

JERICHO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

**HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
THURSDAY, June 10, 2004**

*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
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 Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein ΔThat the Board of Education make any necessary corrections and move approval of the minutes of the Annual Vote dated May 18, 2004.@

Motion carried, 5-0.
- Ira Checkla made the motion seconded by Toni Meliambro ΔThat the Board of Education make any necessary corrections and move approval of the minutes of the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated May 20, 2004.@

Motion carried, 5-0.

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Mr Grishman reported to the public and to the Board of Education that he will be requesting an audit of central office expenditures. Mrs. Meliambro suggested that there be assurance as to degree of the type of report that will be received. It was concluded that the Superintendent would seek information from several auditors and report to the Board on July 1, 2004.

Recognition of Tenure Recipients

- Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger ΔThat the Board of Education approve Schedule J-124 and award tenure to the following individuals in their respective administrative positions:

Dr. Elaine Margarita/K-12 Curriculum Associate for Languages Other Than English
Mark Steinberger/Director of Educational Technology

Motion carried, 5-0.

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)

Recognition of Tenure Recipients (continued)

- Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger AThat the Board of Education approve Schedule J-125 and award tenure to the following individuals in their respective teaching assignments:

Marcella Berkovsky/Spanish Teacher
Mark Burkowsky/ Physical Education Teacher
Loriann Ciasulli/Biology Teacher
Barbara Kalpakis/Elementary Education Teacher

Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

Enrollment

Mr. Grishman reported the current enrollment of 3208 students.

Note: See Enclosure # 3

Middle School Student Council

William Holtz and Jared Solomon, 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.

Hilari Cohen thanked Alex and wished him good luck at Dartmouth in the fall.

PTA Council

Amy Motschwiler, President, reported on PTA activities during the past month.

Recognition of Students

All County Music Festival Participants
Long Island String Festival Participants
NYS All-State Music Participants

Ken Pollitt introduced the following:

Teachers:	Diane Costello	Daniel Friedman
	Peter Horvath	Evangeline Ktistakis
	Steven Marsh	John Russo
	Ron Verderber	Deana Verone
	Wayne Schuster	Dale Ettinger
	Clare Hussey	

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)

Recognition of Students (continued)

Students:	Katerina Jeng	Marvin Li
	Zachary Levine	Ronda Wu
	Melissa Hartman	Alec Ginsberg
	Jordana Kono	Michael Warren
	James Lee	Danielle Barsky
	Ellena Kim	Karen Schuster
	Jessica Rosenthal	Jessica Greenfeld
	William Holz	Alex Holtzman
	Eric Singer	Justin Jeng
	Samuel Lee	Zoe Shei
	Mary Yang	Alexis Rosenblum
	Dara Bloomfield	Justin Jeng
	Peter Kim	Kenneth Lam
	Tina Yao	Angel Park
	Crystal Kim	Marissa Kabas
	Lindsey Lam	Wayne Lam
	Justin Park	Brittany Calderone
	Marvin Li	Katerina Jeng
	Yvette Leung	Elizabeth Kobak
	Richard Kay	

- Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger ΔThat the Board of Education congratulate all of the music students on behalf of the district for their outstanding achievements. @

Motion carried, 5-0.

Allen Sachs introduced the following students who were involved in the Long Island Challenge and announced that Jericho won First Place in the Nassau County competition. Mr. Sachs presented the district with a check for \$10,000 and indicated that every one of our finalists was an award winner.

Alexander Belser	Joshua Fuhrmann
Jeremy Price	Adam Suzan
Michael Goldfarb	

- Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein ΔThat the Board of Education congratulate all of the Long Island Challenge winners and accept, on behalf of the district, the check for \$10,000. @

Motion carried, 5-0.

Recognition - Allen Sachs

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Toni Meliambro ΔThat the Board of Education congratulate Allen Sachs, Recipient of the Outstanding Science Teacher of the Year Award from the Science Teachers Association of NYS@.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Recognition of Students

Long Island Science and Engineering Fair
International Science and Engineering Fair
Al Kalfus Long Island Math Fair

Advisor: Allen Sachs

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)

Recognition of Students (continued)

Students: Tanmay Chheda
Sehera Himani
Christopher Lamberti
Paul Marx
Jeremy Price
Justine Shum
Andrew Song
Jeffrey Reitman

Jessica Fields
Heather Kaufman
Jonathan Lipsky
Sean Mehra
Suraj Rambhia
John Silcox
Angela Yang

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Toni Meliambro AThat the Board of Education congratulate all of the students who participated in the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair, the International Science and Engineering Fair and the Al Kalfus Long Island Math Fair.@

Motion carried 5-0.

