

JERICO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
6:30 P.M.*

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2005

*NOTE: The Board went into Executive Session between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.
The open meeting began at 7:33 p.m.

Present:

Hilari Cohen
Ira Checkla
Barbara Krieger
Joseph H. Lorintz

Absent:

Toni Meliambro

Also Present:

Henry L. Grishman, Superintendent
Ben Ciuffo
Joan L. Colvin
Anna Hunderfund – *Arrived 7:40PM*

Visitors:

List Attached

I. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of Minutes

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla “That the Board of Education make any necessary corrections and move approval of the minutes of the BOCES Budget Meeting dated April 20, 2005, the regular meeting dated April 21, 2005, the Executive Session dated May 2, 2005, and the Annual Budget Vote and Board Election dated May 17, 2005.”

Motion carried 4,0.

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Enrollment

Mr. Grishman reported that the current enrollment is 3,250.

See Enclosure

Middle School Student Council

Jessica Crusco and Spencer Barnett, 8th Grader reported on activities in the Middle School.

High School Student Council

Jonathan Cohen, Student Council President and Dan Palmieri, Student Council Vice President congratulated Board members elected, Tenure Recipients and reported on activities in the High School.

PTA Council

Michele Gruszecki reported on PTA activities and offered congratulations to those who were elected to the school Board, to the students who are receiving awards and to the faculty honored.

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

Tenure Recipients

- Barbara Krieger made the motion to move Schedule J-129, seconded by Joe Lorintz "That the Board of Education recognize the following Tenure Recipients":

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| Demetrios Mendonis | Kathleen Maurer Rittel |
| Anne McDonough | William Martinez |
| Kerriane Connors | Ann Susca |
| Elisa Weidenbaum | Lois Zegel |
| Maria Panayiotou | Spiridoula Nikolopoulos |
| Carolyn Clarke | Suraj Sharma |
| April Song | Ilene Osroff |
| Walter Kirby | Meredith Hynes |
| Lucia Alonso | Brian Deaner |
| Elizabeth Luchsinger | Stacie Fleischmann |
| Lillian Armstrong | Karen Singer |

Motion carried, 4,0.

7:59 PM Joe Lorintz left the meeting

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla "That the Board of Education congratulate the following for their accomplishments":

National Council Teachers of English Contest

Arlene Guadagno congratulated the following teachers for their student's distinction as finalists in the National Council Teachers of English Contest:

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| Teachers: | Mike Kramer | Students: | Kaitlin Hay |
| | Diane Antonucci | | Rosanna Oh |
| | Suzanne Valenza | | |

Locust Valley High School North Shore Young Authors' Conference

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|-----------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|
| Teachers: | Diane Antonucci | Students: | Rosanna Oh | Melissa Cattani |
| | Suzanne Valenza | | Jessica Gelfand | Rishi Chopra |
| | | | Rachel Rosenberg | |

2005 Young Author's Contest Winners

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| Teacher: | Suzanne Valenza | Students: | Rishi Chopra |
| | | | Rachel Rosenberg |

National Council Teachers of English Award

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| Teachers: | Diane Antonucci | Students: | Kaitlyn Hay |
| | Michael Kramer | | Rosanna Oh |
| | Suzanne Valenza | | |

Creative Communication's Poetic Achievement Award Winners

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| Teacher: | Diane Antonucci | Student: | Rosanna Oh |
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| Teacher: | Suzanne Valenza | Students: | Christopher Bebry | Melissa Bracco |
| | | | Jessica Gelfand | Tracy Goldberg |
| | | | Joe Hwang | Michelle Krauser |
| | | | Stacey Levine | Jenna Levine |
| | | | Adam Mancin | Mikel Richman |
| | | | Daniel Rosa | Rachel Rosenberg |
| | | | Jeffrey Tom | Jeri Zucker |

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| Teacher: | Mike Kramer | Student: | Jennifer Stevens |
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Motion carried, 3,0.

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

8:01 PM Joe Lorintz returned to the meeting

Director of Cultural Arts Program

Hilari Cohen presented Sue Zichlin with a commendation award for her dedication to the Cultural Arts Program.

- Ira Checkla made the motion seconded by Hilari Cohen "That the Board of Education thank Mrs. Sue Zichlin for all her efforts as Director of the Cultural Arts Program.

Motion carried 4,0.

Report on Executive Session

The Board of Education discussed personnel and legal issues at the last executive session.

Miscellaneous

Hilari Cohen thanked the community for voting in favor of the Budget and congratulated Claire Hochheiser on winning a board seat beginning on July 1st. Mrs. Cohen also asked the public to join them before the June Board Meeting to honor Toni Meliambro for her seven years of service to our community.

Hilari Cohen thanked Jess Rudolph for volunteering to chair the Jericho Education Foundation and also thanked Jeff Falk and Steve Brett for agreeing to serve on the Jericho Education Foundation.

The Board will conduct a full policy review beginning June 2005.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading

Adoption of Board Policies

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the revised policies and regulations as shown in Enclosure #17."

NOTE: See Enclosure #17

Motion carried 4,0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of Gift

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla "That the Board of Education accept the gift of an online voucher for classroom resources for the Seaman Elementary School, said gift being donated by a district resident."

Motion carried 4,0.

V. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Roof Replacement

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education for the Jericho Union Free School District, as lead agency for the actions contemplated herein, after review of the actions proposed the Jericho Middle/High School, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by BJLJ Engineers and Architects, P.C., hereby determines that the removal and replacement of the existing gymnasium roof are Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5c (1) and (2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment."

