

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 February 17, 2022 meeting:

*The Board voted to appoint Brian Cummings to the High School Assistant Principal position. He will start this position immediately, and until a replacement is hired, he will continue his responsibilities as Curriculum Associate for Science and Technology Education. Congratulations to Brian!

*Middle School and High School students gave updates about school happenings during the Student Council reports.

*English teacher Maureen Davis-Crawford received tenure. Congratulations!

*The Board of Education voted 3-0-2 to execute an amendment to the employment contract with Superintendent Hank Grishman, which extends his current term through July 2025. Hank expressed his sincere appreciation to those who came to the meeting to support him and those who spoke and emailed on his behalf. He also thanked Jill Citron, Pam Wasserman-Heath and Divya Balachandar for their support in voting to extend his contract. There was a lengthy discussion on the topic, which is available here: <https://youtu.be/f495hY8WmLs>

*Joanne Gosal, the Student Board of Education representative, spoke about recent initiatives in the High School, including Nest Day, improving communication, and the testing calendar. Joanne surveyed the high school students to represent their views.

*Gina Levy, PTA Council President, said that PTA units are setting their slates for next year. She thanked the facilities crew, maintenance workers, nurses, and PPS staff for all of their hard work. She also congratulated Hank Grishman on his contract extension.

*Victor Manuel presented Budget Workshop #2, which included an update and information on PPS and Guidance. Kim Conger, Shannon Murray, Michaela Finlay, and Greg Sloan spoke about their respective departments. The presentation is available here: <https://bit.ly/33TBRpt>

*During the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman said the Covid numbers have significantly declined in the County and our school district. We are hoping that the trend continues. As the weather warms, we are looking forward to many of our celebrations looking like they did two years ago. We are waiting to hear from the Governor on possible changes to current mask mandates.

*The turf field work is well underway and the turf is being placed on the field. We are hopeful that we will see a completed turf field in time for our spring season. Congratulations to our winter teams for their successes.

*Hank Grishman thanked Ivy Sherman and the Curriculum Associates for the Curriculum presentation on February 3. The presentation is available here: <https://youtu.be/21Q3H93PN4k>

*The board took action on a number of items, including reviewing policies and the approval of schedules. 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/83pIX0lj33Y>

*Budget Workshop #3 is set for Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7:30 PM. The Budget Review Meeting is set for Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for March 31, 2022 at 7:30 PM. All meetings will be held in the MS/HS auditorium and will be streamed via Zoom.

-Jill Citron, Board President

Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education