

*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 16, 2016 meeting:

\*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports. Jill Citron, outgoing PTA Council president, thanked everyone for a great year. Lisa Davis, incoming council president, thanked Jill for her service and welcomed Pam Heath as Vice President next year.

\*The board accepted the retirement of many Jericho staff members. Each retiree in attendance was honored with a citation as well as a speech by their supervisor about their lasting impact on the Jericho School District. 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.

\*On behalf of the board, Bill Ferro thanked Tony Sinanis for his eight years of service at Cantiague and said that Tony has helped make himself and the Board better board members due to his educational leadership. He wished Tony well as he assumes the position of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum in Plainedge.

\*The board appointed and welcomed Gina Faust as the new principal of Cantiague. Gina comes to us from Roslyn, where she was the principal of Harbor Hill School for three years. Prior to that, she served the students of Oyster Bay as a primary teacher as well as school district literacy coach and staff developer in MST (math, science & technology). She became principal of Theodore Roosevelt School in 2007. Gina is excited to start her new position

July 1.

\*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 internal, external and claims auditors met with the board's audit committee during executive session. Bill Ferro reported that the auditors gave "glowing reports" and he thanked Victor Manuel and his office for their meticulous work.

\*During the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman spoke about a report that appears in Newsday regarding testing the drinking water for lead. Mr. Grishman emailed a letter to all parents indicating that districtwide, only one sink in a work area had to be remediated. The letter, which contains more information, can be found on our website or by clicking here [http://jerichoschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_5887727/File/Announcements/15-16/June%2017.pdf](http://jerichoschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_5887727/File/Announcements/15-16/June%2017.pdf)

\*Also during the Superintendent's report, Mr. Grishman said that the board was voting to approve the 2017-2018 calendar, which can be found on our website under "Calendars." This calendar includes a four-day weekend for Memorial Day Weekend in 2018.

\*The board took action on a number of items, including the acceptance of donations, and approval 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 meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for July 6, 2016 at 8 p.m. in the Middle School Library.

*-Bill Ferro, Board President*

*Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*