

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 January 16, 2020 meeting:

*Victor Manuel presented his first budget workshop, which included information on the Capital Facilities Plan. The full presentation is available on the district website or by clicking this link: <https://bit.ly/2NB9zVO>

*This month, the National History Day projects were set up during the meeting. Dr. Eric Sundberg, Curriculum Associate for Social Studies, Business and Libraries, spoke about the amazing work that our middle school students had on display.

*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the student council reports. Maria Bombace, PTA Council President, reminded everyone about the district-wide book talk with the book *The Positive Dog: A Story About the Power of Positivity* by Jon Gordin. All are encouraged to read the book and come to the book talk on Monday, January 27 at 9:30 AM in the MS Library. Check out this link: <https://www.smores.com/e2fh7>

*Jericho varsity basketball coach Wally Bachman was honored for winning his 450 game. Congratulations!

*Three high school students were honored as Scholars in the Regeneron Science Competition. Feiyang (Daisy) Dai, Emily Gan, and Jennifer Lin spoke about their amazing research projects.

*The Board spoke about the possibility of honoring Jeffrey Ratner, a former Robert Seaman principal and high school assistant principal who passed away last year. They discussed options such as renaming the Robert Seaman Elementary School in his honor or renaming something recognized districtwide. Everyone agrees that something should be done to honor Jeff and the board and administration are going to research the history of the Robert Seaman school and the man the school is named after as well as explore other options.

*In the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman said that the district is holding a parent meeting on February 4 at 7 PM in the MS Library to discuss the recent survey that was given to parents, staff and students 6-12. All are welcome.

*Also in the superintendent's report, it was announced that Joe Prisinzano will become the High School Co-Principal on July 1, 2020 as his current position of Assistant to the Superintendent was eliminated.

*Mr. Grishman also announced that in September, two special education classes will be moving from Jackson to Cantiague.

*The board re-capped a recent conversation on double acceleration. For one year only, current seventh graders will have an opportunity to apply for a Jericho summer Earth Science program. More information was emailed to parents.

*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 next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 6 at 7:30 PM at Jackson Elementary School. Budget Workshop #2 will also be presented at this meeting.

-Bill Ferro, Board President

Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education