

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 November 20, 2014 meeting:

- *The Middle School and High School student council representatives updated those in attendance about the many happenings in the schools.

- *Cantiague Elementary School hosted the December meeting after the school's annual Curriculum Fair. Fifth Grade Student Leaders presented about all of the great things happening at Cantiague.

- *During the PTA Council report, Council President Jill Citron announced that the testing forum originally scheduled for December 8 has been moved to December 15. All are invited to attend the event in the MS/HS auditorium at 7 PM. Jeanette Deutermann will be the guest speaker, discussing opting out and other topics associated with testing. The PTA is not taking a stance on this matter but suggesting parents come out to educate themselves.

- *Brian Cummings, Jericho's Curriculum Associate for Science and Technology Education, made a presentation to the Board regarding STEM Day, which was held on Nov. 15. It was a very successful event that was sponsored in part by Neurological Surgery P.C., as well as donations from each of Jericho's three elementary school PTAs. The event offered students in grades 3, 4, and 5 the opportunity to visit teacher-led workshops as well as explore exhibits from the New York Hall of Science.

- *Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Victor Manuel presented about the auditorium renovation, showing those in attendance the latest plans. Both presentations that have been made are available on the district website.

- *Curriculum Associate for Health, Physical Education, and Athletics John Mankowich, congratulated Shanice Arthur, who finished in fifth place in the New York State Championship Girls Tennis Tournament, as well as her coach Colleen O'Connell, who was named Nassau County Coach of the Year.

- *In the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman spoke about a recent

Newsday report indicating the number of 2012 graduates still in college. The numbers were not accurately reported and did not include several universities and service academies. Joe Prisinzano, Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration, Research, Innovation, and Common Core, is tracking the students to produce more accurate results.

*Also in the superintendent's report, Mr. Grishman announced that even though the official state position and state calculation is based upon those members of the team whose GPAs qualify for the scholar athlete recognition, beginning this school year, all students on the scholar athlete team will be recognized publically by the Board of Education, as recommended by John Mankowich.

*Mr. Grishman also said that Jericho hosted the 4th Annual LGBT Forum earlier this month and thanked Elisa Waters for her efforts in planning the event, which is open to all Long Island educators and administrators to learn more about LGBT programs and had about 300 attendees.

*The board took action on a number of items, including the acceptance of a donation and the approval of schedules. The full agenda and minutes can be found on our website at

http://jerichoschools.org/district/board_of_education

The next meeting of the Board of Education meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2014 at 7:45 PM at Jackson Elementary School.

-Bill Ferro, Board President

Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education