

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 December 19, 2024 meeting:

*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports.

*Aileen Gingold, PTA Council President, gave the PTA report and updated everyone on PTA happenings within each unit. Also, she reminded the community how important it is to maintain civility when having discussions at public meetings.

*The Board discussed the New York State Department of Education's (NYSED) emergency regulation regarding Regionalization. The Board was not satisfied with the decisions made by the Board of Regents or NYSED and have met with the law firm Rigano LLC to gather information. At the board meeting, the Board approved a resolution formally opting out of Regionalization as well as vigorously opposing a second NYSED regulation which could potentially give additional authority to the BOCES Superintendents over its component districts. Superintendent Hank Grishman sent a letter to NYSED, stating the same. Additionally, the Board passed a resolution to join the lawsuit (via the law firm Rigano LLC) against NYSED and take part in Article 78 proceedings against them to block any State interference in the authority of Jericho's Board of Education.

*During the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman said that winter athletics are in full swing as well as Winter festivities, including concerts. Also, Art Alumni Day recently brought back art students to talk about their art involvement in their post-secondary life. It was a great event where our current students interacted with our alumni.

*A climate survey was given to middle school and high school students this week. This survey will gather important information from our students, including if they feel safe and assess if we are meeting their needs. The survey will be posted on our website and Dan Salzman and Eric Sundberg will be presenting the data at a future meeting.

*Mr. Grishman spoke about Propel and a multi-year project that is being planned by New York State Power Authority and Transco to put in additional power lines on Long Island from upstate New York. Any disruptions or road closures will be communicated.

*There was a presentation about Jericho High School focusing on visions, values, and updates including new courses and clubs that have been added and the academic integrity committee that was recently formed.

*Cell phone use was discussed at the meeting and there was a policy on the agenda regarding the Use of Electronic Devices During School Hours. The policy includes language that would only allow students to use their district issued devices in school (HS and MS students could only use Chromebooks and Elementary students Chromebooks or iPads, based on grade level). Also, all

devices, includes phones and watches, would have to be put away and only used in the library (for HS) and cafeteria (for MS and HS) and not in hallways. Personal devices for elementary students would have to remain off all day. Faculty would have to keep personal electronic devices out of view during class time. This is all according to a proposed policy, which was tabled as the Board said they are requesting feedback. Surveys will be sent to all stakeholders, and people are encouraged to email BOE@jerichoschools.org and share their feedback.

*The Board adopted Policy 7130 and 7131.1.

*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/CV1I_5ZPkGU?feature=share

*The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 7:30 PM at Jackson Elementary School and will be streamed.

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