

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 September 26, 2024 meeting:

*The meeting started with a moment of silence for Herbert Stein, a former Jericho Board of Education trustee.

*New staff members were recognized and Superintendent Hank Grishman and Board President Chris Foresto thanked and welcomed them to the Jericho family. A welcome reception was held for new staff members before the meeting and entertainment was provided by some of the summer music students.

*During the Audit Report, Alan Yu, of Cullen and Danowski, LLP, the district's external auditor, announced that the district is in excellent financial health. Chris and Hank thanked Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Victor Manuel, treasurer Melissa Lee and the office for all of their work.

*Susan Guiney and Caryn Shaw, representatives from the firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates will be coordinating the search for the new superintendent and gave a presentation about the process.

*The board officially accepted the retirement of Superintendent Hank Grishman, effective June 30, 2025.

*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports. The PTA Report stated that all units were looking forward to a successful year. Also, PTA announced a Health and Wellness Fair set for October 22. A ParentSquare message with more information will be sent on Monday.

*The Board accepted a donation from the Jericho Athletic Association to install new basketball backboards at the three elementary schools.

*Curriculum Associate for Fine and Performing Arts Ruth Breidenbach spoke about the summer music program that Jericho held this summer and its great success. High School Interim Co-Principal Brian Cummings, Middle School Principal Chad Gleason, and Summer School Principal Beth Owens spoke about the secondary summer program, which was funded through a federal grant. The program allowed staff members to incorporate social emotional learning into academic programs and address academic gaps.

*During the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman said updates were given at the September 4 Work Session regarding school opening, construction updates, and security updates. Hank said homecoming was a great success and thanked all involved. He also thanked the High School Chorus members that performed at the Fire Department on September 11 at their memorial ceremony.

*Hank explained that the recent bomb threats that Jericho and other districts received were spoofed and originated from outside of our geographic area. He thanked the police officers that responded for their guidance.

*The District is switching our emergency notification to ParentSquare to streamline the process. Two tests were sent this week and one more test will be sent next week.

*Additionally, Hank said that two conversations are happening at the state level. The first is the Blue Ribbon Report, which looks at modifying graduation requirements throughout the state of NY. The second is the Regionalization Recommendation, which looks at shared services between school districts. We are closely monitoring both of these.

*The first reading of policy #s 5681, 5683, 7132, and 7470 were approved.

*The Board accepted a donation from the Jericho-Brookville Lions club for 6 buddy benches, two for each elementary school.

*The board voted to fund the reserves, and to accept the internal and external audit reports.

*The board took action on a number of items, including the approval of schedules and the acceptance of the districtwide Safety & Emergency Management Plan. 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://youtube.com/live/eWDmEPsa1dg?feature=share>

*The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday, October, 23, 2024 at 7:30 PM in the Middle School Library and will be streamed.

*-Dr. Christopher Foresto, Board President
Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*