

*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 February 8, 2024 meeting:

\*Before the meeting, students participated in a curriculum fair to highlight the amazing things happening at Ratner-Seaman Elementary School.

\*At the meeting, Ratner-Seaman students highlighted how they shine bright in their classrooms.

\*There was a moment of silence for former Jericho Employee Rudolph Cesarini. Also a flag was donated by his family to be hung at the school.

\*Curriculum Associate for Science and Technology Education Kim Libertini recognized Victoria Tan and Natasha Kulviwat for being named in the top 300 Scholars in the Regeneration Science Competition and Natasha Kulviwat for being named one of the top 40 finalists in the same competition. Additionally, Science Research teacher Erin Walsh was recognized.

\*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports. And in the PTA Council Report it was announced that PTA is collecting items for Jericho Cares throughout the month of February. Specifics have been emailed.

\*During the Superintendent's report, Superintendent Hank Grishman said that there will be no school for elementary students on Tuesday, February 13 to allow for voting in the special election. The Middle School and High School will have a regular school day as voting at that location is contained.

\*The district is using ParentSquare as a safe and effective communication tool. There will be a virtual help session for parents Monday, February 12 at 7 PM via Zoom. Use this link to virtually attend the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83115270062>

\*Jericho students who are 17 years and older were invited to a Narcan training, with parent permission. Mr. Grishman thanked the board for their support with this important initiative. Optional training dates for additional students and parents will be announced soon.

\*The canopies that are located in the front circle by the entrances are going to be redesigned this summer to their original specs.

\*Dr. Ivy Sherman said that cursive is being taught in elementary school as well as typing. Questions should be directed to the building principal.

\*Mr. Grishman said that the district continues to recognize Black History Month and gave a lengthy description of events and activities that go on in the district every year.

\*The April Board Meeting was changed to April 11, 2024 at 7:30 PM and April 18, 2024 will be a Board Work Session.

\*During the discussion about the process for selecting the Valedictorian/Salutatorian each year, the Board said they would not be making any changes at this time.

\*The following policies were discussed: #1350 - Code of Ethics and Best Practices for School Board Members (adopted as amended), #1351 – Board of Education Code of Civility (adopted as amended), #6195 – Expression of Breast Milk in the Workplace (adopted), #1240 – Enforcement of Policies, Resignation and Filling Vacancies (first reading accepted as amended).

\*The board took action on a number of items, including nominating candidates to the BOCES Board of Education 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/oM6FzA2TTM4?feature=share>

\*Happy Lunar New Year to all those that celebrate.

\*The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 7:30 PM in the Middle School Library. Additionally, there is a budget workshop scheduled for Thursday, February 29 at 7 PM in the MS Library and a Budget Review Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 13 at 7 PM also in the MS Library. All will be streamed.

*-Jill Citron, Board President  
Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*