

JERICO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
6:30**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2002**

*NOTE: The Board went into Executive Session between 6:30 and 8:15 p.m. The open meeting resumed at 8:15 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

Visitors:

List Attached

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. BOARD ACTIONS

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated September 19, 2002."

Motion carried, 5,0.

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein "That future meetings of the Board of Education be audio taped and transcribed only when sanctioned by the Board of Education."

Discussion ensued and the motion was tabled for future discussion.

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Enrollment

Mr. Grishman reported the current enrollment of 3,123 students.

Report - Middle School Student Council

Kelsey Werber and Nikki Ackerman reported on activities in the Middle School

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)

Report - High School Student Council

Adam Katz reported on activities in the High School

Report - PTA Council

Leslie Scheinthal stated that this is National School Board Member Recognition Month and that the Jericho PTA in recognition of the dedication of the members of our school board has donated funds in their names to the Jericho Scholarship Fund.

Awards and Recognition

- Hilari Cohen made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger “BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education congratulate Matthew J. Stoff for receiving the 2002 NCTE Achievement Award in Writing and his teacher, Mrs. Antonucci, for her support of his work.”

Motion carried, 5,0

- Hilari Cohen made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein “BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education recognize Elaine Margarita for receiving the Educator of the Year Award in World Languages.”

Motion carried, 5,0

Physics Regents 2002

Mr. Grishman noted that Lois Smith and Joan Rosenberg had researched, with college admission counselors, the issue of attaching an additional statement explaining the Physics Regents Grades on the high school transcripts. The college admission representatives overwhelmingly stated that the grade was best reported without an explanation. Mrs. Meliambro indicated that the Physics Regents results were not as drastic as she thought and that our students had performed as well in June 2002 as in 2000, although not as well as 2001. Mrs. Bernstein asked if we knew what other Nassau districts were doing with respect to the grades of their students. Mr. Grishman indicated that several other districts have taken the same position as Jericho. He also indicated he would advise the Board of any further developments on the Physics Regents Exam.

HS Report Card—Support Classes

Mr. Grishman reported to the Board of Education on the recommendations of the High School PTA, SEPTA, JTA, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Curriculum Associate for Learning Center, and the high school principal. Mr. Grishman’s recommendation to the Board was to leave the support classes on the report card for all students except for 12th graders who wished to have a report card issued without the support class grades. Discussion ensued from the members of the audience and the members of the Board of Education. Mrs. Krieger indicated that this recommendation did not solve the concern of one parent who wanted a report card for her child to use for employment purposes.

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)

HS Report Card—Support Classes

- Hilari Cohen made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla “BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to implement the recommendation of providing support classes on the report cards for grades 9, 10, 11 and not for 12th grade”.

Discussion occurred: Mrs. Meliambro said she was not in favor of a different procedure for different grade levels. Bettina Finn, Middle School PTSA Vice President, indicated that the report card is a tool and she did not understand why there is an issue if the report card is two pages or one. Adam Katz, High School Student Council representative, indicated that the students feel that the support classes should be on the report card in order to show the time and effort of the student. Rose Buffalino, High School PTSA Co-President, indicated that she felt the process for support classes should be the same for grade levels 6-12.

Motion defeated, 2-3 Meliambro, Krieger, Gumerove-Bernstein against.

Discussion continued.

- Barbara Kreiger made the motion seconded by Hilari Cohen in “BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to continue providing support classes on the report cards and if for any reason a parent or student wishes to have a report card without the support classes the high school shall provide such report card on an individual basis.”

Motion carried, 5,0.

Teacher Petition

Michael Hartnett presented to the Board of Education a philosophy and suggested procedure for at-risk students. He indicated that the faculty expressed a desire to institute a system for success, but wanted to ensure that the students accepted responsibility for their own learning. He asked the Board and members of the public to review the document and make any suggestions to him in writing. The Board will review the document again in the future.

Facilities - Enrollment Projections

Dr. Ben Ciuffo presented an update on the enrollment projection for the district. He indicated that the lower than expected kindergarten enrollment of 167 impacts the district for many years. As this class moves through the grade levels there will be less sections at each grade level. However, he and the demographer felt that this was an anomaly rather than a trend.

Mrs. Meliambro left the meeting area at 10:43.

- Hilari Cohen made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein “BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education begin its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 rather than 8:15”

Motion carried, 4,0

Mr. Checkla left the meeting area at 10:46

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)

Budget Analysis - Budget Reports

Postponed until Next Meeting

HS Music Facility

- Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein made the motion seconded by Hilari Cohen "BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to engage the services of BJLJ Architects to review the facilities of the music department. Funds for this review shall be taken from the capital fund".

