

# JERICO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

**CANTIAGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2004**

\*NOTE: The Board went into Executive Session between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.  
The open meeting will 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  
Ben Ciuffo

**Visitors:**

List Attached

**I. BOARD ACTIONS**

**Approval of Minutes**

- Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger "That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated February 12, 2004."

Motion carried, 5,0.

**II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

**Reports**

**Enrollment**

Mrs. Cohen reported the current enrollment of 3235 students.

Note: See Enclosure # 2

**Cantiague Elementary School Student Council**

Maxx Shapiro, President and Matt Weiss, Vice President reported on activities in Cantiague Elementary School.

**Middle School Student Council**

Jennifer Zwilling and Lindsay Schnitt, 8<sup>th</sup> graders, reported on activities in the Middle School.

**II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)**

## **Reports (continued)**

### **High School Student Council**

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

### **PTA Council**

Amy Motschwiller, President reported on PTA activities. Mrs. Motschwiller congratulated the valedictorians Allison Ivans and Jeremy Price and the salutatorian Erica Braverman; Dr. Ben Ciuffo for his long-time service to the Jericho-Syosset Child Care Committee; the music department for their third year being recognized as one of the "100 Best Communities in America for Music Education"; and this evening's tenure recipients.

### **Introduction of Tenure Recipients**

Mrs. Cohen introduced the following tenure recipients:

Maureen Appiarius-Boyle  
Dr. Joan Colvin  
Edward Friedlander

- Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla "That the Board of Education move Schedule J-122, tenure appointments, and congratulate Maureen Appiarius-Boyle, Dr. Joan Colvin and Edward Friedlander

Motion carried, 5,0.

### **Cantiague – Presentation**

The First Grade Presented - *The Seasons of the Year*

### **Recognition**

Cecile Wren introduced Tami DeRose, Middle School Physical Education teacher, as "Physical Education Teacher of the Year".

- Ira Checkla made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education congratulate Tami DeRose, Physical Education Teacher of the Year."

Motion carried, 5,0.

### **Presentation by Curriculum Associate - Social Studies**

Jeff Feinberg, Curriculum Associate for Social Studies, presented a detailed report on the K-12 social studies curriculum. (See Attached)

### **Report on Executive Session**

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

## **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

## **Information presented by Superintendent and/ or Board Members**

Ira Checkla congratulated Dr. Ben Ciuffo and Lenore Sylvan, chairperson of the Jericho-Syosset Child Care Committee, for their efforts in securing a child care program for employees of the Jericho School District. Mr. Checkla stated that for many years the district desired to have such a program and now through the efforts of the committee one is now available at the SUNY Old Westbury Campus in conjunction with the AHRC.

Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein offered her congratulations to the Music Department and to the students involved in the production of "She Loves Me".

Mr. Grishman reported that one of our buses returning from a field trip had been involved in an accident and he complimented the building staff and the transportation staff for their smooth handling of the situation. Although one student was transported to the hospital she was released to her parents after examination by a doctor. All other students were transported back to school, examined by the nurse, and their parents were contacted. Thankfully there were no serious injuries.

Mr. Grishman expressed his congratulations to the tenure recipients Maureen Appiarus-Boyle, Edward Friedlander, and Dr. Joan Colvin and to Tami De Rosa for her award.

Mr. Grishman reported that the Nassau County Physics test will be given this June and that other schools across the state have inquired about participation in the Nassau County exam. Mr. Grishman also reported that during a meeting with the NYS Commission of Education a representative from the Teacher's Retirement System reported that the TRS rate for 2005-06 would be 5.6% of payroll. This new rate is double the rate for 2004-05 and will have an impact on the 2005-06 budget.

Mr. Grishman reported on the NYS Report results published in Newsday and sent congratulations to one and all including the students, the teachers, the principals, the curriculum associates, and Dr. Hunderfund. The overall percentage for students receiving a Regents Diploma is 95%, one of the highest success rates in NYS. (See Attached)

## **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.

**Mr. Robert Goldberg**—addressed the board of education and provided the district clerk with a copy of his comments. Mr. Goldberg addressed the board about a concern over the curriculum and his wish to be sure that students are taught strategies and methodology to determine the validity of information in the media. Mrs. Cohen and Mr. Grishman assured him that our curriculum provides students with such strategies. (See Attached)

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Adoption of Proposed Budget for 2004-2005 School Year**

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education adopt the proposed budget of \$77,557,541 for the 2004-2005 school year".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the voting machines appropriately reflect that amount."

