

JERICHO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
6:30 P.M.*

MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2003

*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
Ben Ciuffo
Anna Hunderfund

Visitors:

List Attached

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. BOARD ACTIONS

Approval of Minutes

- Motion made by Barbara Krieger and seconded by Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated August 11, 2003".

Motion carried, 5,0.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSIONS

Seamen Elementary Blue Ribbon School—Mr. Grishman announced the award and congratulated Mr. Ratner and his staff for this outstanding achievement.

Welcome to New Staff—Hilari Cohen welcomed the new staff members to the September meeting and indicated that a reception held in their honor had just taken place.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSIONS (continued)

Recognition of Food Service Employees National Food Service Employees Week

Mr. Grishman and Mrs. Cohen praised Tracy Gilet and her staff for the outstanding work and their dedication to our students. Tracy Gilet, Supervisor of Food Services introduced her staff.

Elsa Rojas	Jadwiga Zambenedetti
Rita Gottwirt	Margaret Broullon
Rosemarie Nieves	Rose Oliva
Lynn French	Linda Smith
Pam Schiesser	Leslie Osmundsen
Joseph Gonzalez	Marion Newman
Benjamin Ciuffo, Jr.	Popi Mahalatos
Gloria Comegno	Kathleen Reilly
Susanne Ambrosia	Barbara Vitarelli
Catherine Villante	Diana Karagerogos
Nicky Ruggiero	Teresa Menduni
Sue Ianucci	Sandra Goldsmith
Kaerina Exadaktilos	Joanne Cerullo

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein “That the Board of Education congratulate the following students for their Recognition as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists”.

Alexander Belser	Sean Mehra
Erica Braverman	Neda Navab
Eddie Kim	Jeremy Price
Greg Mann	Justine Shum

Motion carried, 5,0.

Enrollment

Mr. Grishman reported the current enrollment of 3,194 students.

Report - Middle School Student Council

Evette Pelyas and Meira Bernstein, 8th 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

Report - PTA Council

Amy Motschwiller, PTA Council President, welcomed new staff members and looks forward to a good year.

Child Care Center for Employees & Community on Campus—Dr. Ciuffo presented information discussed at the Child Care Committee meeting including a possibility of a co-operative program with AHRC to be housed on the SUNY Old Westbury Campus. Jericho Teachers expressed the urgent need for child-care within the school district. Mr. Checkla and Mrs. Gumerove-Bernstein indicated their support for the program. Mrs. Cohen authorized the superintendent to have the architect conduct a survey of district space to consider the possibility of district space for child-care.

Music Department Facilities Review—Dr. Ciuffo reviewed the previous proposals for additional space for the music department and Joe Jenal from BJLJ architects presented the information on a fourth proposal that was suggested by Mr. Pollitt, Curriculum Associate for Music. Mr. Jenal indicated that the proposal has some concerns because it calls for a second level on the auxiliary gym. This would require structural enhancement and fireproofing. In addition since this is a third level on the building, an elevator would be required by SED. Mrs. Gumerove-Bernstein suggested that the board be given an opportunity to review these plans and place the music department space on next month's agenda. Mr. Grishman asked Mr. Pollitt to prepare a report for the board that would include current space utilization by period, projected space utilization based on incoming enrollments, and the pro's and con's of each of the four proposals.

Class Trips—Mr. Grishman reported that the NYC area is still at the Orange alert level. He indicated that approximately nine districts in Nassau County are denying field trips to NYC and the majority of districts are denying foreign school sponsored trips. Discussion ensued with members of the audience participating as well as Board of Education members. Mrs. Cohen asked the superintendent for his recommendation. Mr. Grishman said that he would approve trips for Long Island and NYC and that all other trips would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. No international trips would be permitted during this school year.

Mrs. Meliambro left the meeting at 9:38

NYSSBA - Board of Director's Election

- Hilari Cohen made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education support the candidacy of Steven Witt as the representative to NYSBA Board of Directors".

Motion carried, 4,0.

Public Information Position—Mr. Grishman presented to the Board of Education an overview of the responsibilities of the position as well as comparative data from other school districts. He indicated that he would like the district to create a full-time civil service position with a competitive salary range.

- Hilari Cohen made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla "That the Board of Education create the position of Director of Public Information and Community relations".

Motion carried, 4,0.

Physics Update—Mr. Grishman reported to the Board of Education that many school districts on Long Island have opted out of the NYS Physics Regents exam for June 2003. Nassau schools have formed a coalition and are in the process of creating a county wide exam.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSIONS (continued)

Report on Executive Session

Personnel and legal matters were all discussed in Executive Session.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Please Note: Any person wishing to make comments or raise questions shall state their name and address, as well as organizational affiliation if your remarks are being made on a group's behalf. Public discussion on matters relating to staff and students at which their reputation, privacy or rights to due process, or those of others could be in some way violated, is prohibited.

