

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 April 11, 2024 meeting:

*Tenure was granted to four administrators and 11 Jericho teachers. Administrators spoke about each of their accomplishments and how they all work so hard to put students first.

Congratulations to Ivy Sherman, Joe Sapienza, Joanna Kletter, Ruth Breidenbach, Michael Blutman, Nicholas DeMartino, Wendi Goldstein, Michael Karmin, Peter O'Malley, Christina Palli, Samantha Sledge, Lorraine Tari, Emily Umile, June Yoo, and Justina Zendrian.

The Board unanimously granted their tenure.

*The Board approved the hiring of new teachers and welcomed them to Jericho.

*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports. In the PTA Council Report, Allyson Edelman, PTA Council president, said the recent Parent University featuring recent Jericho alumni who spoke to parents and students was a success.

*Dr. Lionel Chan spoke about the Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES) Program and all of the amazing activities going on in the elementary classrooms.

*Dr. Dan Salzman and Dr. Eric Sundberg spoke about the DEI Committee, highlighting what the committee has been doing and its future plans.

*During the Superintendent's report, Superintendent Hank Grishman announced that after 30 years in the district, Dr. Ben Ciuffo is retiring. He also wished Lori-Ann Savino luck, as this was her last Board Meeting.

*Hank said also that Dr. Stephen Dewey visited the district recently to speak to parents about addiction. It was an impactful presentation and Hank encouraged all parents to attend next time Dr. Dewey presents.

*The district will be offering a Halal lunch option in response to parent requests. This will be on the calendar for two days at all schools in May.

*The Jericho Public Library will be closed from April 22 – May 13. Please visit the library's website for more information and updates: <https://www.jericholibrary.org/>

*Dr. Ciuffo gave an update on recertification. The process, in its second year, is 87% complete for next year. Dr. Ciuffo and Mr. Grishman reiterated that the recertification process this year and last found no students who are living in the district illegally.

*Victor Manuel read a letter on behalf of himself and Mr. Grishman, Dr. Ciuffo, and Dr. Sherman.

*Hank read an update on an issue that was raised at the last Board meeting.

*The Board rejected a change to policy #1350 by a vote of 3-2.

*The Board took action on a number of items, including approving the State Environmental Quality Review Act with respect to a construction repair project 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/wxx9DLYZYyo>

*The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 7:30 PM in the Middle School Library.

*The Budget and Board of Education vote is set for Tuesday, May 21 from 6 AM to 9 PM in the High School Sam Springer Gym. More information will be available on the website and in the budget newsletter.

-Jill Citron, Board President

Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education