Recognition of Student

The student being recognized as receiving Honorable Mention in the Long Island=s Best Young Poets Contest did not attend the Board of Education Meeting.

Recognition of Students

Nancy Sammis introduced the following students and noted their respective achievements.

Boys Tennis Team
State Qualifying Students in Track

Coach (Tennis):	Robert Bailin	
Students:	Spencer Ganz	Conor Tolkin
	Shiva Kothari	David Maldow
	David Schneider	Noah Schneider
	Maxx Wattenberg	Shawn Ganz
	Daniel Palmieri	Cory Parr
	Martin Gilman	Michael Kashan
	Ryan Tolkin	Evan Tyner

Coaches (Track):	Josh Smith	Eric Gotteson
Students:	Jennifer Leong	
	Saade Mitchell	

- Hilari Cohen made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla AThat the Board of Education congratulate all of the students on the boys tennis team and the track team for their outstanding achievements.@

Motion carried 5-1.

Recognition of Students

Elaine Margarita

French Poetry Contest Winners/Participants
National French Examination Winners/Participants
Italian Poetry Contest Winners/Participants
National Latin Examination Winners/Participants
National Spanish Examination Winners/Participants

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)

Recognition of Students (continued)

Teachers:	Josephine Langone Monika Bloom Rachel Green Margaret Minnick Amy Pryhocki	Marcella Berkovsky Janice Raphan Albert Cabra
Students:	Roy Feldman Tara Regan Rosanna Oh Samantha Ellner Alexandra Hay Rosalie Chung Benjamin Davis Mary Yang Alana Krieger Melanie Paticoff Nikhil Iyer Alexis Rosenblum Thierry Godard Geoffrey Loffredo Qi Yu Jacqueline Goldberg Amanda Nagrotsky	Jared Gruszecki Jared Bookman Urooj Khan Jaclyn Goodman Courtney Safir Brian Funk Sean Mehra Elyssa Mandel Minkyu Park Ronda Wu Jason Liao Brianna Wolfson Stefanie Aquilina Anthony DeIngeniis Lambert Liu Joshua Fuhrmann Christine Sheridan

- Hilari Cohen made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla AThat the Board of Education congratulate the students who participated in the French Poetry Contest, and National French Examination, the Italian Poetry Contest and the National Latin Examination.@

Motion carried 5,0.

Recognition of Students

LI Challenge Team Winners

Allen Sachs

Students:	Alexander Belser Jeremy Price Michael Goldfarb	Joshua Fuhrmann Adam Suzan
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- Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein AThat the Board of Education congratulate the students who participated in the Long Island Challenge and winning First Place.@

Motion carried 5-0.

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)

Recognition of Relay for Life Co-Chairpeople

Matthew DeMarinis Hilari Cohen Lisa Lozito	Ira Checkla Brian Cummings Mady Minkoff
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Lauren Murphy
Betsy Zahn
Susan Cohen
Joseph Lorintz
Amy Motschwiller
Lois Smith

Joan Rosenberg
Sean Clarkin
Richele Hohl
Mary Marks
Theone Rinaudo
Doreen Leibowitz

Recognition of Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein

Hilari Cohen presented Mrs. Gumerove-Bernstein with a plaque in appreciation of her board service for the past three years. Toni Meliambro commended Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein for her outstanding service during that time.

Mrs. Gumerove-Bernstein then made a statement and thanked the community (see attached).

Report on Executive Session

Mrs. Cohen reported that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel, negotiations and legal matters.

Miscellaneous

Toni Meliambro indicated she had been questioned about classes in the high school that have low enrollments and were being cut. She felt that cuts should be made in after school activities rather than in the classroom.

Mr. Checkla said that he thought after school programs were as important as cutting classes/sections and that the voters had approved the budget by a narrow margin and that we were faced with a dilemma as to how to find ways to save.

III. 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.

Wendy Marks thanked the Jericho School District, administration and faculty and congratulated the graduates.

Jeffrey Pliskin questioned the long range plan of the district and mentioned that the benefits afforded school district employees far exceed those received in the private sector.

