

JERICO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
6:00 P.M.***

**SEAMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2003**

*NOTE: The Board went into Executive Session between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.
The open meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

**Hilari Cohen
Toni Meliambro
Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein
Barbara Krieger
Ira Checkla**

Also Present:

**Henry L. Grishman, Superintendent
Joan L. Colvin
Anna Hunderfund**

Visitors:

List Attached

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. BOARD ACTIONS

Approval of Minutes

- Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger "That the Board of Education approve the minutes as amended of the Regular Meeting dated October 16, 2003".

Motion carried, 5,0.

Recognition

Siemens Westinghouse

- Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla "That the Board of Education commend the following Siemens Westinghouse Participants and Finalists for their accomplishments".

Finalists: Sean Mehra and Jeffrey Reitman
Semi-Finalists: Tanmay Chheda, Jessica Fields, Paul Marx, Justine Shum and Andrew Song
Submitted Entries: Jeremy Price, Edward Kim and Christopher Lamberti
Advisor: Allen Sachs

Motion carried, 5,0.

It was noted by Mr. Sach's, research advisor, that many of the students are participant's on the Jericho Long Island Challenge Team that recently won the third round and will be in the final match Friday competing for the Championship.

II. BOARD ACTIONS (continued)

Recognition (continued)

Boys Varsity Soccer Team

- Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein made the motion seconded by Toni Meliambro "That the Board of Education recognizes the following Boys Varsity Soccer Team members and its coach for their success this season as Conference B Nassau County Champions, Long Island Champions, and their superb play at the NYS Soccer Semi-finals".

Players: Jason Levine, Sohil Patel, Garrett Stier, Matt Nerlinger, Daniel Rabinowitz, Brett Weithorn, Jordan Dank, Josh Tolkin, Adam Simon, Steven Schneider, Daniel Palmieri, Ian Greenberg, Matt Barletta, Joshua Rudin, Max Motschwiller, Joe Ben-Moshe, Josh Morey, Shawn Ganz, Andrew Krantz, Andrew Jean-Louis, Eric Bachman, Evan Blidner, Michael Sinn, Vincent Treglia, Ryan Tolkin, Michael Finizio, Brian Kahn and Lee Novick.

Coach: Bill Wuest Asst. Coach: Jim Whelan

Motion carried, 5,0.

New Business

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Toni Meliambro "That the Board of Education approve Schedule J-120 the tenure appointments of Erica Axelrod and Alissa Cremen".

Motion carried, 5,0.

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education approve Schedule G2369 the appointment of Helene Kriegstein as Curriculum Associate for Mathematics".

Motion carried, 5,0.

III. REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

Enrollment

Mr. Grishman reported the current enrollment of 3194 students.

Reports

PTA Council

Amy Motschwiller congratulated the Sieman Science winners and the Varsity Soccer Team and reported on activities of the PTA.

Middle School Student Council

Brittany Wiesen and Annick Brand - 8th Graders representing the Student Council, reported on activities in the Middle School.

III. REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS (continued)

Reports (continued)

High School Student Council

Alex Belser, President of the Student Council, reported on activities in the High School.

Seaman Elementary School Student Council

Alex Ripka, Student Council President, Nicole Ripka, Student Council Vice President, Danielle Ripka - Student Council Secretary, Zachary Leighton - Student Council Treasurer, reported on activities in the Seaman Elementary School.

Auditor

Rhonda Meserole and Jamie Pappas of Pappas & Company reported to the Board of Education on the final audit of the 2002-03 fiscal year. They indicated to the Board that the audit received the highest ranking and was an unqualified opinion. The auditors discussed the implementation of GASB 34 and the impact on the financial statements of the school district. Rhonda discussed the purpose of a management letter and indicated that there were no comments in the management letter and commended Dr. Colvin.

