

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 June 15, 2017 meeting:

*Prior to the meeting, a tree was dedicated in memory of graduates of the Jericho High School class of 1976 who passed away. The tree is located outside of the administration building and includes a plaque that was donated by the Class of 1976.

*Middle School and High School student council representatives updated those in attendance about school happenings during the student council reports and look forward to a successful year next year.

*High School student Caroline Chen was introduced as the Student Representative to the Board of Education. She will serve in that roll next year and participate in discussions with the board, but will not have the ability to vote.

*Lisa Davis, PTA Council president, introduced Maria Bombace as vice president of council for the 2017-2018 school year. She also thanked all PTA volunteers for their service this year and said that all units have committee positions open. If you are interested in volunteering, please email PTACouncil@jerichoschools.org.

*The board accepted the retirement of many Jericho staff members. Bill Ferro, Board President, said the board would never be able to appropriately thank each retiree for their years of service, but they have each helped to make Jericho Schools the great place that they are.

*In the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman said that the board awarded bids for upcoming construction projects. The biggest projects will be the renovation of Cantiague's auditorium and the High School Little Theater. Mr. Grishman also said that the New York State Grades

3-8 testing have been changed to two days each for ELA and Math, rather than three.

*Also during the superintendent' report, Mr. Grishman said that for the 2017-2018 school year, the district is researching creating a Dean of Students position at the high school. John Mankowich, who had been serving as a part time High School Administrator, is moving back solely to his position of Curriculum Associate of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics.

*Board President Bill Ferro said the board met with internal and external auditors and they said that the district is in great financial condition. Bill thanked Victor Manuel, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Christine Comegna, Treasurer, and the Business Office for their dedication.

*Policy #7132, Non-Resident Students, was on the agenda for a first reading. The board accepted the first reading and scheduled the second reading for the September Board of Education meeting. Parents wishing to speak about the possibility of exchange students at Jericho High School can do so at the September Board of Education meeting.

*The Board honored Gina Levy, outgoing board trustee. This was Gina's last meeting as she did not seek re-election in May. "Gina cares about all children in Jericho and the community. She embodies what Jericho is and we thank her for her years of service in this district and time as a board trustee," said Bill Ferro.

*Numerous students were honored for their recent accomplishments, including students from the mathematics, world languages, and social studies departments as well as student athletes.

*The board took action on a number of items, including the acceptance of a donation, and 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 Board of Education meeting is scheduled for at July 6 at 7 PM in the Middle School Library.

Wishing everyone a relaxing summer!

-Bill Ferro, Board President

Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education