Motion carried 4,0.

Tax Anticipation Notes

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Joe Lorintz "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Tax Anticipation Notes for the fiscal year 2005-2006 as described in Enclosure #20."

NOTE: See Enclosure #20

Motion carried 4,0.

VI. PREVIEW FOR FUTURE ACTION

Important Dates

The Board of Education noted dates listed by administration.

Barbara Krieger asked Mr. Grishman to provide the Board with information on Driver Education.

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of Schedules

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla "That the Board of Education approves the following schedules for appropriate action:

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| A-494 | Treasurer's Report |
| B-GF-460 | General Fund |
| B-FF-427 | Federal Fund |
| B-CAF-457 | Cafeteria Fund |
| D-GF-37 | General Fund |
| D-GF-38 | General Fund |
| D-GF-39 | General Fund |
| D-GF-40 | General Fund |
| D-FF-22 | Federal Fund |
| D-FF-23 | Federal Fund |
| D-CF-23 | Cafeteria Fund |
| D-CF-24 | Cafeteria Fund |
| D-SA-36 | Trust and Agency Fund |
| D-SA-37 | Trust and Agency Fund |
| D-SA-38 | Trust and Agency Fund |
| D-SA-39 | Trust and Agency Fund |

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (continued)

Approval of Schedules (continued)

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| D-GF-37 | Conference Expense |
| D-GF-38 | Conference Expense |
| D-GF-39 | Conference Expense |
| E-1341 | Award of Contract - Honorarium |
| E-1342 | Award of Bid - Contractors for Special Services |
| G-2344 (rev) | Probationary Appointments - Instructional |
| G-2410 (rev) | Appointments, Instructional, Tutorial Services, Secondary |
| G-2413 (rev) | Appointments, Instructional, Part Time |
| G-2421 (rev) | Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute |
| G-2440 (rev) | Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute |
| G-2443 (rev) | Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute |
| G-2448 (rev) | Probationary Appointments, Instructional |
| G-2449 | Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers |
| G-2450 | Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute |
| G-2451 | Appointments, Instructional, Part Time |
| G-2452 | Probationary Appointments, Instructional |
| GG-916 (rev) | Appointments, Non-instructional, Regular Substitute |
| GG-926 | Appointments, Non-instructional |
| GG-927 | Appointments, Non-instructional, Substitute |
| H-623 | Resignations and Terminations of Employment |
| HH-562 | Resignations and Terminations of Employment of Non-instructional Employees |
| J-129 | Teacher Tenure Appointments |
| K-314 (rev) | Leaves of Absence - Instructional |
| K-319 (rev) | Leaves of Absence - Instructional |
| K-320 | Leaves of Absence - Instructional |
| K-321 | Curriculum Assignments, Instructional |
| KK-55 (rev) | Leave of Absence - Non-instructional |
| L-412 | Use of School Facilities |
| O-534 (rev) | Tuition/Consultant Services |
| O-535 | Tuition/Consultant Services |
| S-571 | Services/Consultants |
| S-572 | Educational Programs and Projects |
| U-008 | Approval of Placements of Children with Special Education Needs |
| U-009 | Approval of Placements of Children with Special Education Needs |
| U-010 | Approval of Placements of Children with Special Education Needs |
| U-011 | Approval of Placements of Children with Special Education Needs |
| U-012 | Approval of Placements of Children with Special Education Needs |

Motion carried 4,0.

VIII. 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.

- Richard Staller addressed the Board of Education and the audience indicating that we should be thankful for the accomplishments of the school district and the passing of the budget. He said “we should appreciate that this is a great school district”. He expressed special thanks to Joan Colvin for her hard work on the budget.
- Sharon Kline questioned the administration of the SAT exam in Jericho. Mr. Grishman indicated that the SAT was administered to students with special needs, but the administration of the general SAT exam will be some time in the future as determined by the College Board.
- Patti Greenberg asked Dr. Colvin a question about the newly adopted policies and past practice. Dr. Colvin indicated that the policies were reflective of past practice.
- Mark Basile provided a statement to the clerk about the harsh and negative undertone of the recent school board election. (See attached statement)
- Dr. Hunderfund responded to comments made by Mr. Basile providing clarification on the ranking of the school by the Newsweek magazine.
- Amy Pryhocki read a statement written by Michael Hartnet praising the services of Toni Meliambro, board member, and Allen Sachs, research teacher, for their dedication to the Jericho School District. (See attached statement)
- Ken Darr read a statement characterizing the members of the board of education and the administration as irresponsible to the wishes of the staff and community with regard to the continued employment of specific individuals. He characterized the board members as non-listeners and urged them to get in touch with the community they represent. (Mr. Darr did not provide the clerk with a copy of the statement he read.)
- Miri Kessar addressed the community and the Board of Education in support of healing the wounds that have been created in the past two months. She praised the school district for the accomplishments of the students and the hard work of the staff, the administration, and the members of the Board of Education. She urged everyone to forget the past and move forward in the interest of our students.
- Frank Todaro has had two sons who have graduated from the school district and he believes we have one of the finest boards of education and it is totally unfair to characterize them as individuals who do not listen considering the number of community forums and meetings that are conducted in public. In addition, each board member willingly accepts public comments as well as personal contacts through phone and email. He also appealed to the community to begin the healing process and move on.
- Ken Darr made a second statement and urged the Board Members and the District to move forward.

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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