Presentations

Seaman School Elementary Peer Mediation Program

Peer Mediation Program is an inclusive K-5 program that complements ongoing character and health education curricula. The focus of the program is on enhancing all students learning by improving peer relationships, increasing responsible decision making, teaching communication and coping skills, tolerance for differences, and critical thinking skills. Through a combination of self nomination (highly motivated students), along with recommendations from peers and teachers, a total of 10 students in each school's fifth grade were selected as peer mediators. The selected students were then trained in sessions totaling 15 hours. Seaman students demonstrated the knowledge gained by performing a skit illustrating a win-win approach to the Goldilocks Fairytale.

Student Peer Mediators: Danielle Ben-Moshe, Tory Geismar, Daniel Greenstein, Nicole Krantz, Elana Lorintz, Sydney Reade, Robin Schnitzer, Stephanie Taibi, Tiffany Tzeng and Eric Zwilling.

Staff Participants: Elyssa Crimeni - Psychologist

Andrea Messinger - School Communications Counselor

Robin Schaffler - 5th Grade Teacher/Student Council Advisor

Kathy Treiber - 5th Grade Teacher/Student Council Advisor

Special Education Curriculum and Instruction Committee Review

Mr. Friedlander, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, reported on the new IEP system, the activities of the committee, and the committees' goals and recommendations. (See Enclosure) He introduced Claire Hochheiser, Curriculum Associate – Special Education, to review the current status of special education services, grades 6-12 (Power Point presentation attached).

III. REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS (continued)

Presentations (continued)

Curriculum Associate – Guidance

Lois Smith, Curriculum Associate for Guidance reviewed the district Guidance Program and the accomplishments of our students. (See Enclosure) Saundra-Gumerove Bernstein questioned the staffing pattern at the high school for next fiscal year due to increasing enrollment. Mr. Grishman indicated that during the budget review process staffing needs of guidance and other departments would be considered.

Enhancement Committee

Dr. Hunderfund updated the board on the activities of the advancement committee.

Differentiated Supervision

Dr. Hunderfund reported to the board of education the results of the Differentiated Supervision Committee and the implementation of the new model as a pilot program for the 2003-04 school year. Mr. Grishman complimented the administrative team for their research, their diligence and their expertise in the development of our new supervision program.

Elementary Class Size

Mr. Grishman reported to the Board the process and procedure for the splitting elementary classes prior to the beginning of the school year. He indicated that it is in the best interest of our students' to accomplish all splits prior to our start-up date. If we feel that the classes will exceed our limits and potentially require a break later in the year, we err on the side of breaking the class in September. Each Elementary principal discussed the reasons for the breaks in the elementary classes for the Fall of 2003.

Report on Executive Session

Personnel and legal matters were all discussed in Executive Session.

Miscellaneous

Ira Checkla reported on the board's attendance at the NYS School Board's Conference held in Rochester. Information obtained from the workshops included Safety in Our Schools, Alternative Financing for School Districts, College Board Changes, and Parent Training for participation in the Interview Process.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Please Note: If you would like to make a comment or ask a question, please tell us your name and affiliation, if you are representing a specific group. If you would like your statement to be included in our Board minutes, you must hand in a written copy of your remarks to our District Clerk, Joan Colvin, immediately before speaking.

As always, public discussion on matters relating to staff and students, at which their reputation, privacy or rights to due process, or those of others could in some way be violated, is prohibited.

Lenore Silvan, fifty year member of the community, complimented the Jericho High School String quartet on the quality of their performance at the Staff Recognition Reception and their performance at the Association for the Help of Retarded Children - AHRC . The students performing were Peter Kim, Angela Yang, Alexis Rosenbaum, and Mary Yang.

Sandra-Gumerove-Bernstein complimented the high school drama students for their performance of "Rumors" and the participants in the middle school music concert.

Frank Sammartano representing Long Island Pride thanked the board members and the school district for their support of the Long Island Pride organization. In the past year more than 3500 students have participated in the La Crosse program. He presented Long Island Pride T-shirts to the members of the board of education.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of Gift

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Toni Meliambro "That the Board of Education accept the gift of a GEM car, said car being donated by a district resident.@

Motion carried, 5,0.

