

*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 28, 2017 meeting:

\*During the External Audit Report, Alan Yu from the firm Cullen and Danowski, LLP, announced that the district is in “a very good financial state.” Mr. Ferro thanked administration, including Victor Manuel and his office, for managing the finances wisely. “We are the only district on Long Island that has not raised the tax levy in three consecutive years and we have not cut programs,” said Mr. Ferro.

\*There was a continued discussion of Foreign Exchange Students. This is a conversation that continued from prior meetings, and the Board, as well as those in attendance, voiced their opinion on the matter. The board asked counsel to develop a draft amended policy that would authorize the district to accept a single foreign exchange student for one semester in a pilot program. This amended policy will be voted on at the October meeting.

\*Barbara Bauer, Curriculum Associate for Curriculum and Instruction, gave a presentation on Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) assessments. The assessments will provide tools for teachers to obtain additional information about student achievement and growth.

\*Don Gately invited everyone to see best-selling author and parenting expert Rosalind Wiseman on October 10 at 7 PM in the MS/HS Auditorium. He thanked the Jericho PTAs for their support of this program. This event will act as a kick-off to the Middle School Olweus event. Registration is required - please register using this link: <http://bit.ly/2gQ1u28>

\*The Board approved an agreement between the Jericho School District and Twenty-Six Sunset LLC to provide payments to the District totaling \$375,000 over seven years. Twenty-Six Sunset LLC has already been approved by the Nassau County IDA to receive a tax abatement to build a Residence Inn Hotel on the back parking lot of the Milleridge Inn.

\*The board took action on a number of items, including the acceptance of a donation, 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 regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for October 19, 2016 at 7:15 PM in the Middle School Library. All are invited to a reception at 6:30 PM in the MS/HS lobby honoring some exceptional students involved in a project with Canon. Refreshments will be served.

*-Bill Ferro, Board President*

*Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*