

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 22, 2015 meeting:

*Seaman Elementary School hosted a curriculum fair prior the meeting focusing on STEM activities. Staff and peer leaders created a video that featured all Seaman students showing off “Who They Are” through literacy.

*The Middle School Student Council Representative updated those in attendance about what’s happening in the school and the High School Student Council representatives did the same, in their usual humorous way.

*During the PTA Council report, Council President Jill Citron invited all Jericho residents to attend Monday’s Open Council meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Cantiague Elementary School, which will include a discussion about homework. Also, there is a legislative forum that is set for February 7 at 9:30 a.m. at Syosset’s H.B. Thompson Middle School and all Jericho residents are invited to attend.

*Brian Cummings, Jericho’s Curriculum Associate for Science and Technology Education, introduced Dr. Serena McCalla, Jericho’s Science Research Coordinator, and Jericho’s Intel semifinalist Steve Zheng and Intel finalists Crystal Zheng and Ien Li. The students spoke about their projects and the finalists are headed to Washington D.C. in March.

*Victor Manuel, Jericho’s Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs presented the first Budget Workshop for the 2015-2016 school year. The presentation is available on the Jericho School District Website by clicking under “announcements.”

*Included in the Budget Workshop was information about the MS/HS Auditorium. Jericho Superintendent Hank Grishman explained that last week, a piece of the ceiling in the MS/HS auditorium fell and thankfully didn’t hit anyone. The ceiling was patched and air quality testing done, which came back clear. District administration asked the engineers if they could confirm that this would not happen again and they could not make that guarantee.

Considering the health and safety of our students and staff, the MS/HS auditorium will be closed for the remainder of the school year. Plans for the scheduled renovation in the auditorium are being reviewed by New York State and work is still on schedule to start this summer.

*The Budget Presentation also included information about Jericho's Capital Facilities Plan, which outlined priorities for improvements throughout the district. This is also available on the district website.

*The board took action on a number of items, including the acceptance of a donation and the approval of schedules. The full agenda and minutes can be found on our website at

http://jerichoschools.org/district/board_of_education

The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 12, 2015 at 7:30 PM in the Middle School Library.

-Bill Ferro, Board President

Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education