Acceptance of Gift

- Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein AThat the Board of Education accept the gift of studio lighting equipment, said equipment being donated by a district resident.@

Motion carried, 5,0.

Senior Citizen Tax Exemption

- Barbara Krieger made the motion, seconded by Toni Meliambro, "RESOLVED, That the Jericho Board of Education pursuant to the authority provided by Chapter 512 of the Laws of 2003, amended Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Laws and raised the maximum income for which a fifty percent exemption may be granted from \$21,500 to \$24,000, the Board of Education of the Jericho Union Free School District hereby adopts the amendment which provides for tax exemption status for Senior Citizens.

This resolution shall take effect immediately on adoption of the Board of Education of the Jericho Union Free School District.@

NOTE: See Enclosure #19

Motion carried, 5,0.

V. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Tax Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income

- Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein made the motion, seconded by Barbara Krieger "RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority provided by Chapter 462 of the Laws of 2003, amends Section 459c of the Real Property Tax Law and raised the maximum income for which fifty percent exemption may be granted from \$21,500 to \$24,000, the Board of Education of the Jericho Union Free School

District hereby adopts the amendment which provides for tax exemption status for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income.

This resolution shall take effect immediately on adoption of the Board of Education of the Jericho Union Free School District. @

NOTE: See Enclosure #20

Motion carried, 5,0.

VI . PREVIEW FOR FUTURE ACTION

The Board of Education noted dates listed by administration

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of Schedules

- Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger "That the Board of Education approve the following schedules for appropriate action:

A-476	Treasurer=s Report
B-GF-443	General Fund
B-FF-410	Federal Fund
B-CAF-440	Cafeteria Fund
D-GF-12	General Fund
D-GF-13	General Fund
D-GF-14	General Fund
D-GF-15	General Fund
D-GF-16	General Fund
D-FF-08	Federal Fund
D-FF-09	Federal Fund
D-FF-10	Federal Fund
D-FF-11	Federal Fund
D-FF-12	Federal Fund
D-CF-07	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-08	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-09	Cafeteria Fund
D-SA-09	Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-10	Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-11	Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-12	Trust & Agency Fund
D-CF-12	Conference Expense
D-CF-13	Conference Expense
E-1291	Use of Pool
E-1292	Award of Bid - Out of District & Special Transportation
E-1293	Award of Bid - Out of District & Special Transportation

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (continued)

Approval of Schedules (continued)

G-2333 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2334 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Intramural Activities
G-2335 (rev)	Appointments, Extracurricular Coaches
G-2336 (rev)	Appointments, Extracurricular Coaches
G-2341 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Tutorial Services Secondary
G-2352 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2355 (rev)	Appointments, Cocurricular Activities Middle School

G-2356 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Cultural Arts Program
G-2362 (rev)	Appointments, Cocurricular Activities Elementary
G-2363	Appointments, Instructional Regular Substitute
G-2364	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers, Secondary
G-2365	Probationary Appointments, Instructional
G-2366	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teacher, Elementary
G-2367	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2368	Probationary Appointments, Instructional
GG-882 (rev)	Appointments, Non-instructional, Cultural Arts Program
GG-883	Appointments, Non-instructional
GG-884	Appointments, Non-instructional, Substitute
H-605	Resignations and Terminations of Employment
HH-543	Resignations and Terminations of Employment of Non-instructional Employees
I-441	Setting of Salary - Assistant Superintendents for Business Affairs, Educational Operations & Human Resources, & Curriculum and Instruction
J-120	Teacher Tenure Appointment
K-295 (rev)	Leaves of Absence - Instructional
K-297	Curriculum Assignments, Instructional
K-298	Leaves of Absence, Instructional
O-500	Services/Consultant Doctors
L-395	Use of School Facilities
O-495 (rev)	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-499	Tuition/Consultant Services
S-515 (rev)	Educational Programs and Projects
S-526 (rev)	Educational Programs and Projects
S-527	Educational Programs and Projects
S-534	Services/Consultants
S-535	Services/Consultants
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Motion carried, 5,0.

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan L. Colvin, Ed.D.
District Clerk