

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 March 31, 2022 meeting:

*The meeting started with a moment of silence to remember two Jericho residents who tragically died earlier this month. Sunmi Jung, Jackson PTA president, and Halle Huang, a second grade student at Cantiague.

*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports. Gina Levy, PTA Council President, thanked everyone for their support of PTA, and thanked various groups and individuals for their hard work and dedication.

*Dave Herbert, High School Technology Education teacher, was recognized as New York State Master Teacher. Hank Grishman congratulated him for this prestigious recognition and thanked him for all he does for the students of Jericho.

*Tracy Gilet, Director of Food Services, spoke about the food services program and highlighted the many nutritional food options available to Jericho students.

*Dr. Lionel Chan, Curriculum Associate for World Languages and Family and Consumer Sciences, spoke about the K-12 World Languages program and highlighted all of the amazing activities that our students are experiencing.

*During the Superintendent's Report, Hank Grishman thanked the community for their support with a recent food drive and a drive to help the people of Ukraine. Members of the Buildings and Grounds team helped transport the donated items.

*Our Spring sports teams are using the new turf field and the field and the lights have been amazing. The track is being used now and will be refurbished this summer.

*As we monitor the current Covid trends, the district will start to reduce our Covid restrictions. Starting on April 25, elementary school lunches will all be back in the cafeterias and our tents will be available for students to dine outside. Additionally, health checks for unvaccinated staff and students will not be required and play dates will return as of April 25. The additional cleaning protocols will continue indefinitely. We will continue to monitor cases and keep in contact with the Department of Health and make adjustments as needed.

*Currently we plan to hold all moving up ceremonies and high school commencement as we had pre-Covid. The elementary and middle school ceremonies will be held in the MS/HS auditorium and the high school ceremony will be held at the Tilles Center. All dates are indicated on our school calendar.

*The Board voted to change the current 2021-2022 calendar. This year, on our calendar, schools were scheduled to be closed in observance of Eid on Tuesday, May 3. This date has changed and schools will now be closed on Monday, May 2 and open on Tuesday, May 3. Adjustments were also made to the 2022-2023 calendar. Please see the link below for the 2022-2023 summary. Both calendars can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3Lf2Vjr>

*The Board voted to place propositions #2 and #3 on the ballot during the May election. Also, the Board unanimously adopted the 2022-2023 budget of \$130,073,339. Budget information is available here: <https://bit.ly/3tZB40R>

*The Board took action on a number of items, including the reading and adoption of policies and the approval of schedules. All information, including the full agenda and minutes, is available on the district website at http://jerichoschools.org/district/board_of_education

*The Board Meeting in its entirety is available here: <https://youtu.be/27FBr9oL0cI>

* The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 28, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the MS/HS auditorium and will be streamed via Zoom.

-Jill Citron, Board President

Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education