

JERICO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

**MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
THURSDAY, May 20, 2004**

*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
Ben Ciuffo**

Visitors:

List Attached

I. BOARD ACTIONS

Approval of Minutes

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education make any necessary corrections and move approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated April 15, 2004."

Motion carried, 5,0.

- Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger "That the Board of Education make any necessary corrections and move approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting dated April 27, 2004."

Motion carried, 5,0.

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Reports

Enrollment

Mr. Grishman reported the current enrollment of 3131 students and indicated that the enrollment last year at this time was 3208.

Note: See Enclosure # 3

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)

Reports (continued)

Middle School Student Council

Lindsey Schnitt and Marissa Finn 8th Graders, reported on activities in the Middle School.

High School Student Council

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

PTA Council

Amy Motschwiller, President reported on PTA activities and recognized the students' accomplishments. She also congratulated Joseph Lorintz for his election to the Board of Education and thanked Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein for her service to the community.

Board President—Hilari Cohen offered words of thanks to the community for the passing of the budget and introduced Joe Lorintz as the newly elected board member.

RECOGNITIONS

The Steppers

Teacher: Theone Rinaudo
Nicole Robinson Nicole Iordanou
Kaitlin Wilkins Kimmy Funfgeld
Sydney Peters Dana Mlynarczyk
Amelia Flynn Lauren D'Mello

Hilari thanked the Steppers for their performance and complimented them on their dedication.

Literary Awards

- **Locust Valley Young Author's Conference**

Roseanna Oh – 1st Place
Zachary Resnick – 2nd Place
Jennifer Stevens – 3rd Place
Teachers: Diane Antonucci
 Suzanne Valenza

- **Nassau Reading Council's 2004 Young Authors Contest**

Roseanna Oh
Teacher: Diane Antonucci

- Barbara Kreiger made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education congratulate the students for their pursuits in the literary field and for the awards they received".

Motion carried, 5,0.

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)

Reports (continued)

L.I. History Day Competition

- Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein “That the Board of Education congratulate the following students for their participation in the Long Island History Day Competition”.

Lindsay Avrutine	Christina Hong
Danielle Barry	Elyssa Mandel
Nicole Blumberg	Hillary Mishan – 2 nd Place on Long Island
Jonathan Cantor	Lance Perlman
Rebecca Feinstein	Joey Ramson
Jason Feldman	Alexis Rosenblum
Risa Fellows	Lauren Seideman
Alexandra Geisler	Jennifer Weiss
Tracy Goldberg	Kimberly Wu
Teacher: Anthony Scarnati	

Motion carried, 5,0.

Hecksher Museum Award Show

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein “That the Board of Education congratulate the following students for their achievements in the Hecksher Museum Award Show”:

Irene Kang - Self portrait using pastels - Winner of Clark University Prize for First Place

Stella Yom - Winner of Highest Achievement in Collage

Motion carried, 5,0.

Tri M Music Honor Society Make a Wish Foundation

Alexis Rosenbloom student of Ron Verderber presented a \$630 check to David Tolkin from the Tri M Music Honor Society's Make a Wish Foundation.

Executive Session

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

Miscellaneous

Hilari Cohen noted that a meeting was held on Tuesday for the parents of students who took the SAT in May and she reminded the community members that next Saturday was the Jericho Relay for Life

Mr. Grishman – thanked the community for their support on the passing of the Jericho School District budget and noted that other Nassau County School Districts did not fair as well. He believes that the budget defeats could be attributed to reassessment and other global issues. He stated that our budget vote was closer than it had been in more than 15 years and he made a pledge to the community to begin a review of programs and expenses to ensure that the district maintains its accomplishments in a financially efficient manner.

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)

Reports (continued)

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.

- Andrew Greene commented on Mr. Grishman's statements and once again indicated that it is his belief that we should be looking at alternative methods for revenue for the School District. Hilari Cohen commented that she, Mr. Greene, and Mr. Grishman had visited with government representatives and that currently there is no legal basis for the suggestions made by Mr. Greene.
- Mrs. Randi Dukoff read a statement to the Board of Education requesting that the current 3rd grade class (101 students) at Jackson Elementary School be maintained as 5 sections for the 4th grade. Mrs. Dukoff submitted her statement and a letter from Nancy Marshall in support of the five sections.

Toni Meliambro – exited the room.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Memorandum of Agreement - CSEA

- Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association as shown in Enclosure #16 and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute same on behalf of the Jericho Union Free School District."

NOTE: See Enclosure #16

Motion carried 4,0.

Professional Development Plan

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla "That the Board of Education has reviewed and approved the Professional Development of May, 2004, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute same".

NOTE: See Enclosure #17

Motion carried 4,0.

IV. PREVIEW FOR FUTURE ACTION

Important Dates

The Board of Education noted dates listed by administration.

Toni Meliambro – re-entered the room.

V. 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-482	Treasurer's Report
B-GF-449	General Fund
B-FF-416	Federal Fund
B-CAF-446	Cafeteria Fund
D-GF-37	General Fund
D-GF-38	General Fund
D-GF-39	General Fund
D-GF-40	General Fund
D-GF-41	General Fund
D-FF-24	Federal Fund
D-FF-25	Federal Fund
D-FF-26	Federal Fund
D-CF-24	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-25	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-26	Cafeteria Fund
D-SA-28	Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-29	Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-30	Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-31	Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-32	Trust and Agency Fund
K-02	Construction Fund
D-GF-37	Conference Expense
G-2329 (rev)	Probationary Appointments Instructional
G-2336 (rev)	Appointments, Extracurricular Coaches
G-2352 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2356 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Cultural Arts Program
G-2362 (rev)	Appointments, Co-curricular Activities Elementary
G-2390	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2391	Probationary Appointments Instructional
G-2392	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers, Secondary
GG-895	Appointments, Non-instructional Substitute
GG-896	Appointments, Non-instructional
H-609 (rev)	Resignations and Terminations of Employment
H-611	Resignations and Terminations of Employment
HH-549	Resignations and Terminations of Employment of Non-instructional Employees
K-303 (rev)	Leaves of Absence - Instructional
K-307	Leaves of Absence - Instructional
K-308	Curriculum Assignments Instructional
L-401	Use of School Facilities
N -270 (rev)	Health Services
N -271	Health Services
O-507	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-508	Tuition/Consultant Services
S-546 (rev)	Educational Programs and Projects
S-549	Services/Consultants
S-550	Educational Programs and Projects
T-201	Designation of Textbooks

Motion carried, 5,0.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:40

Respectfully submitted,

Joan L. Colvin, Ed.D.
District Clerk