Jane Zwilling thanked the Jericho School District and those who participated in the Relay for Life and indicated she was looking forward to next year and submitted petitions to the Board (see attached).

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Retirement - Mr. Hector Gomez

➤ Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla AWHEREAS, Mr. Hector Gomez first began service on September 18, 1989, and has had continuous service for the past fifteen years and has retired on May 14, 2004, and

WHEREAS, he has provided dedicated service to the children of Jericho, and

WHEREAS , he has always been a capable, cooperative and loyal member of the staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends the sincere appreciation on behalf of this community for a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends honor upon Mr. Hector Gomez who is, and has been, an important part of the history of this community.@

Motion carried, 5-0.

Retirement - Mr. Peter Regan

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla ΔWHEREAS, Mr. Peter Regan first began service on September 9, 1987, and has had continuous service for the past seventeen years and has retired on May 31, 2004, and

WHEREAS, he has provided dedicated service to the children of Jericho, and
WHEREAS, he has always been a capable, cooperative and loyal member of the staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends the sincere appreciation on behalf of this community for a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends honor upon Mr. Peter Regan who is, and has been, an important part of the history of this community.@

Motion carried, 5-0.

Retirement - Mrs. Jadwiga Zambenedetti

- Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein ΔWHEREAS, Mrs. Jadwiga Zambenedetti first began service on April 1, 1982, and has had continuous service for the past twenty-two years and will retire on June 30, 2004, and

WHEREAS, she has provided dedicated service to the children of Jericho, and

WHEREAS, she has always been a capable, cooperative and loyal member of the staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends the sincere appreciation on behalf of this community for a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends honor upon Mrs. Jadwiga Zambenedetti who is, and has been, an important part of the history of this community.@

Motion carried, 5-0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Disposition of Obsolete Inventory

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein ΔWHEREAS, the equipment, textbooks or other personal assets of the Jericho School District on the enclosed list have exhausted their useful life and are obsolete and/or of diminished value, the Board of Education authorizes the disposition of such items.@

NOTE: See Enclosure #19

Motion carried, 5-0.

Tax Anticipation Notes

- Ira Checkla made the motion seconded by Toni Meliambro ARESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Tax Anticipation Notes for the fiscal year 2004-2005 as described in Enclosure #20.@

NOTE: See Enclosure #20

Motion carried, 5-0.

V. PREVIEW FOR FUTURE ACTION

Important Dates

The Board of Education noted dates listed by administration.

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of Schedules

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Toni Meliambro AThat the Board of Education approves the following schedules for appropriate action:

A-483	Treasurer=s Report
B-GF-450	General Fund
B-FF-417	Federal Fund
B-CAF-447	Cafeteria Fund
D-GF-42	General Fund
D-GF-43	General Fund
D-GF-44	General Fund
D-GF-45	General Fund
D-FF-27	Federal Fund
D-FF-28	Federal Fund
D-CF-27	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-28	Cafeteria Fund
D-SA-33	Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-34	Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-35	Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-36	Trust & Agency Fund
D-GF-42	Conference Expense
D-GF-44	Conference Expense
E-1295	Award of Bid - Milk
E-1296	Award of Bid - Ice Cream

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (continued)

Approval of Schedules (continued)

E-1297	Award of Bid - Meat & Meat Provisions
E-1298	Award of Bid - Out of District & Special Transportation
E-1299	Extension of Bid - Summer Transportation
G-2334 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Intramural Activities
G-2352 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2355 (rev)	Appointments, Co-curricular Activities - Middle School
G-2385 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2393	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers, Secondary
G-2394	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers, Elementary

G-2395	Instructional Inservice Course Participation
G-2396	Instructional Inservice Course Participation
G-2397	Appointments, Instructional, Intramural Activities
G-2398	Probationary Appointments Instructional
G-2399	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2400	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
GG-897	Appointments, Non-instructional
GG-898	Appointments, Non-instructional, Substitute
GG-899	Appointments, Non-instructional, Substitute
H-612	Resignations and Terminations of Employment
HH-550	Resignations and Terminations of Employment of Non-instructional Employees
K-298 (rev)	Leaves of Absence - Instructional
K-309	Leaves of Absence - Instructional
L-402	Use of School Facilities
O-509	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-510	Tuition/Consultant Services
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S-550	Educational Programs and Projects
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Motion carried, 5-0.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Colvin, Ed. D.
District Clerk