NOTE: See Enclosure #13

Motion carried, 5,0.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

### **Jericho Public Library**

- Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education authorize the proposed amount to be raised by taxes for the Jericho Public Library for 2004-2005 to be \$3,512,060 as approved by the Jericho Public Library Board of Trustees on February 9, 2004, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the voting machines appropriately reflect that amount."

NOTE: See Enclosure #14

Motion carried, 5,0.

**Adoption of Calendar - 2005/06 School Year**

- Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education adopt the calendar for the 2005-2006 school year as shown in Enclosure #15."

NOTE: See Enclosure #15

Motion carried,

**V. PREVIEW FOR FUTURE ACTION**

The Board of Education noted dates listed by administration.

**VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

**Approval of Schedules**

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

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| A-480        | Treasurer's Report                                 |
| B-GF-447     | General Fund                                       |
| B-FF-414     | Federal Fund                                       |
| B-CAF-444    | Cafeteria Fund                                     |
| D-GF-29      | General Fund                                       |
| D-GF-30      | General Fund                                       |
| D-GF-31      | General Fund                                       |
| D-GF-32      | General Fund                                       |
| D-FF-20      | Federal Fund                                       |
| D-FF-21      | Federal Fund                                       |
| D-CF-19      | Cafeteria Fund                                     |
| D-CF-20      | Cafeteria Fund                                     |
| D-SA-21      | Trust & Agency Fund                                |
| D-SA-22      | Trust & Agency Fund                                |
| D-SA-23      | Trust & Agency Fund                                |
| D-SA-24      | Trust & Agency Fund                                |
| D-GF-29      | Conference Expense                                 |
| D-GF-30      | Conference Expense                                 |
| D-GF-31      | Conference Expense                                 |
| G-2261 (rev) | Probationary Appointments, Instructional           |
| G-2331 (rev) | Probationary Appointments, Instructional           |
| G-2333 (rev) | Appointments, Instructional, Part Time             |
| G-2334 (rev) | Appointments, Instructional, Intramural Activities |
| G-2335 (rev) | Appointments, Extracurricular Coaches              |

**VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (continued)**

**Approval of Schedules (continued)**

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| G-2341 (rev) | Appointments, Instructional, Tutorial Services, Secondary                     |
| G-2356 (rev) | Appointments, Instructional, Cultural Arts Program                            |
| G-2370 (rev) | Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute                               |
| G-2379 (rev) | Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers, Secondary                   |
| G-2380 (rev) | Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute                               |
| G-2382       | Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers, Secondary                   |
| G-2383       | Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers, Elementary                  |
| G-2384       | Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute                               |
| G-2385       | Appointments, Instructional, Part Time  |
| GG-878 (rev) | Appointments, Non-instructional, Swim Program                                 |
| GG-882 (rev) | Appointments, Non-instructional, Cultural Arts Program                        |
| GG-885 (rev) | Appointments, Non-instructional   |
| GG-888 (rev) | Appointments, Non-instructional   |
| GG-890 (rev) | Appointments, Non-instructional, Substitute                                   |
| GG-891       | Appointments, Non-instructional   |
| GG-892       | Appointments, Non-instructional, Substitute                                   |
| H-609        | Resignations and Terminations of Employment                                   |
| HH-546 (rev) | Resignations and Terminations of Employment of<br>Non-instructional Employees |
| HH-547       | Resignations and Terminations of Employment of<br>Non-instructional Employees |
| K-293 (rev)  | Leaves of Absence - Instructional   |
| K-298 (rev)  | Leaves of Absence - Instructional   |
| K-304        | Curriculum Assignments Instructional  |
| K-305        | Leaves of Absence - Instructional   |
| L-399        | Use of School Facilities  |
| N -269       | Health Services   |
| O-502 (rev)  | Tuition/Consultant Services   |
| O-503        | Tuition/Consultant Services   |
| O-504        | Tuition/Consultant Services   |
| S-543 (rev)  | Educational Programs and Projects   |
| S-545        | Services/Consultants  |
| S-546        | Educational Programs and Projects   |

Motion carried, 5,0.

## VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan L. Colvin, Ed.D.  
District Clerk