

# JERICO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
6:30 P.M.\***

**Jericho Middle School  
THURSDAY, February 13, 2003**

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

**Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

Henry L. Grishman, Superintendent  
Joan L. Colvin  
Ben Ciuffo  
Anna Hunderfund

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. BOARD ACTIONS**

**Approval of Minutes**

- Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger "That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated January 16, 2003."

Motion carried 5,0.

**III. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

**Enrollment**

Mr. Grishman reported the current enrollment—3126.

**Report - Middle School Student Council**

Lisa Ianni and Liana Mari 6<sup>th</sup> Graders reported on the activities in the Middle School.

**Report - High School Student Council**

Adam Katz, Student Council President congratulated Intel Winners and reported on the activities in the High School.

**Report - PTA Council**

Amy Motschwiller, President, congratulated Hilari Cohen, recipient, of the Council of Administrators and Supervisors Award and reported on the activities of the PTA's.

### III. **REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)**

#### **Recognition of Intel Participants:**

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education congratulate and honor the 2003 Intel Participants and Semifinalists: Akansha Agarwal, Jason Barell, Tara Berman, Andrew Chang, John Choi, Nikhil Gupta\*, Vivek Kathait, Adam Kaufman, Tamara Lee\*, Ankur Mathur, Puja Parekh, Anh Pham\*, Michael Tolkin, Chen Wen (\*Semi-finalist)

Motion carried 5,0.

#### **Congratulations to Ken Pollit**

Jericho High School's distinction as a finalist in the Grammy Signature High School Program.

#### **Middle School - Career Day**

Kerry Kropas and Rebecca Solerwitz reported on the activities of Career Day and asked that anyone interested in discussing their career contact them.

#### **Board Facilitator**

The members of the board discussed the potential presenters, the value of the information that would be presented and the cost. A consensus was reached to engage the NYS School Board Association as the Board Facilitator.

#### **Code Orange**

Mr. Grishman reviewed the district safety precautions during this heightened state of alert and stated that all field trips off Long Island are suspended until March 31, 2003.

#### **Parking Spots for Senior Drivers**

Mr. Grishman reported to the Board of Education on options for additional parking spots. Community members and members of the Board of Education discussed the merits of providing parking spaces for senior student drivers. It was stated that in the past juniors were given permission to park on school grounds, but once there was a need for those spaces for staff the junior parking was eliminated. Students who were in favor of providing student parking expressed their concern for future seniors. Mr. Grishman recommended that 30 additional spaces be added for the 2003-04 school year.

#### **Budget Workshop #3**

Dr. Colvin presented information and answered questions with regard to Codes 2110, 2630, 8000, 9000 for the 2003-04 Budget.

#### **Report on Executive Session**

The Board of Education met in Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein read a statement expressing her concern for all Nassau County Class I taxpayers. The county reassessment and the potential changes in the adjusted base proportions may cause significant real property tax increases over the next several years. (Attachment # 1)

### IV. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

Sue Zichlin asked the board to consider adding more visitor parking if any additional parking is planned.

Tal Ourian read a letter addressed to the Board of Education to convey to the board SEPTA's appreciation and admiration for the dedicated leadership of Superintendent Henry L. Grishman. Mrs. Ourian also read a personal letter expressing the compassion, understanding, and leadership Mr. Grishman provided in initiating the appropriate educational placement for her daughter. (Attachment #2)

Members of the White Birch Civic Association read a letter from Frank Todaro, stating that the Jericho School District is strong, its education is excellent, its course is sound, and that this is due in a large measure to the leadership of Hank Grishman. (Attachment #3)

Jack Schmidt of the Jericho Athletic Association expressed a desire for the district to maintain the stability of leadership under Hank Grishman. The quality of his leadership is well-known in our community. (Attachment #4)

Toni Meliambro read a statement indicating that she believes that it is ill advised to vote on the contract extension for the superintendent on the agenda this evening because all the terms have not been fully negotiated. A contract should not be negotiated piecemeal. She indicated that the Board had a verbal agreement to do this at a later time but that one member of the board had requested that the contract extension be moved forward. She wishes for the board to proceed as they had earlier discussed and in the timetable previously established.

Barbara Krieger stated that she was the board member who requested that the contract extension be placed on this month's agenda and that in reality the board had not abided by its original timetable since it should have begun the evaluation of the superintendent last April. The contract extension is a part of the process that was to begin in April of 2002.

Hilari Cohen indicated that last month the board passed a resolution for changes in the superintendent's current contract.

Ira Checkla indicated that he believed we had waited long enough and that we should move forward with the motion to extend the contract of the superintendent.

Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein stated that she concurred with Toni and felt that the board should negotiate all the terms of the contract before moving on the contract extension.

Joe Lorintz stated that the district is on the precipitous of what the future of our district will be and the district deserves the kind of leadership that Hank Grishman can provide. It is unconscionable not to provide Mr. Grishman with an extension on his contract. The board should allow the district to have the leadership it deserves.

