho's Curriculum Associate for Social Studies, Business, and Libraries, presented, along with Middle School Librarian Pat Minikel and Middle School social studies teacher Theresa Cantwell, on the

importance of the library in a student's educational career and how librarians and teachers work together throughout the year.

\*High School principal Joan Rosenberg announced that the 2015 Valedictorians are Bari Britvan and Rameel Rizvi, and the salutatorians are Amanda Damon, Matthew Kiviat, Gene Lee, and Crystal Zheng. Congratulations!

\*Lisa Guidice, co-president of Jericho SEPTA, presented grants to Jericho staff members, on behalf of SEPTA, who applied for funding for a variety of student projects and activities.

\*The board took action on a number of items, including the acceptance of a donation 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](http://jerichoschools.org/district/board_of_education). All district photos taken at the Board Meetings are available on the district website under "News" and "Photos."

\*The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Library.

*-Bill Ferro, Board President*

*Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*