

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 October 23, 2024 meeting:

*October is School Board recognition month and in honor of their volunteerism and dedication, all of Jericho School District's unions combined their efforts and made a donation in the form of a scholarship for a graduating senior in the name of the Jericho Board of Education. Also, Superintendent Hank Grishman thanked the school board members, who volunteer many hours to benefit the children and the school community. Gifts were presented from the district, bargaining units, and PTA Council.

*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports. The PTA Report included updates on all of the Jericho PTA units.

*Max Scharf, Student Board Rep, spoke about cell phone usage amongst students and cited results from a recent survey. This topic will be discussed further at the November 14 Work Session.

*During the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman thanked PTA Council for the recent Health & Wellness fair and said it was very informative. He also thanked the community for supporting the recent food drive, which assists local families. Hank also said the recent Canon writing celebration was a success and thanked Curriculum Associate for English Language Arts Dan Salzman and the English department for their efforts. Additionally, Ratner-Seaman principal Joanna Kletter recently hosted Nassau County Elementary principals for a conference and Hank thanked her for her leadership.

*The district is using the Raptor system to screen visitors. The system will be fully in place soon. Visitors will need a government issued ID to enter the schools. Additionally, the Robocall system has been updated and tested and is fully operational should a need arise to make an emergency phone call.

*At the October 10 Work Session, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Ivy Sherman gave a presentation on the professional development that the district offers for staff. The presentation is available on the website.

*Regionalization, which looks at shared services between school districts, was discussed at the meeting. We are waiting for more information from the New York State Education Department. The Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association is hosting a webinar discussing Regionalization Plans in New York State on October 29 at 6 PM. Please use this link to register: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/-webinar-on-REGIONALIZATION.html?soid=1140109804582&aid=meTADcjHQjA>

*The Board gave an update on the Superintendent Search. There is a survey, that closes on October 28, that all are encouraged to fill out and two community forums are scheduled via Zoom on October 30 at 10 AM and 7 PM. Links to the survey and community forum registration are available on the district website, under announcements, or by clicking here: <https://www.jerichoschools.org/district-nav-main/superintendent-search>

*The board discussed valedictorian, which is currently determined using unweighted GPA. The community is encouraged to email BOE@jerichoschools.org with any input on the topic.

*The board adopted policy #s 5681, 5683, 7132, and 7470.

*The Board adopted the 2025-2026 calendar summary and the 2024-2025 Budget Prep calendar. The following calendar changes were made in 2025 – the March 4 Budget Workshop #3 was moved to March 6, The March 20 Budget Review Meeting was moved to March 13 and the March 27 Board Meeting was moved to March 20.

*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 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/dYXqSRN02Hc?feature=share>

*The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Thursday, November, 21, 2024 at 7:30 PM at Cantiague Elementary School and will be streamed.

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