

JERICO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

**MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2003**

*NOTE: The Board will go into Executive Session between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.
The open meeting will resume 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

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Toni Meliambro "That the Board of Education approve the minutes as amended of the Regular Meeting dated November 20, 2003".

Motion carried, 5,0.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSIONS

Enrollment

Mr. Grishman reported the current enrollment of 3200 students.

Report - Middle School Student Council

Randi Dennett and Morgan Strauss, 6th Graders, reported on activities in the Middle School.

Report – High School Student Council

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

III. REPORT/DISCUSSIONS (continued)

Report - PTA Council

Amy Motschwiller, President reported on activities of the PTA.

RECOGNITION

Siemens Westinghouse

- Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education congratulates Sean Mehra and Jeffrey Reitman, Siemens-Westinghouse National Winners".

Motion carried, 5,0.

Hilari Cohen presented Sean Mehra and Jeffrey Reitman with citations from Judy Jacobs, Presiding Officer of the Nassau County Legislature.

Alan Sachs informed the Board that a picture of the Siemens-Westinghouse National Winners was published in USA Today.

Sean Mehra and Jeffrey Reitman presented a slide show on the regional competition and the final competition.

Mr. Grishman stated that the school community is thrilled and very proud of their accomplishments but most proud of the quality human beings that they are. Alan Sachs was also commended for his dedication to the students and for the time he gives his students.

2003 Secondary Physical Education Amazing Person Award

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Toni Meliambro "That the Board of Education congratulate Catherine Deans - Recipient of the 2003 Secondary Physical Education Amazing Person Award".

Motion carried, 5,0.

Relay for Life

Matt DeMarinis informed the Board that the Relay for Life is May 22, 2004 – Spend one day of your life to remind yourself that the rest of your life is made up of wonderful days. We must be grateful for what we have.

Architect's Report on Facility Utilization

- A) Music – Dr. Ciuffo presented several options that were developed by BJLJ Engineers & Architects PC.
- B) Child Care – Dr. Ciuffo presented options.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSIONS (continued)

Curriculum Associate for World Languages Presentation

Elaine Margarita gave a power point presentation on the curricular offerings for World Languages at Jericho High School and demonstrated availability of information on the website (copy enclosed).

State Testing (Mandated v. Non-Mandated)

Dr. Hunderfund reviewed the New York State Assessments required (copy enclosed).

Nike Site Report

Mr. Grishman reported that the nearby forty six (46) acre property is for sale. John Gross reviewed the process for the sale of the Nike Site:

- Updated Appraisal
- RFP
- Contract of Sale subject to voter approval
- Vote in May
- Closing

Report on Executive Session

Legal and real estate matters were discussed at our last Executive Session.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Hilari Cohen reported - Mr. Green, Mr. Grishman and she went to Senator Marcellino's office to present Mr. Green's funding plan. The Senator seemed interested.

Ira Checkla conveyed to the public information he received in Rochester on raising funds from private contributions. Mr. Grishman reviewed the history of a foundation established in the Jericho District a number of years ago. Mr. Grishman feels that the time may be right to revisit the foundation and possibly re-establish the Jericho Foundation.

Scope – Mr. Grishman indicated that the district has been approached to solicit the interest in a summer program similar to our cultural arts program. Elementary Principals will survey parents and community to determine interest.

Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein complimented the Jericho High School String quartet on their performance at the Association for the Help of Retarded Children - AHRC Board and Officer Induction. The students performing were Peter Kim, Angela Yang, Alexis Rosenbaum, and Mary Yang.

V. 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.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Establishment of Passing Grade on Regents Examinations

Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Toni Meliambro "BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Commissioner's Regulations, it is hereby resolved that during the New York State Education Department's transition period to an all Regents program, the passing grade on Regents examinations will continue to be 55 for students to graduate with a local diploma."

Motion carried, 5,0.

NOTE: See Enclosure #16

VII. PREVIEW FOR FUTURE ACTION

The Board of Education noted dates listed by administration.

VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of Schedules

Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education approves the following schedules for appropriate action:

A-477	Treasurer's Report
B-GF-444	General Fund
B-FF-411	Federal Fund
B-CAF-441	Cafeteria Fund
D-GF-17	General Fund
D-GF-18	General Fund
D-GF-19	General Fund
D-GF-20	General Fund
D-FF-13	Federal Fund
D-FF-14	Federal Fund
D-CF-10	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-11	Cafeteria Fund
D-SA-13	Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-14	Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-15	Trust and Agency Fund
D-GF-17	Conference Expense
D-GF-18	Conference Expense
D-GF-19	Conference Expense
G-2330 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2334 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Intramural Activities
G-2341 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Tutorial Services, Secondary
G-2342 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2349 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2354 (rev)	Appointments, Co-curricular Activities - High School
G-2356 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Cultural Arts Program
G-2363 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2369 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Teachers/Curriculum Associates
G-2370	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute

VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (continued)

Approval of Schedules (continued)

G-2371	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers, Secondary
G-2372	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers, Elementary
G-2373	Probationary Appointments, Instructional
GG-885	Appointments, Non-instructional
GG-886	Appointments, Non-instructional, Substitute
H-606	Resignations and Terminations of Employment
HH-544	Resignations and Terminations of Employment of Non-instructional Employees
K-285 (rev)	Leaves of Absence, Instructional
K-291 (rev)	Leaves of Absence, Instructional
K-293 (rev)	Leaves of Absence, Instructional
K-295 (rev)	Leaves of Absence, Instructional
K-298 (rev)	Leaves of Absence, Instructional
K-299	Curriculum Assignments Instruction
K-300	Leaves of Absence - Instructional
L-396	Use of School Facilities
N -266	Health Services
N -267	Physician, Nurse and Psychological Services
O-482 (rev)	Tuition/Consultant Services
S-536 (rev)	Educational Programs and Projects
S-538	Educational Programs and Projects
S-539	Services/Consultant

Motion carried, 5,0.

IX. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan L. Colvin, Ed.D.
District Clerk