

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 19, 2015 meeting:

*Cantiague hosted this month's meeting after a successful curriculum affair. Students introduced the "Year of Happy" at Cantiague and spoke about the community service activities happening this year.

*Helene Kriegstein, Curriculum Associate for Mathematics, presented to the board the ways that the math department utilizes technology. Audience members were invited to participate in a number of NearPod activities.

*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports. Jill Citron, PTA Council president, announced that PTA Council is hosting an Open Council meeting on Monday, November 23 at 9:30 a.m. at Seaman Elementary School's library. All are encouraged to attend.

*During the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman spoke about the events that occurred in Paris last Friday. "They have impacted us tremendously with feelings similar to 9/11." Mr. Grishman thanked the pupil personnel services and the administrative staff for coming together to support students and the community. In light of these events, Mr. Grishman noted that the district will continue to monitor the situation to make further decisions regarding day trips, however all trips to Europe in the spring of 2016 are cancelled. "The Board of Education and administration appreciate the value of these trips and we are hoping and expecting that they will be back in place for the 2016-2017 school year."

*Mr. Grishman also noted in his report that meetings have taken place to discuss the Flagship Program which will go into its second year and will be offered to 25 students, who have not previously participated, at each level. Information may be obtained by emailing flagship@jerichoschools.org.

*Board Trustee Barbara Krieger honored Barbara Kessler, recently retired Jericho Public Library Director. Mrs. Krieger noted the many positive changes that have been implemented at the Jericho Public Library during her tenure and she presented her with a plaque on behalf of the entire Board of Education.

*The board continued a discussion from this summer regarding a Non-Resident Student policy. Pursuant to those earlier discussions the Board requested Administration and District Counsel draft a new proposed foreign exchange student policy. By a 3-2 vote the board voted not to accept a first reading of the revised policy and accordingly the actual policy will not be considered for a formal vote.

*The board honored students for their recent accomplishments and took action on a number of items, including the approval schedules and donations. All information, including the full agenda and minutes, is available on the district website at http://jerichoschools.org/district/board_of_education.

*The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Jackson Elementary School.

-Bill Ferro, Board President Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education