

*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 August 27, 2015 meeting:

\*Tracy Gilet, Jericho's Director of Food Services, spoke to those in attendance about changes in Jericho's food services department. Due to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, which is a federal regulation governing the school lunch program, there has been a decrease in participation in Jericho's school lunch program, as well as programs across the country. A consulting agency reviewed Jericho's lunch program to analyze how it could be improved and those suggested changes were recently implemented. In the middle school and high school, new menu items were added, including pizza and a salad bar. Also, the high school offers "to-go" lunches for students who don't have a scheduled lunch period and need to get to class. At the elementary level, a fruit slicer was purchased in hopes that students would eat the fruit if it was sliced rather than whole. Also, the district now has 2 menus, one for elementary students and another for middle school/high school students. They are available on the district website under "calendar."

\*The district uses ScholarConnect as a point of sale system for the students to pay for school lunch, which is \$3.00. For more information on ScholarConnect, or to add money to your account, visit [www.scholarconnect.com](http://www.scholarconnect.com) or visit our website at [http://jerichoschools.org/departments/school\\_lunch\\_program/point\\_of\\_sale\\_information/](http://jerichoschools.org/departments/school_lunch_program/point_of_sale_information/).

\*During the September board of education meeting on September 24, the board will be discussing the district's exchange student policy, at the request of a resident.

\*The Board approved the 2016-2017 Calendar Summary, which is available on the website under “Calendar” and also approved the Board Presentation Calendar, which is also on the website under “District” “Board of Education.”

\*During the Superintendent’s Report, Hank Grishman said that he met with New York State’s Commissioner of Education MaryEllen Elia during a roundtable discussion organized by NY State Senator Carl Marcellino. “The commissioner has been in her position for seven weeks and has spent that time listening. She acknowledged that there are problems that need attention, but also explained that she is bound by policy in some areas.” Grishman said it was overall a good conversation.

\*The board took action on a number of items, including the approval of board policies, and 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).

\*The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for September 24, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Middle School Library.

*-Bill Ferro, Board President*

*Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*