

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 April 23, 2020 meeting, which was held virtually:

*Bill Ferro opened the meeting by offering his condolences to all those that have lost loved ones during this pandemic.

*In the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman reported:

- We are officially closed through May 15, but the Board of Regents and the Department of Health suggested that there is a strong possibility that school will be closed for the remainder of the year.

- The district is monitoring what the summer and fall will look like. The science acceleration program that was scheduled for this summer is still being evaluated and monitored. If that acceleration program does not run, it will be held next summer.

- The budget vote has been postponed and a new date has not been announced.

- Essential construction can continue and the construction on school buildings related to health and safety is viewed as essential so the construction projects that were planned are moving forward.

- The elementary parade was a huge success and we are planning one for the middle school/high school for Friday, May 1. More information will be emailed this week.

- The celebrations for our seniors remains a priority. We are looking into creative ideas to celebrate our seniors and we are having discussions internally as well as county and state wide. The weekend of August 8 is being eyed as a possible weekend to celebrate our seniors if the June graduation does not happen as planned. Other suggestions are being explored as well.

- We developed a system for fourth quarter grades at the high school that allows students to stay engaged and be graded fairly. Students will receive a Pass Plus, Pass, or NC (No credit). More information will be emailed to parents and is available by watching the Superintendent's Report. (Link below).

- The spring sports season has been cancelled for the year. John Mankowich sent more information to Jericho athletes.

- The JEF bricks are set to be delivered soon. Thanks for your donations!

- Jericho Strong t-shirts are available for sale with all proceeds supporting Jericho families in need. Please click here for information: <https://bit.ly/353MIcU>

-All grounds in the Jericho School District are closed. This is in accordance with the Town of Oyster Bay. The buildings are open on a limited basis. If someone needs to enter the building, please email the building principal. Anyone who enters the building must wear a mask.

*The full Superintendent's Report is available here: <https://youtu.be/G8d-wJCTikc>

*Jericho continues to feed students that are enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. Also, childcare is offered free of charge to parents that are working as essential employees.

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

*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 full April Board Meeting is available here: <https://youtu.be/uglR1Cec0SI>

*The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for May 21 at 5:30 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