Motion carried, 3,0.

Mr. Checkla returned to the meeting area at 10:58

Mrs. Meliambro returned to the meeting area at 11:00

NYSSBA – Resolutions

A discussion of the NYSSBA Resolutions for the upcoming convention in Syracuse was conducted.

- Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein made the motion and seconded Toni Meliambro "BE IT RESOLVED that the Jericho Union Free School District propose a resolution at the NYSSBA conference in support of the school district's position on the scheduling of Regents exams for June of 2003".

Motion carried, 5,0.

Miscellaneous

Joe Lorintz reported to the Board on the settlement that has been reached on the Underhill Property and he thanked the Board for their support. The Board of Education praised Mr. Lorintz for his tenacity and his concern for the preservation of the Underhill property and his concern for the impact on the Jericho School District.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Revision of Board Policy #7640 "Student Individual Education Programs" (First Reading)

- **1st READING** Recommended Motion: "That the Board of Education approve the revisions to Board Policy #7640 - 'Student Individual Education Program as shown in Enclosure #16.'"

NOTE: See Enclosure #16

III. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Appointment of School, Substitute and Game Physicians

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Toni Meliambro "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following school physicians and

game physicians for the 2002-2003 school year, at the rate indicated”.

Anthony Rizzo, MD	\$200 per game
Keith Hoerning, MD	\$200 per game

Motion carried, 5,0.

IV . PREVIEW FOR FUTURE ACTION

The Board of Education noted dates listed by administration.

V. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of Schedules:

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Toni Meliambro “That the Board of Education approve the following schedules for appropriate action”.

A-463	Treasurer's Report
B-GF-431	General Fund
B-FF-398	Federal Fund
B-CAF-428	Cafeteria Fund
D-GF-09	General Fund
D-GF-10	General Fund
D-GF-11	General Fund
D-GF-12	General Fund
D-FF-05	Federal Fund
D-FF-06	Federal Fund
D-FF-07	Federal Fund
D-CF-06	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-07	Cafeteria Fund
D-SA-05	Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-06	Trust and Agency Fund
K-03	Construction Fund
K-04	Construction Fund
D-GF-12	Conference Expense
E-1250	Award of Bid - Automobile
G-2093 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2131 (rev)	Probationary Appointments Instructional
G-2175 (rev)	Probationary Appointments Instructional
G-2178 (rev)	Probationary Appointments Instructional
G-2181 (rev)	Probationary Appointments Instructional
G-2197 (rev)	Probationary Appointments Instructional
G-2258 (rev)	Appointments, Extracurricular Coaches
G-2260 (rev)	Appointments, Extracurricular Coaches
G-2279 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Intramural Activities
G-2287 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2288 (rev)	Instructional Inservice Course Participation
G-2289 (rev)	Probationary Appointments Instructional

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (continued)

Approval of Schedules (continued)

G-2292	Appointments Instructional Substitute Teachers Secondary Special Areas and 7-12
G-2293	Appointments Instructional Substitute Teachers Elementary
G-2294	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time

G-2295	Appointments, Instructional, Cultural Arts Program
G-2296	Appointments, Co-curricular Activities Elementary
G-2297	Appointments, Co-curricular Activities High School
G-2298	Appointments, Co-curricular Activities Middle School
GG-847	Appointments, Non-instructional
GG-848	Appointments, Non-instructional, Substitute
GG-849	Appointments, Non-instructional, Cultural Arts Program
GG-850	Appointments, Non-instructional, Swim Program
GG-851	Appointments, Director of Communications
H-592	Resignations and Terminations of Employment
HH-530	Resignations and Terminations of Employment of Non-Instructional Employees
K-278	Curriculum Assignments Instruction
K-279	Leaves of Absence - Instructional
KK-51 (rev)	Leaves of Absence - Non-instructional
KK-52	Leaves of Absence - Non-instructional
L-383	Use of School Facilities
O-453 (rev)	Services/Consultant
O-459	Tuition for Special Services in Out of District Schools
O-460	Services/Consultant
S-496	Educational Programs and Projects
S-497	Educational Programs and Projects
S-498	Services/Consultants

Motion carried, 5,0.

- Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Sandra Gumerove-Bernstein "That the Board of Education approve the following schedule for appropriate action".

G-2280 (rev) Appointments, Instructional, Tutorial Services, Secondary

Motion carried, 4,0,1 Barbara Krieger abstained.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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