If the public wishes to have statements read during meetings included in our board minutes, he/she must hand in a written copy of their remarks to the District Clerk, Joan Colvin, immediately before speaking.

Joe Lorintz reported that the Underhill property development has moved slower than expected. However, the purchase of the preservation land and the construction for new homes are both expected to start in the spring of 2004. Potentially homes would be available for sale by 2006. A discussion ensued around the impact of the sale of these homes on the Jericho School District.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of Gift

- Ira Checkla made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education accept the gift of photography equipment on behalf of the Jericho School District, said gift being donated by a resident."

Motion carried, 4,0.

Auditor's Report

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla "That the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the report of the school auditor, Pappas & Company, for the year ending June 30, 2003."

NOTE: See Enclosure #15

Motion carried, 4,0.

Single Audit Requirement

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the report of the school auditor, Pappas & Company, for the Single Audit Requirements as established in the Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizational Programs, Activities and Function issued by the U.S. General Accounting Office, the Single Audit Act and the provisions of the OMB Circular A-13 Audits of State and Local Governments for the year ending June 30, 2003."

NOTE: See Enclosure #16

Motion carried, 4,0.

VI. PREVIEW FOR FUTURE ACTION

The Board of Education noted dates listed by administration

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of Schedules

Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla "That the Board of Education approve the following schedules for appropriate action:

A-474	Treasurer's Report
D-GF-04	General Fund
D-GF-05	General Fund
D-GF-06	General Fund
D-GF-07	General Fund
D-FF-03	Federal Fund
D-FF-04	Federal Fund
D-FF-05	Federal Fund
D-CF-02	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-03	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-04	Cafeteria Fund
D-SA-02	Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-03	Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-04	Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-05	Trust and Agency Fund
D-GF-04	Conference Expense
E-1285	Award of Bid - Cookies, Chips, etc.
E-1286	Award of Bid - Cafeteria Canned Goods
E-1287	Award of Bid - Cafeteria Paper Goods
G-2280 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Tutorial Services, Secondary
G-2302 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2323 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2327 (rev)	Instructional Inservice Course Participation
G-2329 (rev)	Probationary Appointments Instructional
G-2330 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2333 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2334 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Intramural Activities
G-2335 (rev)	Appointments, Extracurricular Coaches
G-2336 (rev)	Appointments, Extracurricular Coaches
G-2341 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Tutorial Services, Secondary
G-2342 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2344 (rev)	Probationary Appointments, Instructional
G-2346 (rev)	Probationary Appointments, Instructional
G-2347	Instructional Inservice Course Participation
G-2348	Instructional Inservice Course Participation
G-2349	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2350	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers, Secondary
G-2351	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers, Elementary
G-2352	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2353	Probationary Appointments, Instructional
G-2354	Appointments, Cocurricular Activities - High School
G-2355	Appointments, Cocurricular Activities - Middle School

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (continued)

Approval of Schedules (continued)

G-2356	Appointment, Instructional, Cultural Arts Program
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GG-874 (rev)	Appointments, Non-instructional
GG-876	Appointments, Non-instructional
GG-877	Appointments, Non-instructional, Substitute
GG-878	Appointments, Non-instructional, Swim Program
GG-879	Non-instructional Inservice Course Participation
H-602 (rev)	Resignations and Terminations of Employment
H-603	Resignations and Terminations of Employment
HH-541	Resignations and Terminations of Employment of Non-instructional Employees
I-439	Setting of Employment Terms and Conditions For Confidential Employees
K-285 (rev)	Leaves of Absence, Instructional
K-287 (rev)	Leaves of Absence, Instructional
K-290 (rev)	Leaves of Absence, Instructional
K-291 (rev)	Leaves of Absence, Instructional
K-294 (rev)	Leaves of Absence, Instructional
K-295	Leaves of Absence, Instructional
KK-53	Leave of Absence, Non-instructional
L-393	Use of School Facilities
O-478 (rev)	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-482 (rev)	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-488 (rev)	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-493	Tuition for Special Services in Out of District Schools
O-494	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-495	Tuition/Consultant Services
S-517 (rev)	Educational Programs and Projects
S-527	Educational Programs and Projects
S-528	Services/Consultants
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U-179	Approval of <u>Placements</u> of Children with Special Education Needs

Motion carried, 4,0.

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,

Joan L. Colvin, Ed.D.
District Clerk