Walter Cole indicated that he had worked with Mr. Grishman and had always found him to be a very competent, capable superintendent who had the knowledge and skill to lead a district like Jericho. It is irresponsible of this board not to continue his appointment.

Andrew Greene stated he was shocked at the discussion as he was unaware that there was a concern over the superintendent's contract. I work with a lot of CEO's and Hank Grishman is one of the finest CEO's I have ever met.

Lenore Sylvan indicated that she was on her way out the door when she heard this discussion and was dismayed that the discussion is even taking place. What you have in Hank Grishman is a leader. Outside agencies know and respect him. Please do not make a mistake.

Diane Saunders, parent and teacher in another district. The teachers in my current district always ask what is Jericho going to do? Mr. Grishman is always very professional and thinks of our district's wellbeing. I am asking you to please extend his contract so that we can continue our success.

## **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Second Reading**

**Adoption of Policy #5621 "Accounting of Fixed Assets"**

- Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla "That the Board of Education adopt Board Policy #5621 - 'Accounting of Fixed Assets' - as shown in Enclosure #13."

NOTE: See Enclosure #13

Motion carried 5,0.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**Annual Meeting**

Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education adopt the resolution concerning the Annual Meeting and Election of Board Members for the Board of Education, and the resolution concerning the Special District Meeting for the Jericho Public Library and authorize the public notices thereof."

NOTE: See Enclosure #14

Motion carried 5,0.

**Superintendent's Contract**

Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla "That the Board of Education approve Amendment #7 to the Superintendent's contract and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute same."

NOTE: See Enclosure #15

Motion carried 3,0,2 abstentions Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein and Toni Meliambro

**VII. PREVIEW FOR FUTURE ACTION**

The Board of Education noted dates listed by administration.

**VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

**Approval of Schedules**

Ira Checkla made the motion seconded by Toni Meliambro "That the Board of Education approve the following schedules for appropriate action":

A-467	Treasurer's Report
B-GF-435	General Fund
B-FF-402	Federal Fund
B-CAF-432	Cafeteria Fund
D-GF-24	General Fund
D-GF-25	General Fund
D-GF-26	General Fund
D-GF-27	General Fund
D-GF-28	General Fund

**VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

**Approval of Schedules (cont'd)**

D-FF-17	Federal Fund
D-FF-18	Federal Fund
D-CF-14	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-15	Cafeteria Fund
D-SA-15	Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-16	Trust and Agency Fund
D-GF-24	Conference Expense
D-GF-25	Conference Expense
D-GF-26	Conference Expense
D-GF-27	Conference Expense
E-1254	Rejection of Bid - Miscellaneous Plumbing Repair, Maintenance, and Installation Services on an As-Needed Basis
E-1255	Rejection of Bid - Miscellaneous Minor Construction Repair, Maintenance and Installation Services on an As-Needed Basis
G-2253 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2258 (rev)	Appointments, Extra-curricular Coaches
G-2275 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2279 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Intramural Activities
G-2280 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Tutorial Services, Secondary
G-2286 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2295 (rev)	Appointment, Instructional, Cultural Arts Program
G-2297 (rev)	Appointments, Co-curricular Activities - High School
G-2298 (rev)	Appointments, Co-curricular Activities - Middle School
G-2311	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers Secondary and Special Areas and 7-12
G-2312	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers Elementary
G-2313	Probationary Appointments Instructional
GG-843 (rev)	Appointments, Non-instructional
GG-847 (rev)	Appointments, Non-instructional
GG-849 (rev)	Appointments, Non-instructional, Cultural Arts Program
GG-850 (rev)	Appointments, Non-instructional, Swim Programs
GG-857	Appointments, Non-instructional
GG-858	Appointments, Non-instructional Substitute
H-595 (rev)	Resignations and Terminations of Employment
H-596	Resignations and Terminations of Employment
HH-534	Resignations and Terminations of Employment of Non-instructional Employees
K-275 (rev)	Leaves of Absence - Instructional
K-280 (rev)	Curriculum Assignments Instruction
K-281 (rev)	Leaves of Absence - Instructional
K-284	Curriculum Assignments Instruction
K-285	Leaves of Absence - Instructional
L-387	Use of School Facilities
N - 259	Physician, Nurse and Psychological Services
N - 260	Health Services
O-467	Tuition for Special Services in Out of District Schools
O-468	Tuition for Special Services in Out of District Schools
O-469	Tuition for Special Services in Out of District Schools

**VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

**Approval of Schedules (cont'd)**

S-499 (rev)	Educational Programs and Projects
S-503	Educational Programs and Projects
S-510	Educational Programs and Projects
S-511	Services/Consultants
S-512	Educational Programs and Projects
T-196	Designation of Textbooks
T-197	Designation of Textbooks

**Motion carried 5,0.**

**IX. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joan L. Colvin, Ed.D.  
District Clerk**