

*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 August 15, 2022 meeting:

\*Administration recommended a ZERO tax levy increase for the 2022-2023 school year and the Board voted unanimously to accept this recommendation. This will be the seventh year over the past nine years the District has either reduced the tax levy or kept the tax levy flat. Note that this is a significant reduction of the tax levy that was proposed in connection with the approval of the District's budget in May and is being done in recognition of the difficult economic climate being faced by our community.

\*A Representative for Altaris, Jericho's Security Consulting Firm, gave an update on our security and safety plan and said he has been working with the administrative team to get ready for the school year.

\*Greg Sloan, Curriculum Associate for School Counseling, spoke to the Board about the current grade weighting system that Jericho High School uses and the current Valedictorian/Salutatorian process. This was a lengthy conversation with a lot to consider. The Board said they would continue to this conversation at the September Board Meeting. The documents that the board requested from Mr. Sloan are available here: <https://bit.ly/3dEYhQf>

\*During the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman said that we recently switched providers for our security systems – cameras, door locks, and key swipes. The company is currently upgrading our cameras and the system will be upgraded and ready for the first day of school.

\*Mr. Grishman said the Nassau County Superintendents are waiting for guidance from the Department of Health regarding opening school with regard to Covid recommendations. At this time, we are planning to have masks optional when school opens. Additionally, contact tracing will not be performed, regardless of vaccination status. More information will be released before school opens later this month.

\*The district's summer construction projects are on track and being completed. Mr. Grishman thanked the buildings and grounds and custodial staff for all of their

work getting the buildings ready and working around the many construction projects taking place. The track at the MS/HS field is delayed, but fall sports will still start as scheduled.

\*The new district and school websites are up and running. The feedback has been great and the sites are much more user-friendly. If you notice information that is outdated, please email [dnash@jerichoschools.org](mailto:dnash@jerichoschools.org) so the changes can be made.

\*Our administrators have been busy this summer and are ready for the start of school. Transportation routes are ready, our new Universal Pre-K program is ready to go, and we look forward to seeing staff back for Superintendent's Conference Day on August 25 and 26 and students back on August 29.

\*A staff member asked the Board and administration to review Board Policy #6110 and after a review, the policy will stay as written. The Board Policy Manual is available on the district website under District, Board of Education, Policy Manual or by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/3QvXQGI>

\*Sean Reid was promoted to the Assistant Head of the MS/HS and Hank thanked him for the work he has done.

\*Melissa Lee was appointed Treasurer to replace Denise Gilis who was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Business Affairs at West Babylon School District.

\*New vending machines at the middle school/high school, which are replacing the current machines, are being installed and will be ready by the opening of school. All machines will accept Apple Pay.

\*The board discussed Board Policy Numbers 6410, 7222, and 8330.

\*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 or by clicking here: <https://www.jerichoschools.org/district-nav-main/board-of-education>

\*The Board Meeting in its entirety is available here: <https://youtu.be/tDVIOcAEnzA>

\*The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the Middle School Library and will be streamed.

*-Jill Citron, Board President*

*Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*