

*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 17, 2016 meeting:

\*Robert Seaman Elementary School hosted the meeting after a successful curriculum fair featuring “Reading Under the Stars,” where the students and parents were encouraged to attend in pajamas and read books with a flashlight by the ”campfire.” Fifth grade peer leaders presented about Seaman’s theme “Everyone Counts,” and explained the charitable organizations that each grade is fundraising for this year.

\*Members of the Buildings and Grounds staff were honored with certificates from the Seaman students for all of their hard work in transforming the layout of the Seaman school and for their dedication to the district.

\*The board honored the semifinalists and finalist in the Siemens Science Competition. Jang Hun Choi was a finalist and Grace Hu, Justin Kim, Nathaniel Lee, Sandra Li, Adam Pahlavan, and Serena Tam were named semifinalists. The students explained their amazing research projects and received citations for their work.

\*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports.

\*Lisa Davis, PTA Council president, thanked everyone for attending the recent council events and said she looks forward to future meetings, reminding everyone that Monday is not an open council meeting as indicated on the district calendar. It is a pre-council meeting.

\*During the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman shared that the state recently announced there will be no significant changes to the grade 3 - 8 state tests this spring. There is a possibility that the state will allow school districts to use alternative assessments in the future, and if this is something that is allowed, Jericho will actively look into this.

\*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](http://jerichoschools.org/district/board_of_education).

\*The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 22, 2016 at 7:30 PM at Jackson Elementary School. Please note that this is a calendar change from the printed district calendar.

*-Bill Ferro, Board President*

*Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*