

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 3, 2021 meeting:

*During the Superintendent's report, Mr. Grishman announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Jeffrey Ratner Robert Seaman Elementary School. It will take place on August 26 at 7 PM.

*During the week of August 16, Mr. Grishman will release a video with information for parents and staff detailing the re-opening plan. The district is still waiting for guidance from state and local agencies for specifics. A date and time will be announced soon via email.

*The 2021-2022 calendar was mailed and should arrive shortly. The grids are available on the website or by clicking here:

https://jerichoschools.org/calendar/printable_calendars_summaries

*The School Lunch system has switched over to PaySchools. An email with details will be sent to parents this week. All balances from the previous company will be transferred over. Also, for the 2021-2022 school year, the regular school lunch will be free. Snacks and additional items will need to be purchased.

*The Northwell Health Mental Health partnership is up and running. Kim Conger sent an email to all parents and if you have any questions, please follow up with Kim.

*The summer construction work is on schedule and projected to be done by the first day of school. As of September, all instructional spaces in the district will be air conditioned.

*The Summer school programs have been very well-received. The MS and HS programs, which are paid for with federal funds, have been extremely successful. Dr. Gately and Mr. Cohen will discuss this at the September Board meeting.

*Re-Opening Plan: The district presented a re-opening plan based on the information that it has at this point in time, and will modify the plan as needed. Highlights of the plan include:

- all students and staff K-12 will wear masks indoors (not outdoors)
- no remote instruction will be offered
- no desk guards on desks
- when students are ill/quarantining, remote home teaching will be offered
- daily health checks required for those not vaccinated
- 3 feet distance will be maintained
- social distancing will be encouraged
- increased cleaning protocols from last year will be maintained
- district will work with NC DOH with contact tracing
- lunch will be outside or in reduced capacity areas
- assemblies and field trips are on hold

- athletics will run. Mr. Mankowich will release more details to teams
- we will follow all protocols from local agencies
- we will review procedures for large group gatherings

*The board voted unanimously to allow the district to require masks for all K-12 students and staff and not offer a remote learning option in the re-opening plan.

*Further details of the plan can be found starting at 16 minutes on the YouTube link of the meeting (link below).

*The plan will be re-evaluated often and changes made as needed. The district will continue to update everyone on the plan, and will again announce the date and time re-opening Zoom shortly.

*The Board requested presentations for upcoming board work sessions, including NWEA, Curriculum, Security Update, PPS Update and update on Northwell.

*The Board discussed residency and the concept of re-certifying and further discussion will take place at the September meeting.

*Administration recommended a ZERO tax levy increase for the 2021-2022 school year. The Board voted to accept this recommendation. This will be the sixth year over the past eight years the District has either reduced the tax levy or kept the tax levy flat.

*Nassau County Legislator Josh Lafazan has been working with the district to obtain a 3-dimensional anatomy table, to be used by students and staff to enhance learning. The table allows students to dissect a cadaver, study the systems in the body, among other things.

*The board took action on a number of items, including 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/nEJ-r8StShE>

* The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for September 23, 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