

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 September 21, 2023 meeting:

*Before the meeting, students that participated in the summer music program chorus sang a few songs for the crowd, which included new staff members.

*The meeting started with a moment of silence for the Farmingdale community after the tragic accident yesterday.

*New staff members were recognized and Superintendent Hank Grishman and Board President Jill Citron thanked and welcomed them to the Jericho family. A welcome reception was held for new staff members before the meeting.

* During the External Audit Report, Alan Yu from the firm Cullen and Danowski, LLP, announced that the district is in “excellent financial health.” Jill and Hank thanked Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Victor Manuel and his office for all of their work.

* Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports. The PTA Report stated that all units were looking forward to a successful year and hoping for 100 percent membership.

*Curriculum Associate for Fine and Performing Arts Ruth Breidenbach spoke about the first year of the summer music program that Jericho held this summer and its great success. High School Co-Principal David Cohen and Middle School Principal Chad Gleason spoke about the secondary summer program, which was funded through a federal grant. The program allowed staff members to incorporate social emotional learning into academic programs and address academic gaps.

*Superintendent Hank Grishman clarified information that was shared at the August 25, 2023 Special Board of Education meeting.

*Hank Grishman said that homecoming plans have changed, due to the weather forecast. The carnival and festivities will be held tonight from 2 – 8 PM and cancelled for tomorrow.

*Hank congratulated Jackson Elementary School for being named an Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School.

*Additionally, Hank said that school opening was smooth. He also said that security would be discussed at an upcoming meeting but wanted to assure parents that security is a high priority and constantly being looked at.

*Policy #s 3270 and 3271 were approved.

*Contracts for employees were executed.

*The 2024-2025 calendar was approved. The calendar is available on our website.

*The board went into executive session, but reconvened into public session to vote on two stipulations, which were both approved.

*The board took action on a number of items, including the approval of schedules 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/t0Gt8xi9sgM>

*The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the Middle School Library and will be streamed.

-Jill Citron, Board President

Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education