

*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 June 13, 2024 meeting:

\*The District and Board of Education honored those retiring this year. Legislator Arnie Drucker, Assemblyman Jake Blumencranz, Assemblyman Charles Lavine, and a representative from Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor Saladino's office recognized Dr. Ben Ciuffo for his many years of dedicated service to the Jericho School District as part of a special farewell to him.

Congratulations to the following retirees: Lillian Armstrong, Doreen Bianco, Jacqueline Caputo, Benjamin Ciuffo, Adrienne Coleman, Kim Conger, Marianne D'Alto, Dale Ettinger, Linda Gelshenen, Ronnie Horowitz, Mona Iraggi, Michael Kramer, Lori Levites, Louise Lord, Colleen O'Connell, Nadine Palumbo, Michael Pekar, Joseph Prinzevalli, Theone Rinaudo, Jose Orlando Saravia, Lori-Ann Savino, Karen Singer, Anna Marie Turigiano, and Ronald Verderber.

\*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports. And in the PTA Council Report, Allyson Edelman, outgoing PTA Council president, thanked Gina Levy, who is a past PTA Council president and past Board Member, on her youngest child graduating. PTA Council donated \$750 in Gina Levy's name to Cool Beans and the six PTA units each committed to donate \$50 a year to the Ben Ciuffo Jr Memorial Scholarship, totaling \$300 a year.

\*During the Superintendent's report, Superintendent Hank Grishman said that the New York State Board of Regents recently discussed discontinuing using Regents exams. Hank and his superintendent colleagues will continue to meet with the Board of Regents and express their opinion that the Regents exams have value and should continue in the state of New York. Hank said that Regents exams provide consistency across New York State.

\*The Board of Regents has also been discussing Mixed Competition. They are proposing to remove all gates for male athletes to participate on female athletic teams. Hank said this is a direct violation of the protections covered by Title IX. This does not apply to transgender students.

\*The Board discussed signing two letters with the Superintendent to encourage the Board of Regents to keep the Regents Exams as requirements and to discourage the Mixed Competition proposal.

\*The Board welcomed Steven Goodstadt as the attorney that will be representing Ingerman Smith at our Board meetings.

\*Both the internal and external auditors met with the Board of Education in Executive Session. The internal auditors presented their internal audit report. The external auditors presented their audit plan for this summer, as the District closes the books for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. They will report back at the September Board Meeting. Jill Citron thanked Victor Manuel and his staff for all of their hard work.

\*The Board adopted policy #7620-Students with Disabilities Participating in School District Programs and #7631 – Appointment of Training of Committee on Special Education (SCE)/Subcommittee on Special Education Members.

\*The Board accepted the first reading of Policy #1270 – Absentee Ballots/Early Mail Voting/Military Ballots and Policy #7555 – Gender Neutral Bathrooms.

\*The Board voted unanimously to execute an MOA with the Jericho Teachers Association.

\*The Board took action on a number of items, including accepting the internal audit report, 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/TsQrT-KXGBk?feature=share>

\*The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Thursday, July 1, 2024 at 7 PM in the Middle School Library.

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