

*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 March 26, 2020 meeting, which was held virtually:

\*Bill Ferro opened the meeting by thanking Jericho's administration and staff for all of their hard work and thanked the families for their patience and understanding as we all navigate this ever-changing situation.

\*In the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman reiterated what Bill had said and said that Jericho has a staff like no other. He also thanked the board for their support and willingness to meet so often and for stepping up as the information changes so quickly.

\*Also in the superintendent's report, Mr. Grishman said that the district had announced that all middle school and high school classes would be pass/fail for the third quarter. After some feedback, middle school classes will remain pass/fail for the third quarter, and the policy will be re-evaluated for high school and any high school level class being taught at the middle school.

\*The district and board announced that Jericho Schools would stay closed until April 20. As that date approaches, the board and district will evaluate the status and send an update as soon as a decision is made.

\*New York State 3-8 ELA, Math and Science testing has been cancelled. There has been no announcement yet about the Regents exams.

\*The Board and District announced that Jericho part-time employees will be paid throughout this extended closure.

\*Jericho continues to feed students that are enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. Also, childcare will be offered free of charge to parents that are working as essential employees. An email from the district was sent to parents with more information.

\*The elementary buildings are now closed. The middle school/high school will be open with limited hours for anyone that needs to get something in an emergency

situation. Please email your building principal with questions. The grounds and recreation facilities at all schools are closed in accordance with New York Pause and social distancing requirements.

\*The district continues to update important information about the Coronavirus on our website. Please see <https://bit.ly/2UiRnnB> for more information.

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\*The board unanimously adopted the 2020-2021 budget of \$126,731,666 Budget information is available here: <https://bit.ly/2NB9zVO>

\*The board took action on a number of items, including the approval of schedules and acceptance of donations. 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 April 23 at 7:15 PM through the digital format Zoom. Information will be emailed closer to the date.

*-Bill Ferro, Board President*

*Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*