

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 September 23, 2021 meeting:

*High School Co-Principal David Cohen, High School Assistant Principal Kati Behr and Middle School Principal Don Gately spoke about the successful secondary summer program. The presentation is available on the meeting link below.

*New staff members were recognized and Superintendent Hank Grishman and Jill Citron thanked and welcomed them to the Jericho family. Hank said how proud he is of their background, experience, and demonstrated care.

*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports. Allyson Edelman, PTA Council Vice President, thanked everyone for their support of PTA this year and said PTA is looking forward to the homecoming festivities.

*During the External Audit Report, Alan Yu from the firm Cullen and Danowski, LLP, announced that the district is in “excellent financial health.”

*During the Superintendent’s Report, Hank Grishman congratulated the High School on receiving the Blue Ribbon Award.

*The Covid infection rate in the community is reported to be one of the lowest in Nassau County and there have been no in-school transmissions of Covid this year. Mr. Grishman thanked the parents, students, and staff for staying vigilant. Additionally, we have a high rate of staff and eligible students that have been vaccinated.

*As requested last year, the board will begin to review the board policy manual.

*Permission was granted to the JAA to use our facilities for its basketball programs, subject to Covid protocols. Family swim was also approved, subject to protocols.

*The Board discussed a recertification policy that would require parents to re-submit residency documents. The board voted unanimously to require recertification for students that are entering sixth and ninth grade. More information will be given to families that are required to re-certify their residency.

*Sam Perlman and Jennifer Vartanov were honored from the NYS School Board Association for attending training.

*The board took action on a number of items, including the acceptance of a donation, acceptance of policies, 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.

*The Board Meeting in its entirety is available here: <https://youtu.be/Skh9EEvZW6s>

* The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for October 21, 2021 at 7:30 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