

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 January 18, 2024 meeting:

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

*At the meeting, Jackson students spoke about the importance of books and libraries in their education.

*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports. During the PTA Report, PTA Council President Allyson Edelman gave a re-cap of PTA happenings and invited everyone to the January 29 Open Council meeting at 9:30 AM in the HS Library meeting featuring Deanna Michielini, Director of Jericho's School Lunch Program through Aramark.

*Jericho alum Wesley Wang recently won a BlackMagic Camera (\$3,179 in value) from the largest high school film competition in the world. He felt that he already had enough equipment for his film career, and he wanted to give it back to the community that built him up so he asked the Board to accept the camera as a donation to be used in Matt Silva's class. Mr. Silva was appreciative of the donation and said the students would make good use of it. Mr. Silva and his students produce "The Day Show," which highlights guests in a late night talk show format. The latest episode is available here: <https://youtu.be/I947lgMK6Kk>

*In the Superintendent's report Hank Grishman said that due to the special election on February 13, and the national attention the election is getting, elementary students will not have school that day and staff will engage in staff development activities. It will be a regular day of school for staff and students at the Middle School and High School. Additionally, Mr. Grishman said that Superintendents and other school officials in the county have been advocating to move elections to alternate locations that wouldn't interrupt a school day for children, like fire departments and libraries. The Board of Elections has pushed back against this move.

*At the January 11 Board Work Session, Patrick Fogarty, Jericho's Director of Technology, spoke about AI and Parent Square. Mr. Grishman said the presentation was very informative and encouraged everyone to watch the YouTube, which is available here: <https://youtube.com/live/XU0GqNauBhA?feature=share>

*Jericho will once again be offering Universal Pre-K for the 2024-2025 school year. More information is available on the Jericho website under announcements.

*Jericho Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Wally Bachman is close to 500 wins and we look forward to celebrating this accomplishment with him soon. *(Edited to add that Coach Bachman achieved his 500th win on Friday and will be celebrated at the game on Monday).*

*Victor Manuel, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, presented Budget Workshop #1. It is available here: <https://www.jerichoschools.org/departments/business-and-finance>

*The following policies were discussed: Expression of Breast Milk in the Workplace, Workplace Violence Prevention, Code of Ethics and Best Practices for School Board Members, and the Board of Education Code of Civility.

*The board took action on a number of items, including the approval of schedules, approval of MOAs, and the acceptance of a donation. 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/U_yYBGsFgBI?feature=share

*The next regular meeting of the Board of Education and Budget Workshop #2 is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 7:30 PM at Ratner Seaman Elementary School and will be streamed.

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